

**NCWP Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**  
*@ CD11 Community Room*  
*7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045*

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Steve Donell, Paula Gerez, Jack Hughes, Al Hernandez, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, Fred Puza, Alan Quon, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, David Voss.

**Absent:** Casey Yeazel

**Excused:** Thomas Flintoft, Matt Lipschutz, Brian Lockwood, John Logsdon, Greg Melton, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Zaller

1. **Call to Order**– **President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag** – **President Gerez led the flag salute**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Consent Calendar:** *(The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*
  1. Approval of Minutes of Special March 11, 2024 Board meeting.
  2. Receive, approval and file of the February 2024 Treasurer's Report and MER.

**Items ~~struck out~~ were removed from the agenda by President Gerez.**  
**Highlighted** items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar.

**M/S Maleman/ Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Hughes, Huston, Hernandez, Kingshott, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Quon, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance. NAYES: None.) Carcel and Puza abstaining.**

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representative** (limit to 3 minutes please)

**Casey Pratts**, Homeless and Housing Coordinator for Councilmember Traci Park's Office, introduced herself and spoke re: pick up of bulky items, homeless operations update and the office's Care Plus program.

**Trey Grogan**, Airport Liaison of Councilmember Traci Park's Office, spoke re: recent Airport Relations Committee and the Lulu's Place ground-breaking event.

**Marian Ensley**, Mayor Karen Bass' west area deputy, spoke re: the number of LAPD applicants, public safety survey is now available at [mayor.lacity.gov](http://mayor.lacity.gov) under "constituent services" tab, and the issuance of executive directive 3 to use public land to build more housing and tow, store and dismantle vehicles that have been impounded. ([marian.ensley@lacity.org](mailto:marian.ensley@lacity.org))

6. **Announcements from Board Members**

*Voss arrived and joined the board at the head table*

1. **Carcel** (LAWA) provided the following update:

**Honors Westchester Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year**

On March 23, the Westchester Rotary Club hosted its Shake, Rattle & Roll Spring Fundraiser at the LAX Flight Path Museum, honoring Ahmanise Sanati Morgan, a community advocate who has been a champion for society's most vulnerable populations, as the 2024 Citizen of the Year. The Club supports many local groups focused on improving the lives of youth who live in the area, and LAWA is proud to be an active member of the organization.

#### **LAWA Receives Demand Response Program Rebate from LADWP**

On March 27, LAWA was presented with a rebate check of \$117,483 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for helping to reduce electricity consumption as part of its Demand Response program. LAWA helped contribute to this effort through LAX's Central Utility Plant (CUP), which uses co-generation technology to supply electricity and heating, ventilation and air conditioning for LAX facilities. The CUP plays an important role in helping LAWA meet its sustainability goals.

#### **LAWA's HireLAX Program Graduates 19th Cohort**

On March 28, LAWA's HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program celebrated the graduation of its 19th cohort. With a mission of maximizing the positive local economic impact of LAX's multimillion-dollar transformation, HireLAX provides free training, career opportunities and ongoing mentorship for individuals from the airport's surrounding communities. Since its inception in 2017, the program has graduated 425 students and placed 276 of them in construction and trade roles, with the graduates earning over \$17.5 million collectively. Of the 27 graduates acknowledged at the latest ceremony, 19% are women, 48% are Hispanic or Latino, 48% are Black or African American, and 19% have had prior involvement with the criminal justice system.

#### **Airport Police Division is Hiring Entry Level and Lateral Police Officers**

Los Angeles Airport Police is currently hiring for Entry Level and Lateral Police Officers. Hiring Information Seminars occur every third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., and include general information about LAX, the roles and responsibilities of Airport Police Officers, and the hiring process. Please RSVP by emailing [LAXPDrecruitment@lawa.org](mailto:LAXPDrecruitment@lawa.org).

#### **The Development Group Leadership Update**

LAWA's Chief Development Officer, Terri Mestas, will be leaving LAWA to pursue another opportunity. During her time at LAWA, Terri has delivered tremendous results for our \$30 billion capital improvement program (CIP). Her contributions include streamlining The Development Group's procurement processes, maximizing the economic impact of the CIP by making inclusivity a priority, establishing local craft worker and HireLAX hiring thresholds on all capital programs, and creating the Women Building Airports network. Her last day with LAWA will be April 5, 2024. A search for a permanent replacement is underway.

#### **New Leadership Announcement**

CEO John Ackerman made three new appointments to our executive leadership team, all of whom will be focused on our people and our communities. The new appointments are Becca Doten as Chief of Staff, Robert (Rob) Lowe as Chief People and Culture Officer, and Marla Bleavins as Chief Airport Administrative Officer.

As Chief of Staff, Becca will oversee key projects that have Department and regional impact and serve as strategic counsel to the CEO. She will oversee executive and Board administration and retain leadership over the Department's external affairs functions, including Government Relations, Marketing & Communications, and Community Relations, as well as the Strategic Initiatives Division, which is leading the coordination and preparation for FIFA 2026 and the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games. During her six and a half years at LAWA, Becca has served in a variety of roles, including most recently as Chief Airport Affairs Officer, as well as Managing Director of Public & Government Affairs and Director of Public Relations. Her promotion to this new role is effective immediately.

As Chief People and Culture Officer, Rob will oversee Human Resources, Labor Relations and Business, Jobs and Social Responsibility, and will build a Talent Development team. He will focus on shaping LAWA's team culture and transforming our people systems and experience. Rob has more than 20 years of experience, including six years of executive

human resources leadership in aviation. He recently served as the Vice President of People and Culture for Republic Airways, where he provided executive guidance and leadership for employee engagement, talent acquisition, talent management, diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as organizational effectiveness. Prior to his tenure at Republic Airways, Rob held the position of VP of Human Resources and Corporate Talent Acquisition for JBT AeroTech. He has a BS in Business Management and an MS in Human Resources Development from Indiana State University and will join the LAWA team on April 8, 2024.

As Chief Airport Administrative Officer, Marla will oversee Human Resources, Commercial Development, Strategic Sourcing, Internal Audit and Ethics, and Risk Management. She will focus on how LAWA supports our people and the communities we serve, and she will lead a modernization of legacy systems and processes. Marla is returning to LAWA after serving in leadership roles across the City. In her over 20 years of service with the City of Los Angeles, Marla has served as Assistant General Manager at the Department of Convention and Tourism Development, Debt and Treasury Manager at Los Angeles World Airports, and Finance Specialist in the Office of the City Administrative Officer. She currently serves as Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer for the Port of Los Angeles. Marla has an undergraduate degree from Stanford University in Public Policy and Political Science and a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She will join the LAWA team on May 6, 2024.

### **Old Business**

Westchester Sign – We met with CD11 and as a coordinated effort Trey and I would like to engage the Neighborhood Council and other key stakeholders regarding redesigning the sign or replacing the sign with its original design.

LAWA Airfield Tours – Happy to coordinate tours in waves for interested neighborhood council members.

2. **Huston** (Community Services) reported that the next committee meeting will be held April 18 and plans are to make the committee more accessible. She also reported that the group hopes to bring the Farmers Market back to Westchester Park
3. **Puza** (LMU) announced that the university is working on stabilizing the bluff, April 12 (3-5pm) mind body and soul event for seniors with LMU women's basketball team, May 3-5 will be Commencement ceremonies on campus
4. **Mohler** (Park Advisory Board) announced that tennis court renovations are beginning soon
5. **Malek** reported that there was a great meeting with LMU re: party houses that included LMU leadership, LAPD, CD11 representatives and the neighbors
6. **Huston** reported that there have been three home invasion robberies in Westchester

## **7. Presentations**

1. Isaac Lemus, Project Coordinator for 206 Montreal, presented the project with a request to amend the original conditions of support. The only item they would like to amend is the landscaping height limit in the front yard as their design is proposing trees in the same location of the existing trees in the front yard. There will only be a single tree proposed in the same location as the existing trees and it will only have a maximum maturity height of 30'.

### **i. Public Comment**

**Lynne Paxton** (7301 Rindge resident) spoke against the installation of a 30-foot tree at this site and had dealt with a similar situation at her home.

**Eugene Elling** (adjacent neighbor) spoke re: the proposed tree blocking his view and how the tree heights were handled by the home's previous owner.

- ii. Discussion and possible motion to support or deny the requested amendment.**

**M/S Voss/Miller to deny the request to alter the original conditions of support relative to the planting of a taller tree at the site. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Hughes, Huston, Hernandez, Kingshott, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Quon, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: None.) Carcel and Puza abstaining.**

**8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment**

*There were no items on the Discussion Calendar*

**9. Public Comment** – non-agenda items *(limited to 1 minute per speaker unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director. Public comment on agendized items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.)*

*There were no Public Comments*

**10. Committee Reports**

1. **Ross** (Airport Relations) spoke re: latest committee meeting with new LAWA liaison and questions about signage, electric helicopters, traffic officers and more.
2. **Donell** (Bylaws Ad Hoc) announced that there is about a year to submit bylaws revisions to the city and the committee will begin working on revisions soon.
3. **Kingshott** (Public Safety) spoke re: the committee's recent tour of the new police station, crime stats, LAWA Police coverage in backing up LAPD during busy times, LAPD recruit/hiring status.
4. **Ross** (Community Plan Update) spoke re: latest meeting, review of the latest maps from the city, density in the Ladera area, timing of the EIR on the new Community Plan.
5. **Gerez** announced that the NCWP projector has disappeared from the CD11 Community Room.

**11. Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.