

NCWP Board Meeting
MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
@ CD11 Community Room
7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Tabitha Butler, Tracy Conyers, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Sarah Howard, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Jessica Lesley, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, Fred Puza, Julie Ross, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance,

Absent: Al Hernandez, Matt Lipschutz, Casey Yeazel,

Excused: Steve Donell, Joshua Francis, Jack Hughes, Alexandra Reynolds, David Voss, Julie Zaller

1. **Call to Order – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:34 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. Motion to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2026 Special Board meeting~~
 2. Receive, approve and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for February 2026 and March 2026.
 - ~~3. Motion to review, discuss and vote to approve NPG request from Beautify LA, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for a free garden and art community event at Westchester Park on June 6th 2026 from 3pm-6pm (event has been permitted by the park). The event will teach community members about agriculture and gardening with gardening supplies and native flowers to be provided for small planters to be created. They will also provide art easels and other paint supplies for community members to create paintings they can take home. They plan to advertise the event to the local community via social media and other means. The NPG funding would provide material for the event.~~
 4. Motion to approve a change in the NCWP advertising in HTN from 6 full pages / 6 half pages = \$9300 to 4 full pages/ 8 half pages = \$8900.
 5. Motion to approve the Outreach funds NTE \$400 to purchase NCWP shirts for Board Members.
 6. Motion to approve the replacement of our NCWP tent canopy NTE \$1500.
 7. Motion to approve the purchase of clear NCWP branded totes NTE \$500. These totes were our most popular giveaway item this past year.
 8. Motion to approve the creation of the ad hoc Star of the Neighborhood Committee. Chair Julie, Committee Members to include, Chip, Alex, Tabitha, Garrett, Geoff.
 9. Motion to oppose proposal introduced by Los Angeles City Councilmembers Hugo Soto-Martinez (CD 13) and Ysabel Jurado (CD 14) that would ask voters to approve noncitizen voting in city elections — including races for Mayor, City Council seats, and Los Angeles Board of Education positions. The measure, released Wednesday, April 29, 2026, would first require the full council to place it on the November 3, 2026 ballot. If approved by voters, the council would then need to pass an ordinance amending city election law to allow it. If a council file is created a CIS will be submitted.

Highlighted items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar. ~~Struck-out~~ items were removed from the Consent Calendar and tabled to a future meeting date..

M/S Torrance/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously (15-0). (AYES: Aniolek, Conyers, Flintoft, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley,

Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Ross, Smith, Torrance. Puza abstaining.)

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

1. **Carlos Penilla** of State Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas' Office spoke re: 13 pieces of legislation the senator has passed and the efforts to get local press credentialed for the Olympics and to connect them with advertising dollars. He added that the Senator's office is working on connecting a variety of local businesses and artists with the LA28 process so that they can benefit from the expenditures related to the Olympics in Los Angeles. He shared his contact info and asked the public to contact him with any questions, concerns or issues in the senator's purview: carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov or (213) 745-6656.

Butler arrived, took her seat at the dais.

2. **Trey Grogan** of Los Angeles City Councilmember Traci Park's Office provided the attached written report.
3. **Erica Gatica Doughty** of Department of EmpowerLA spoke re: the Youth Empowerment Conference, the city budget, NC elections, NC holdover of funds, and important deadlines for NCs to submit items to the city.

6. Announcements from Board Members

1. **Puza** (LMU) spoke re: Bluff remediation project; last day of classes and finals schedule; May16-17 Commencement Weekend; postcards will be going out to alert neighbors in addition to additional notification via social media, newspaper ads, etc.; cleaning efforts will be conducted between ceremonies; working with LADOT on traffic mitigation plan; Children's Center will be closed over the summer as the university upgrades the center, while services will be moved into dorm buildings during the upgrades.
2. **Butler** (reporting for Zaller Outreach) Fourth of July sign-ups for NC board members will be sent out next week
3. **Gerez** provided an update on timing and expenses for NCWP website compliance for accessibility.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations this evening.

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. Motion to approve a change in the NCWP advertising in HTN from 6 full pages / 6 half pages = \$9,300 to 4 full pages/ 8 half pages = \$8,900.

M/S Ross/Miller to oppose the motion. Motion failed (8-8). (AYES: Aniolek, Butler, Kingshott, Lesley, Logsdon, Mallek, Miller, O'Brien. NAYS: Conyers, Flintoft, Huston, Maleman, Mohler, Ross, Smith, Torrance. Puza abstaining.)

2. Motion to approve the Outreach funds NTE \$400 to purchase NCWP shirts for Board Members.

M/S Miller/Torrance to approve an amount not to exceed \$400.00 for NCWP T-shirts for those board members who do not currently have shirts for outreach purposes as requested by Outreach committee for board members working outreach events, using NCWP unused office funds (board retreat funds of \$170 and office equipment of \$200) and unused balance of outreach contingency of \$30, for total amount not to exceed \$400.00. Motion passes unanimously (16-0). (AYES: Aniolek, Butler, Conyers, Flintoft, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Ross, Smith, Torrance. Puza abstaining.)

3. Motion to approve the replacement of our NCWP tent canopy NTE \$1,500.

M/S Kingshott/Miller to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to replace the NCWP tent / canopy for outreach events (old one is broken) using unused CIP funds in the amount of \$500.00, unused Advertising funds in the amount of \$500, unused office/operational contingency funds in the amount of \$300 and unused outreach contingency funds in the amount of \$200 for total of \$1,500.00. Motion passes unanimously (16-0). (AYES: Aniolek, Butler, Conyers, Flintoft, Huston, Kingshott, Lesley, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Ross, Smith, Torrance. Puza abstaining.)

4. Motion to approve the purchase of clear NCWP branded totes NTE \$500. These totes were our most popular giveaway item this past year.

After discussion, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

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.)*

Don Fast spoke re: the city's homeless spending and regarding board members making political comments.

John Logsdon spoke re: his candidacy for Mayor of Los Angeles.

10. **Committee Reports**

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.