

**NCWP Board Special Meeting
MINUTES**

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

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

Present: Steve Donell, Al Hernandez, Jack Hughes, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Jessica Lesley, Matt Lipschutz, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Fred Puza, Julie Ross, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Julie Zaller

Absent: Casey Yeazel

Excused: Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Sarah Howard, Kevin O'Brien, Alexandra Reynolds, David Voss

1. **Call to Order– Treasurer Torrance called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – Treasurer Torrance 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 April 1, 2025 Board meeting
 2. **Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER**
 3. Motion to approve CIS opposing the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to Neighborhood Councils (Council File 25-0600) from \$32k to \$25k for FY 2025 2026 and its impact on our Neighborhood Council's budget reduction.
 4. Motion to approve letter opposing the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to Neighborhood Councils (Council File 25-0600) from \$32k to \$25k for FY 2025 2026 and its impact on our Neighborhood Council's asking Councilwoman Park's office requesting that she oppose the proposed Neighborhood Councils budget reduction (Council File 25-0600) from \$32k to \$25k for FY 2025 2026.
 5. Motion to modify the Government Affairs Committee, approve appointment of Gregg Aniolek as Chair, and approve assignment of the following Board Members, Thomas Flintoft, Greg Melton, Alex Reynolds and Stacey Travis, Community Member, AJ Paz, Community Member and John Ruhlen, Community Member
 6. **Motion to remove the appointment of Alex Reynolds, NCWP representative from the LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee.**
 7. Motion to create Community Plan Update Committee as a Standing Committee.
 8. Motion to approve appointment of Julie Ross as Chair, and approve assignment of the following; Kevin O'Brien, Board Member, Sarah Howard, Board Member, Cory Birkett, Community Member, Tracy Thrower Conyers, Community Member, Stacey Travis, Community Member to the Community Plan Update Committee.
 9. Motion to support NCWP letter asking for Rec and Parks Updates for Westchester Park.
 10. Motion to approve as part of the LAMP program, LAWA installing two power pedestals within the center street median on 98th Street. These pedestals will service irrigation controllers for new landscape that will be constructed. Since this installation will occur above ground and within the public right of way, LAWA needs to obtain an Above Ground Facility permit through BOE. And, as part of the process, BOE requires that LAWA receives our support to proceed. The equipment enclosure will be painted to complement the surrounding landscape to avoid any eye sores.
 11. **Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to Airport Marina Counseling Service for Family Therapy Program Clinical Supervisor for \$2,000.00.**
 12. Motion to approve appointment of Tracy Thrower Conyers – Community Member, NCWP second representative to the WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC).
 13. Motion to approve that the unused Election Budget and CIP funds per the Fiscal Admin Packet

for FY 2024 2025 in the amount of \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively, as well as \$1,200.00 of the unused (Office) NC temp admin services for the NCWP President, and the \$300 for (Outreach) Event-food & refreshment expenses, be re-appropriated to the Outreach budget for much needed promotional items, replacement of the NCWP roll away banner and other outreach needs.

14. Motion to create AD Hoc Star of the Neighborhood Committee approve appointment of Paula Gerez as Chair, and approve assignment of the following Board Members, Garrett Smith, Julie Zaller, Theresa Torrance, Alex Reynolds.
15. Approve additional work for WENDY L. MOORE / MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS for modifications to the Committee Agendas “add post” and creation of Committee Agendas page not to exceed \$600.

Highlighted items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar.

M/S Maleman/Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously (15-0). (AYES: Donell, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Lipschutz, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Ross, Smith, Zaller Nays: None. Puza abstaining.)

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

Trey Grogan, Councilmember Park’s Office/Airport Liaison, spoke re: 41.18 Special Enforcement Zones being implemented, two-hour parking signs, task force on bonfires and other fire-related issues, LAPD overtime issues, city budget concerns, Fleet Week at the end of May (community service project will be conducted in Westchester), and encampment near CD11 office. He also answered questions about E-bike issues at Playa Vista, street takeovers, street signage, crime in Loyola Village, LAPD responses and other local issues.

Charles Pannunzio, LAWA, spoke re: the fact that TSA will be enforcing Real ID beginning May 7.

Vincent Autiero of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke re: city budget issues and proposed cuts to all Neighborhood Councils, election statistics, and election processes.

Logsdon arrived late, took a seat at the dais and began participating as a board member.

6. Announcements from Board Members

Puza (LMU) spoke re: new entrance signage installation beginning May 19 to reflect the new branding, commencement Mass will be held on May 16, undergrad commencement will be held May 17, graduate commencement ceremonies will be held May 18, the university has worked hard to notify the community and address traffic concerns, LMU has also elected a new President – Thomas Poon, who will begin June 1.

Mohler (Park Advisory Board) announced that Parks and Rec is holding a comprehensive assessment of parks citywide and asked NCWP to make recommendations about Westchester Park.

Zaller (Outreach) announced that the committee is seeking volunteers to hold the flag at the Fourth of July Parade.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations this evening.

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment (*This includes items called Special and moved off the Consent Calendar*)

1. Receive and file the Treasurer’s Report and MER (***Called Special by Miller***)

M/S Maleman/Kingshott to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously (16-0). (AYES: Donell, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Ross, Smith, Zaller Nays: None. Puza abstaining.)

2. Motion to remove the appointment of Alex Reynolds, NCWP representative from the LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee. **(Called Special by Huston)**

M/S Maleman/Mallek to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously (17-0). (AYES: Donell, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Puza, Ross, Smith, Zaller Nays: None.)

3. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to Airport Marina Counseling Service for Family Therapy Program Clinical Supervisor for \$2,000.00. **(Called Special by Maleman)**

Maleman announced that he had a conflict of interest regarding this item. He left the room and did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

M/S Smith/Ross to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously (15-0). (AYES: Donell, Hernandez, Hughes, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Ross, Smith, Zaller Nays: None. Puza 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.)*

Kristy (West L.A. Animal Shelter volunteer) spoke re: city budget cuts and the potential negative impacts on West L.A. Animal Shelter

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10. **Committee Reports**

1. **Ross** (Community Plan Update) spoke re: proposed budget cuts and how those will negatively impact the Community Plan process, the city's Planning Department, code enforcement and more
2. **Zaller** (Outreach) spoke re: need for Fleet Week volunteers

11. **Adjourn** – Vice President Donell adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.