Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Westchester Senior Center May 13, 2015, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Committee members present

Grace Yao - LMU Director of Community Relations
Hampton Cantrell – representative, LMU Department of Public Safety
Kristen Delatory – representative, Los Angeles Police Department
Andrea Neimi – representative, LMU Student Affairs Division
Fred Sutton - representative, Office of Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11
Linda Kokelaar – community representative
Shirley Sher – community representative

I. Water Conservation

Brian Holtzapfel from LMU's Department of Facilities Management answered questions and provided an overview of the University's efforts to conserve water. Highlights include the removal of 1 acre of turf on campus, the replacement of traditional washing machines with ones that utilize 1/3 less water, and the installation of aerators on sinks that reduce output by 50-60%. In line with the state's goal for water reduction, the University is working to cut its water consumption by over 25%.

II. Athletics

Daniel Smith from LMU's Department of Athletics was on hand to answer questions related to the use of athletic fields on campus. With regard to field lighting, Mr. Smith reiterated that light spillage in the neighborhood is in compliance with the Master Plan and City requirements; however, the University is willing to work one-on-one with nearby residents who are negatively impacted by that spillage. He also indicated that a new sound system was recently installed on the baseball filed, which should help reduce the impact of amplified sound in the neighborhood.

III. Parking Update

The University has now been charging for parking for 3 years. In fall 2015, faculty and staff parking areas will be opened to students at 5pm. It is anticipated that access to these additional parking spaces will encourage students to park on campus in the evenings, thereby reducing the impact of parking in the neighborhood.

Alternative transportation options continue to grow in popularity on campus. Currently, there is a 74 person average ridership on the Green Line shuttle every day, mostly by staff. Additionally, 80 individuals are now enrolled in the Alternative Transportation Incentive Program (ATIP) on campus.

IV. Student Behavior

Neighbors who had been negatively impacted by student neighbors expressed their satisfaction with the results of working with LMU and Neighborhood Prosecutor Claudia Martin to address their issues.