

**NCWP Board Special Meeting  
MINUTES**

*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**  
*@ LAWA Police Department Headquarters  
9160 Loyola Boulevard, Los Angeles 90045*

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Steve Donell, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, Jennifer Kingshott, Matt Lipschutz, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Casey Yeazel

**Absent:** Brian Lockwood, Alan Quon

**Excused:** David Voss, Julie Zaller, Debra Huston, Jack Hughes, Greg Melton

1. **Call to Order**– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 November 21, 2024 Board meeting
  2. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for months November 2024 and December 2024
  3. Motion to approve the NCWP approves a community impact statement that (1) creates an airport exemption zone, (2) caps the number of units within a particular zip code and (3) implements a "Distance Rule" to prohibit clustering within a zip code.
  4. Motion to approve letter to [Mayor Karen Bass \(who authorized this new hired at almost double that of her predecessor\)](#) demand the immediate investigation into the Department of Water and Power (LADWP), CEO Janisse Quiñones (her annual salary is \$750,000) for her lack of performance of the duties she was hired to perform. Under Quiñones' leadership, the Santa Ynez Reservoir had been closed since about February 2024 for repairs to its cover, leaving a 117-million-gallon water storage complex empty in the heart of the Palisades for nearly a year. LADWP sought bids for the repair in April, at a cost of up to \$89,000. In November, the utility signed off on a contract with a Lakeside firm for about \$130,000, records show. The status of the repairs is unclear. [The DWP's employee union leader condemned the months-long wait to restore the reservoir. "It's completely unacceptable that this reservoir was empty for almost a year for minor repairs." Gus Corona, business manager of IBEW Local 18, said in an interview with The Times. "This work should have been done in-house, and they shouldn't have depended on a contractor to do it," he said. "I truly believe it's something that could have been avoided." Joseph Ramallo, a chief communications officer for DWP, said the reservoir was scheduled to reopen in February.](#)

**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 Smith/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Hernandez, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, O'Brien, Puza, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel NAYES: None. Puza abstaining)**

*Flintoft arrived, was seated at the dais and began participating in board business.*

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

**Councilmember Traci Park** provided a city update on the response to the wildfires throughout the region and next steps for pro-actively working to build a recovery plan. She commended her staff, which was in the community during the fires, putting out fires, helping constituents and encouraging people to evacuate and be safe. Councilmember Park also provided a variety of ways local residents can contribute and help victims of the fires.

**Trey Grogan**, Councilmember Park's Office/Airport Liaison, spoke re: timeline for getting back to local constituents since the staff has been focused on fire response for the past 10+ days.

**Carlos Penilla** of Sen. Smallwood-Cuevas' Office, spoke re: fire response and free masks that are available through her office and urged the community to reach out to him ([carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov](mailto:carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov))

**Vincent Autiero** of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke re: donations that can be made to fire victims and spoke re: extension of NC election deadlines.

## 6. Announcements from Board Members

**Puza** announced that semester at LMU began January 13, spoke re: erosion on the Westchester Bluffs, purchase of new Manchester properties to serve as academic space and/or faculty housing, Wine Classic will be held on February 2.

**Yeazel** announced that Palisades Charter High School is looking for a new site to relocate and keep the school community together

**Carcel** provided the following report from LAWA:

Thank you to our extraordinary Airport Police Department for joining the Palisades Fire mutual aid effort. Officers have been deployed to ensure there is effective coordination and collaboration with partner agencies. Our team has also deployed our mobile command post to assist in efforts. In addition, I would like to thank the air resource efforts including the amazing pilots and crew who support the Super Scoopers that operate out of Van Nuys Airport (VNY). The team from Canada has been with us all season and thankfully extended their departure from early December due to the lack of rain in the region.

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On Dec. 14, LAWA hosted its annual Santa Fly-In events at LAX and VNY, where children and families gathered for up-close views of aircraft, holiday-themed activities, and a chance to meet and greet Santa. Over 1,200 community members attended the two events and supported toy donation drives benefiting the Westchester and Mid Valley Family YMCAs. The activities at each location included tours of various aircraft and the airfield, engagement with therapy dogs from the LAX PUPs (Pets Unstressing Passengers) Program, airplane ornament decorating, 360-degree and print-out photo booths, and story time with Santa. Kris Kringle made his highly anticipated grand entrance at LAX and VNY by landing on the airfield with his reindeer and elves in a Cessna 182. At the LAX event, which took place on the airfield next to the Flight Path Museum & Learning Center, attendees were able to climb inside a DHL Cargo plane and a commercial plane provided by Alaska Airlines. At VNY, a helicopter provided by Helinet, and aircraft provided by Clay Lacy Aviation, the Condor Squadron, LA Flight Academy and Corsair were on display.

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Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) recently announced the appointment of Erin M. Trapp, Ph.D. as Deputy Executive Director, Major Events & Strategy and Courtney Moore as Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Innovation & Experience. In these key leadership roles, Trapp will be responsible for guiding LAWA's efforts in preparing for and managing

major events coming to Los Angeles, and Moore will focus on transforming the employee and guest experience.

As Deputy Executive Director, Major Events & Strategy, Erin Trapp will oversee LAWA's planning and execution for large-scale events, ensuring that Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY) provide an exceptional experience for visitors, athletes, employees and stakeholders. In addition to the Major Events, she will also co-lead LAWA's Transformation Office, which will implement results from a diagnostic study conducted earlier this year in preparation for the Olympics coming to Los Angeles. As Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Innovation & Experience, Courtney Moore will drive transformation projects and strategic initiatives to elevate the overall airport experience and enhance operational efficiencies across all team member and guest touchpoints. She will lead a team of terminal operations leaders; guest experience professionals and strategic project teams and oversee all experiential initiatives.

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Terminal 4 Update

**New Ticketing, TSA and Bag Claim** - As part of the ongoing American Airlines Terminal 4/5 Modernization Program, new Ticketing, TSA Checkpoint and Bag Claim areas are now open and operational at the west end of Terminal 4.

As the program progresses to future phases of construction, guests will be directed to use these newly opened facilities while other areas close for renovation.

**Airline Gate Impacts** - To facilitate construction for the American Airlines Terminal 4/5 Modernization Program, the following Airline Gate impacts will take place in Terminal 4 (map pictured right) throughout January 2025:

Gates 42B, 45 & 46A: Closed through Apr. 20, 2027

\*Interior hold rooms will not be available at the gates listed above. Construction will close the central portion of the concourse; guests will be detoured to Level 1 to reach open airline gates at the south end of the concourse.

Next month, the following Airline Gate impacts are scheduled to occur in Terminal 4:

Gate 43: Closes on Monday, Feb. 10 through Aug. 29, 2025

Gate 47B: Reopens Monday, Feb. 10; closed since Oct. 3, 2024

Signage is posted alerting guests of all detour routes to access open gates throughout this next phase of construction in Terminal 4.

**Curbside Barricades** - To facilitate work for the American Airlines Terminal 4/5 Modernization Program, new construction barricades have been built curbside on the Arrivals Level at Terminal 4. Pedestrians are routed to a temporary walkway over the innermost pick-up lane while the existing sidewalk is unavailable during construction. Wayfinding signage is in place for any impacted ground transportation stop / waiting zone.

Next, work will progress to build similar barricades on the Departures Level, where the inner lane will also be used for a temporary pedestrian sidewalk. Watch Construction Hot Topics for updates on this and other construction projects.

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**January 2025: 24/7 Central Terminal Area (CTA) Lane Restrictions**

Map attached – restrictions adjacent to Terminal 4, both Departures and Arrivals level along with Terminal Way (side road next to the Theme Building). Note: Traffic around the Central Terminal Area will be maintained at all times, as well as access to passenger pick-up and drop-off.

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## 7. Committee Reports

1. **Aniolek** (Government Affairs) spoke re: need for a discussion about Scattergood hydrogen production and the fact that the committee has a current vacancy
2. **Smith** (Outreach) solicited ideas to do a more effective job in conducting outreach to the community and the board

## 8. Presentations

1. Kirby Manor Corp Updates: 5201-5309 W. Knowlton Street and 6865 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles regarding a Density Bonus and three on-menu incentive items related to the proposed 77,917 SF proposed demolition and redevelopment project

Board discussion on motion recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa approve the proposed development without any material deviation as presented, subject to confirmation that all tenant notifications re: relocation/right of first refusal have been and will be distributed pursuant to applicable requirements.

***President Gerez had to leave the meeting, and Vice President Donell began chairing the meeting.***

***Carcel arrived, was seated at the dais and began participating in board business.***

***Mohler arrived, was seated at the dais and began participating in board business.***

***Kingshott left the meeting, but the board maintained a quorum.***

**Treva Miller** spoke in opposition to the project and asked the applicant to clarify the notification provided to residents and income eligibility

**Lavette Bowles** spoke in favor of the project and supported the idea that the project will remain family owned

**Fran Fagen** spoke regarding the number of accessible units in the project

**M/S Maleman/Smith to approve the motion and support the project as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee. Motion passes 12-4. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Hernandez, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mohler, O'Brien, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: Mallek, Miller, Reynolds, Schneider. Carcel and Puza abstaining)**

***Reynolds left the meeting, but the board maintained a quorum.***

2. Return of 7027 Vista del Mar Lane, Presenter: Isaac Lemus/Crest Real Estate: ([See the NCWP PLUC AGENDA 10.15.24 – https://ncwpdr.org/agendas/ncwp-pluc-agenda-10-15-24/](https://ncwpdr.org/agendas/ncwp-pluc-agenda-10-15-24/)) Proposed New (2) Single-Family Residences with dual vehicular access on Vista del Mar and Vista del Mar Lane

Board discussion with vote to approve/modify/deny

***Kingshott returned, was seated at the dais and began participating in board business.***

**M/S Smith/Ross to oppose the project as presented. Motion passes 10-3. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Hernandez, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, O'Brien, Ross, Smith, Yeazel. NAYES: Mallek, Mohler Miller. Carcel, Kingshott, Puza and Torrance abstaining)**

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

Motion that the NCWP approve the drafting of a community impact statement that (1) creates an airport exemption zone, (2) caps the number of units within a particular zip code and (3) implements a "Distance Rule" to prohibit clustering within a zip code and return to the full board with a final CIS for approval at a future meeting. **(Called Special by Hernandez)**

**Kimberly Fox and Margaret Harrington** submitted the attached written comments in opposition to the motion on behalf of Building a Better Westchester-Playa that were read aloud to the public and the board

**M/S O'Brien/Torrance to approve the Motion. Motion passes 15-1. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Hernandez, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Mohler, O'Brien, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: Miller. Carcel and Puza abstaining)**

**10. 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.)*

**Howard Haglund** spoke re: noise from Hollywood Park on August 4, 2024 and the fact that the City of Inglewood has not effectively responded to the noise concerns and is worried that similar noise impacts will be heard during the scheduled concerts on March 14-15, 2025.

**11. Adjourn – Vice President Donell adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.