

**NCWP Board Special Meeting  
MINUTES**

*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

*@ CD11 Community Room*

*7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045*

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Steve Donell, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Sarah Howard, Jessica Lesley, Matt Lipschutz, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Casey Yeazel, Julie Zaller

**Absent:** Nicole Carcel, Al Hernandez, Jack Hughes,

**Excused:** Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, David Voss

1. **Call to Order– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 of May 6, 2025 Board meeting
  2. Receive, approve and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for April 2025
  3. Motion to support Councilwoman Parks budget comments and non support unless the public safety is fully funded and homeless budgets are placed on hold until accountability is reached.
  4. Motion to approve NPG from Airport Marina Counseling Services (AMCS) in the amount of \$2,000 for print advertising.
  5. Motion to support WRAC Motion – Refers to City [Council file 25-0002-S19](#) "The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes SB 79 (Wiener), which further erodes local control over land use and zoning decisions, requires streamlined approval of very high multifamily buildings near certain bus stops and rail lines in single-family neighborhoods even when municipalities such as Los Angeles already have a state-approved and compliant Housing Element, and compromises public safety by failing to include an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." WRAC further supports the resolution in City Council by Councilmember John S. Lee, second by Councilwoman Traci Park (CF 25-0002-S19), for the City Council to add to its State Legislative Program for 2025-26 opposition to SB 79 unless amended to exempt municipalities with a state-approved and compliant Housing Element." [Read more here](#)
  6. Motion to support WRAC Motion: "NCWP, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians." "To accomplish this objective, NCWP supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in italics/underlined):"1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)"2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard.(Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)"3. No

person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle use, any bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.) “NCWP further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.” [Read more here](#)

7. Motion to support WRAC Motion: “NCWP, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urgently requests that Caltrans delay the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavementrehabilitation-project>) until after: “1) All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway are reopened, and “2) All Palisades fire debris removal is complete.” NCWP believes that this delay is reasonable given that the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to take four years, and we ask that Caltrans accommodate this important request. “NCWP further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a resolution in Council to effectuate this request on behalf of the City.” [Read more here](#)

**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 (16-0). (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Howard, Lesley, Lipschutz, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel, 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: Virtual Town Hall on Thursday to discuss a variety of city issues; Playa Vista Town Hall on June 12 focusing on that area and its issues; and 41.18 zone enforcement.

**Vincent Autiero** of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke re: city Budget Day on June 21; city budget issues; NC elections; and certificate recognizing NCWP as a NC of Excellence.

**Janet Turner** of Congressman Ted Lieu’s Office spoke the Congressman’s bills: re: passage of HR2240 which addresses support of law enforcement officers who are attacked; HR1027 The Quiet Pact – re: disclosure on robocalls using AI voices; HR1286, speedy processing of VA claims; the Congressman wrote letters urging Congress to streamline the visa process for World Cup and Olympics; and efforts to eliminate the salt tax.

#### 6. Announcements from Board Members

**Puza** (LMU) spoke re: a successful commencement season at LMU; Shakespeare on the Bluff, LMU Movie Nights, new President Thomas Poon started June 2. Please visit

**Gerez** reported crime statistics on behalf of Public Safety Committee:

- May 2025 Burglaries continue to be lower than the pace we experienced last year, down 9.8% compared to last year in Basic Car area A67, east of Sepulveda (37 in 2025 vs 41 in 2024) and down 48.7% in Basic Car area A73, west of Sepulveda, including PDR (40 in 2025 vs. 78 in 2024)
- In the month of May, there were 4 burglaries in A67, compared to 9 in April and 6 in May 2024. In A67, we have been averaging 7.4 burglaries each month this year down from 8.2 average per month last year.
- In A73, we had 8 burglaries, which is even with the 8 we had in April, and what we have been averaging by month this year. On average the burglaries per month this year are down at 8 per month compared to 15.6 per month on average last year.

## 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. **Gerez** updated the Board on the Extended Stay Project Roomkey / Homekey located at Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. The issue was discussed by the board after she provided the following summary of the project:
  - The project is still under construction, but estimated to open by the end of year
  - It will include permanent supportive housing
  - There will be a 1,000-foot 41.18 zone built into project
  - There will be a 24/7 security guard for one year. After that, the project will need to find funding for more.
  - There will be 24/7 live video monitoring
  - The project will include a live-in/on-site manager and on-site maintenance personnel
  - The project has committed to making regular status updates to the community and will prioritize local leaders, and residents for contact
  - It appears that the project has voided the ability to take in local residents for permanent supportive housing due to all of the financing that it has received from the different channels. This is a critical loss to the community.
  - CD 11 is working to find City money for fencing
  - There will be no direct access off of Arizona
  - The case management ratio for the tenants will be 1-to-15 with 24-hour availability by phone, but not on-site
  - Quiet hours will be just the same as everyone else: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
1. Motion to approve NPG from Airport Marina Counseling Services (AMCS) in the amount of \$2,000 for print advertising. ***(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 Flintoft/Miller to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously (15-0).  
(AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Howard, Lesley, Lipschutz, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel, Zaller. Nays: None. Puza abstaining.)**

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**M/S Miller/Torrance to approve the motion as amended above. Motion passes (14-1). (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Lesley, Lipschutz, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Zaller. Nays: Howard. Puza and Yeazel 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 agendized items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.*)

**Beth Rubenstein** spoke re: Park Advisory Board wishlist for camera in the park area; new park bench that has not been installed; new trees planted for Fleet Week.

**Treva Miller** spoke to thank the NCWP for encouraging Assemblymembers to come to speak to the board and asked the board to invite more.

**Ben Hamilton** spoke re: LA Housing Department improvements and better oversight; rebuilding near-shore marine kelp forests; Van Tuna returning to Santa Monica Bay.

**Beth O'Rourke** spoke to thank NCWP for its feedback on Westchester Park

#### 10. **Committee Reports**

1. **Zaller** (Outreach) spoke re: need for more Fourth of July Parade volunteers

#### 11. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.