

NCWP 4/1/25 Meeting

Attendees:

Theresa Torrance
David Voss
Gregg Aniolek
Alexandra Reynolds
Dan Mohler
Matt Lipschutz
Greg Melton
Kevin O'Brien
Dennis Miller
Jennifer Kingshott
Chip Mallek
Julie Ross
Steve Donell
Garrett Smith
Al Hernandez
Jack Hughes
Sara Howard
Debra Huston
Fred Puza

Excused:

Thomas Flintoft
Paula Gerez
Geoff Maleman
John Logsdon

Absent:

Jessica Lesley
Julie Zaller

Meeting commences at 6:36

- 1) Call To Order
 - 2) Salute the Flag
 - 3) Introductions
 - 4) Consent Calendar
 - a) Item #3 asked to be pulled for discussion by David Voss
 - b) Motion to approve all the remaining consent calendar items. Jennifer seconds the motion
 - c) Motion Passes Unanimously
- Theresa Torrance

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Item 3 on the Consent Calendar: Motion for Del Rey Lagoon Specific Plan

- David Voss expresses that the City Council and the Coastal Commission denied the Del Rey Lagoon Specific Plan as recently as the late 1990s. He recommends this item should be committee work and not have come to the whole board.
- Julie provides background about how the Ad Hoc Community Plan committee came to bring motion to the NCWP board.
- Julie explains that the tenants of the Del Rey Lagoon Specific Plan should be incorporated into the Community Plan Update.
- David motions that Item 3 be sent to PLUC for consideration. Chip seconds the motion. Board discussion ensues debating if the Ad Hoc committee can in fact bring motions to the board. Vincent Autiero clarifies that ad hoc committees should be around just a year but yes can bring motions to the board. Motion Carries 17-1.

5) Announcements from Government Representatives

- a) Trey Grogan from CD11 is sick and emailed the following comments for Steve to read:

Westchester Pkwy Underpass

- Conducted another one regular cleanup operations last Friday in this area. We were made aware that several of the folks there migrated to the park that evening. We were in touch with LAPD who went out to enforce our 41.18 zone in the park.
- 41.18 signs for this location will be installed within the next couple of weeks. This will allow for ongoing enforcement of the area.
- This remains a top priority for an Inside Safe Operation, which we have relayed to the Mayor's team on numerous occasions. CD11 does not control how they prioritize locations.

Culver Loop

- After clearing the encampment here, we have sent the LA Conservation Corps out to clear the area of excess vegetation and dry brush to mitigate fire hazards.

Airport Blvd

- Operations scheduled for this location this month. This remains a challenging area because these folks tend to comply with the posted regulations when we conduct operations--meaning they all move and avoid impound.

Burglaries

- We received our first report from LAPD on some of the successes they have had with the overtime funding our office provided. One of their plain clothes burglary units witnessed a burglary and was able to apprehend them.

b) Brett Roberts from LA Metro

- Station at Arbor Vitae and Aviation to open in the not too distant future. Art piece was recently installed. Station will service K line and also have retail space available. Robertbr@metro.net

- (1) Debra asks if there is an ongoing problem of homeless citizens getting on the metro and out at the Veterans station. Brett explains there is a large coalition of people who offer resources at station sites to help unhoused populations. Brett has anecdotally said he has seen unhoused at this particular station but it's much lower than other stations throughout LA like MacArthur Park. Brett says he would not say unhoused people are flooding into Westchester as a result of Metro.

- (2) Dennis asks about the bus shelters but Brett says he would have to defer to the City since it's not part of LA County Metro

- Charles Pannunzio representative from LAX coming to say Nicole was promoted and they are looking to hire a new community rep. cpannunzio@lawa.org

- Jannet Turner with Congressman Ted Lieu. Jannet.Turner@mail.house.gov

- Congressmen co-sponsored HR 898 the Aviation Noise and Emissions Mitigation Act.

- (1) Debra explains the ED1 projects that are being built next to the airport and asked if the Congressmen would be willing to work

- HR758 Mail Traffic Deaths bill passed.
- Several bills have been passed by the house to help small businesses. One focused on international trade. Another is a joint venture between DOE and SBA.

- Vincent Autiero from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Election results for this district are due tomorrow. On April 16 there is an Infrastructure meeting on Zoom. Congress of Neighborhoods is starting up again and looking for participation. DNE does an annual Youth Empowerment Conference and Vincent brought a participant with him tonight named Eloise.

- Eloise is interested in creating a youth board seat for NCWP.

6) Board Member Announcement

- a) Fred Puza: Next LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee is on April 15. Commencement will be on campus this year May 16-18. LMU will take mitigation efforts to manage crowds, traffic, and security. Bluff Mitigation project is proceeding in accordance to permits and LADWP. LMU is in the midst of the interview process for their new president with an announcement coming in late spring.
 - i) Jennifer asked if her suggestion to make LMU out of flowers/plants was brought to the board. Fred says yes.
 - ii) Debra asks if the advisory committee meetings could be done earlier than 8pm. Fred explains the time is intentional to plan around other campus commitments but are looking into changing the time. Chip asks to review the 8pm time as well.
 - iii) Chip says the child care center at LMU might be closing. Debra says the LMU center is award winning and her grandchild goes there.
 - b) Dan from Youth Organization has applied for a grant for a bench in Westchester Park. Westchester Park was one of seven parks that had a live event with the third party company that was hired by Mayor Bass to assess parks. Dan would also like to spearhead writing feedback on behalf of the NCWP to the organization
 - i) Debra wants to know if Dan has recommendations for vehicle dwellers.
- 7) Presentation from LADWP on the Scattergood Green Hydrogen-Ready Modernization Project Briefing.
- a) LADWP has met with Traci Park a few weeks ago and she recommended LADWP comes to the neighborhood council
 - b) LADWP is currently 66% carbon free and 45% renewal. The goal is to get to 100% carbon free.
 - c) LADWP is continuing to lean into energy efficiency, EV infrastructure, electrification, and divesting from coal.
 - d) Because renewable energy is variable we need an additional power source that can be kicked up quickly and be constant. This is the need behind the scattergood plant. In-basin dispatchable generation is required for reliability during stress conditions.
 - e) OTC Retirement of Unit 1 and 2 by Dec 2029. Modernization project in service in late 2029. Far more efficient generation and reduced emissions. Maintains grid reliability and resiliency. Capable of blending 30% green hydrogen and 70 natural gas.
 - f) CEQA process is currently in public comment period.
 - g) Draft EIR is being prepared right now and is including comments that were received in May-June 2023 period. They have received over 50 comments and will continue to take comments until April 7. When the EIR is taken to board of water and power commissioners in Fall of 2025 will include another public comment period.
 - i) Draft EIR alternative consideration are no project, energy storage, green hydrogen fuel cells, and peak VOC emissions.

- ii) Alternatives to Combustion to be Re-regulated by NREL are fuel cell, energy storage, demand response, and transmission focused
- h) Submit comments to scattergood_CEQA@ladwp.com or go to www.ladwp.com/scattergoodmodernization
- i) Hydrogen will be transported by pipelines underground. It will not go on trucks and will not be stored on site.
- j) Greg asks where the hydrogen will be produced. LADWP says it must be produced by solar outside of LA. Greg also wants to know why the hydrogen is coming from water.
 - i) Greg says mining deep materials like cobalt is akin to dwarves waking the balrog.
- 8) Public Comments
 - a) Non Agenda Items:
 - i) Treva Miller asks that LADWP thinks about what will be least expensive to constituents as they make expensive
- 9) Committee Reports
 - a) Ad Hoc Community Plan Committee added a section to the NCWPDR.org website explaining the Community Plan Update. We will also survey the community for feedback.

8:23 Meeting Adjourns