

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP)

NCWP Draft Minutes – Submitted by Jessica Lesley

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

@ CD11 Community Room

7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045

NCWP Board Meeting

Note: These draft minutes reflect the actions taken at the October 7, 2025 meeting of the NCWP Board and remain subject to approval at the next regular meeting.

Present:

Gregg Aniolek, Joshua Francis, Paula Gerez, Chip Mallek, Kevin O'Brien, Tabitha Butler, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Dennis Miller, Jessica Lesley, Fred Puzo, Matt Lipshutz, Julie Ross, Julie Zaller, Steve Donell, Dan Mohler, Thomas Flintoft, David Voss, John Logsdon

Absent:

Casey Yeazel,

Excused:

Debra Huston, Geoff Maleman, Alex Reynolds, Jennifer Kingshott, Sarah Howard, Jack Hughes, Al Hernandez.

1. Call to Order

President Paula Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Salute the Flag

President Gerez led the flag salute.

3. Introductions

Board members introduced themselves, noting their committee and community involvement.

4. Consent Calendar

The following items were treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or stakeholder requested that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar:

1. Approval of September 2025 Board draft meeting minutes. Receive and file the August 2025 and September 2025 Treasurer's Report and MER.
2. Motion to approve the Hostgator Site Host Plan upgrade from the Baby Plan to the Business Plan at a cost of \$152.46 through 01/23/2028.
3. Appointment of Denny Schneider to the Airport Relations Committee.
4. Appointment of Tabitha Butler to the Outreach Committee.

5. Acceptance of Kevin O'Brien's resignation from the Community Plan Update Committee.
6. Acceptance of Greg Melton's resignation from Residential 6 Director and Government Affairs Committee.
7. Appointment of Tracy Thrower Conyers to Residential 6 Director (with committee and WRAC updates).
8. Appointment of Chip Malek and Tracy Thrower Conyers as additional CIS filers.
9. Support for CF 25-1083 (Park) opposing SB 79.
10. Approval of letter to Councilmember Traci Park addressing misuse of homelessness funds.

Motion: Gerez/Torrance to approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (AYES: All present; NAYES: None; ABSTAIN: Francis, Puza.)

5. Announcements from Governmental Representatives

"Representatives provided updates on local safety, homelessness efforts, veteran programs, and airport development."

- **Tre** spoke on behalf of Traci Park Office he updated stakeholders on license plate reader cameras, homelessness, creating a net around the district using flock, the senior center cameras being installed next week, Ladera Heights partnership along La Cienega, looking for funding for more cameras.
- **Chief of staff Mr. Diego** for Veterans Affairs spoke on disability rating and veteran vouchers and bipartisan legislation for the budget. 700 + opportunities, vet business act, processing is shutdown and no small business administration, grants and funding being taken has impacted their services immensely and working with skeleton crew. **Upcoming PUB annual vet day event!**
- **Josh** spoke for LAWA - Gave some updates on shut downs and referenced the members that brought up insight and questions that assisted in revisions to the construction plan. He is happy with the LAWA committee's collaboration and support.

6. Presentations

1. Amy Imamura, LAWA Director of Capital Program Outreach & Engagement, presented on the ATMP Roadway Improvements Project. *Amy introduced community communication manager Denise.* The Board discussed access changes, closures, and project transparency.

2. Curt Toppel, Playa del Rey resident, presented a community petition supporting preservation of Keith Park, gathering over 460 signatures. Board discussion of motion to support the community in the request of a letter of support from the NCWP to Traci Park to encourage advocacy and dialogue.

7. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

Motion: To approve a letter to Traci Park of the preservation of Keith park for CD11 to (1) Recognizes community support (2) Encourage engagement of discussion and dialogue between the city of LA and the Gas Company to review, analyze and study remedies that may be available to propagate a delay of the subject parcels for a period not greater than 180 days in consideration of request of community.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Mallek, O'Brien, Butler, Smith, Torrance, Miller, Lesley, Lipshutz, Ross, Zaller, Donell, Mohler, Flintoft. NAYES: None. ABSTAIN: Puzo, Francis.)

8. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Community members expressed support for preserving Keith Park and shared personal stories reflecting its importance. Additional comments encouraged community engagement and housing affordability.

1. **Nicole Toppel** - Introduced herself and her daughter. She wanted to express her connection and appreciation for the space in the community and wanted to rally support for the neighborhood council to approve the motion.
2. **Dr. Ed Glassberg** - 79th street resident and wanted to share how important this space was to his family and their community
3. **Bailey Keith** - introduced herself and shared a story of a celebration of life that was at the park for her mother who had cancer. The community was supportive and these memories and connections are what make this neighborhood great.
4. **Ralph Diaz** - Introduced himself as a long time resident and he personally planted trees and has had the honor of seeing the impact on the children growing up in the neighborhood and wants to keep the park
5. **Johnny Herzberg** - Had to leave but wrote "We need the park for the entire neighborhood"
6. **Mark Provencher** - Celebrates the community and the park and all they have built together and urges Traci Park to assist in discussions for more time to give the community a chance to remedy the loss of the park.

7. **Lili Costa** - Introduced herself and shared she just moved from NYC and is living in an ADU and would like more community and wanted to encourage the neighborhood council to support mixed use buildings for more affordability.

9. Committee Reports

Julie Ross promoted the Community Plan survey available online and distributed QR code flyers. <https://ncwpdr.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/HTN-ad-10-25-NCWP-full.pdf>

10. Adjournment

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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

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