

**NCWP Special Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
@ CD11 Community Room
7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Steve Donell, Thomas Flintoft, Lisa Gaines, Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, Jack Hughes, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Matt Lipschutz, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, David Voss

Absent: Brian Lockwood, Alan Quon, Alexandra Reynolds,

Excused: Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien,

1. **Call to Order– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:31 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. Motion to Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for August 2023.
 2. Motion to approve improvements to the NCWP secondary meeting and storage space at the Westchester Municipal building, to include painting walls, purchasing a storage rack and storage bins for promotional items and office supplies, a printer, supplies and paper, and chair dollies for storage of NCWP owned chairs in community room, with expense not to exceed \$2,500.
 3. Motion to approve Community Plan Ad Hoc Committee's request for outreach materials (i.e. fliers/postcards) to be distributed at the Westchester Farmers Market and other locations the Board deems appropriate, with an expense not to exceed \$1,500.00.
 4. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Pacific Area Boosters Association for LAPD's Pacific area police station's 50th year celebration on March 2, 2024, with events in and around the station, including a pancake breakfast and other events open to community leaders and residents.
 5. Motion to replace missing NCWP banner with expense not to exceed \$500.00.
 6. Motion to approve the recommendation from the Community Plan Update Ad Hoc Committee to be transmitted to CD11 and various departments of Los Angeles City Planning.

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 Donell/Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Gaines, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: None.) Puza and Carcel abstaining. Voss noted that he has not completed the finance training and did not vote on this item.

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

Sean Silva of Councilmember Traci Park's Office spoke re: Vista del Mar slope repair project. (BOE will close one lane of southbound Vista del Mar to repair the slope); oversized vehicle parking restriction petitions/ordinances; CD11 Listening Sessions re: city's draft Community Plans; Municipal Lot closure and maintenance; the Circle Team, which offers preliminary outreach to the unhoused; and digital billboard proposal from Metro.

Aurelia Friedman of Congressman Ted Lieu's Office spoke re: Circle Team funding from Congress; community project funding opportunities; Congressman Lieu reintroduced Climate Solution Act to cut carbon emissions and invest in renewable energy; Congressman Lieu named on of Top AI Congressional leaders; Conversations with Veterans event on November 12 at 1 p.m. at DaVinci School; service academy appointment nominations; and Congressional App Challenge for middle and high school students (deadline Nov. 1).

6. Announcements from Board Members

Kingshott announced that the annual Playa Vista Yard Sale 8am-2:30pm October 14

Puza (LMU) announced that the university has signed an exclusive contract with the LA Rams, Haunting of Hannon library will be held on the evenings of October 20-21, (at 3:30pm on October 21 the university will host a family-friendly version for kids) – more info at www.library.lmu.edu; and the university has added new fencing on Lincoln Boulevard.

Carcel (LAWA) provided the following report:

A few weeks ago our CEO, Justin Erbacci announced he will be transitioning from LAX to pursue a once in a lifetime opportunity as the new CEO of NEOM Airports in Saudi Arabia. Justin's last day will be on this Friday, October 6th. Mayor Karen Bass has appointed President Emeritus and 10-year veteran of the Board of Airport Commissioners Beatrice Hsu to step in and serve as Interim CEO to ensure day to day operations and major projects continue uninterrupted while a search for a permanent CEO is conducted.

The temporary full closure of 96th St. between the bus center and Airport Blvd. began last week on Friday, September 29th and will be in place until Sunday, March 24th.

Community Relations updates:

On Saturday, September 9th our Lulu's Place Community Open House was hosted at the LAX Airport Police Facility, where over 200 attendees learned about the plan to transform a portion of LAX Northside into new public sports and recreation facilities for the community.

On Saturday, September 23rd the Community Relations team joined hundreds of Neighborhood Council members at the 2023 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods. The team was on hand to answer questions about LAX and VNY. The Congress of Neighborhoods is a free annual conference hosted at LA City Hall that focuses on the concerns and interests of the 99 Neighborhood Councils throughout the City of Los Angeles. The Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999, by an amendment to the City Charter, to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall.

That same afternoon, the Community Relations team sponsored the annual Westchester Arts & Music Block Party — a free day-long family-friendly community celebration with live music, art, vendors and community booths, kid's activities, garden tours, food trucks and more. Proceeds from this year's event — which gathered over 7,000 attendees — will support the Westchester Family YMCA. The team discussed LAX's transformation projects, community updates and the LAWA Residential Sound Insulation Program — which assists in mitigating the impacts of aircraft noise for eligible homes near LAX — with community members.

Finally, I am excited to share that LAWA will be hosting our LAX Aviation Career Day on Wednesday, October 25th. Students from across the community will meet aviation professionals on the airfield to learn more about exciting careers. The students will also have the opportunity to check out various aircrafts and meet the pilots and crew. For some of the students joining us, this will be their first time on an airplane. We anticipate approximately 1,100 students to participate.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations this evening

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. Motion to approve Community Plan Ad Hoc Committee's request for outreach materials (i.e. fliers/postcards) to be distributed at the Westchester Farmers Market and other locations the Board deems appropriate, with an expense not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Called Special by Smith)**

M/S Maleman/Torrance to approve the motion with a reduced expense number – not to exceed \$750.00 – and the proposed revisions in the budget. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Gaines, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: None.) Carcel abstaining. Kingshott, Puza and Voss noted that they have not completed the finance training and did not vote on this item.

2. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Pacific Area Boosters Association for LAPD's Pacific area police station's 50th year celebration on March 2, 2024, with events in and around the station, including a pancake breakfast and other events open to community leaders and residents. **(Called Special by Mallek)**

M/S Smith/Miller to approve the motion in the amount of \$5,000. Motion passes 17-1. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Gaines, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Melton, Miller, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: Mallek.) Carcel abstaining. Kingshott, Puza and Voss noted that they have not completed the finance training and did not vote on this item.

3. Motion to approve the recommendation from the Community Plan Update Ad Hoc Committee to be transmitted to CD11 and various departments of Los Angeles City Planning. **(Called Special by Gerez)**

Joy Kravetz spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She expressed the urgency to get the new map information to the city and to the community as soon as possible.

Gayle Lee spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She thanked the NCWP board for its efforts. Expressed frustration that she has written letters to city planning and to the mayor's office with no response.

Rosa Padilla spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She added concerns about the lack of police necessary to police the community.

Tom Nelson spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. He is concerned that a former Planning Department employee is conducting the Listening Sessions for CD11.

Jolie Delja spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She said she wants the changes to residential R-1 areas removed from the proposed maps.

Richard Travasso spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas.

Mike Hyler spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. He thanked the NCWP board for its efforts

and added that he is concerned that Planning is driving the process.

Monique Haylock spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She said would like the actual names of the people to contact in order to change the process and expressed a concern that this proposal negatively impacts low-income people.

Chris Delja spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. He said the NCWP should use its power to organize against the proposed maps.

Ron Knoll spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. He reminded the board that units do not equal the number of people.

Pam Nelson spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas.

M/S Gaines/Torrance to approve the motion with revisions to the proposed letter (attached hereto). Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Gaines, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: None.) Miller, Puza and Carcel abstaining.

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

Jim Shanman of Walk 'n Rollers spoke regarding the LADOT Mobility Project and asking for public feedback

Tim Koshelnicov spoke re: City Council motion 22.03921 regarding Digital Billboards

Jolie Delja spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. She said she supports the One Voice plan.

Keith Luczywo spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas.

Mike Hyler spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas.

Bill Capone spoke in opposition to 150-unit project with 70 parking spaces and low income units

Roberta Fay spoke re: fire zones and their exemption from the proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas. Concerned about insurance company rates and companies leaving the area.

Sarah Howard spoke in opposition to the city's proposed Community Plan and its proposed up-zoning of the community's residential areas.

LaVette Bowles provided written comments *(attached)*

10. Committee Reports

1. **Ross** (Airport Relations) spoke re: the new LAWA representative, Nicole Carcel; and residential sound-proofing program (the program will be discussed at the Oct. 26 meeting).
2. **Ross** (PLUC) spoke re: procedures about the public making presentations at committee meetings

3. **Aniolek** (Government Affairs) spoke re: the 90 Freeway redevelopment; the Lulu's Place project; and digital billboards.
4. **Logsdon** (Public Safety) spoke re: the benefits of attending committee meetings where the public can meet Senior Lead Officers and representatives from the CD11 Office.
5. **Donell** (PLUC) spoke re: Pep Boys project (will be discussed at the committee's October 12 special meeting); Lulu's Place and Hertz projects (will be discussed at the committee's October 17 regular meeting)

11. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.