

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Westchester Senior Center
May 11, 2016, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Committee members present

Grace Yao - LMU Director of Community Relations
Sarah Babb – representative, LMU Student Affairs Division
Ruben Garcia – representative, Los Angeles Police Department
Cyndi Hench – representative, Neighborhood Council
Linda Kokelaar – community representative
Anna Kozma - representative, Office of Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11
Pat Lyon – representative, Neighborhood Council
Ross Williams – community representative
Frank Zaccaria – representative, LMU Department of Public Safety

Commencement

Very large turnout for Commencement. Advanced notice was provided to local residents via local listservs, facebook, NextDoor, and postcards sent to surrounding neighborhoods. LMU once again secured off-site parking and works closely with LADOT to handle traffic flow before and after the event. Local residents shared that impact to the community seemed to be less than previous years.

LMU Alert & Facebook

LMU's Department of Public Safety will post all of its Emergency Alerts onto its Facebook page. Neighbors who have indicated that they would like to receive these notifications from Public Safety are encouraged to "like" the page.

Student Filming off-campus

As a result of some concerns regarding student filming on McConnell, the LMU Department of Film Production will now require that all students notify nearby residents when there are plans for an upcoming film shoot. Previously, students would notify neighbors only if the permit issuer, FilmLA required it, but now, LMU students will post notification regardless of those requirements.

Smoking on Campus

LMU is exploring the possibility of creating smoking zones on campus. These zones would be designated areas where students, staff, and visitors will be allowed to smoke. Depending on the results of the smoke free zones, LMU will present the designated smoke free zones at the next NAC meeting. Smoking is currently permitted in all outdoor areas as long as they are at least 20 feet away from a main exit. Smoking is prohibited inside buildings.

Off-Campus Student Life Review

NAC committee members were invited to participate in an internal review about the LMU Office of Off-Campus Student Life. Researchers were invited on campus to interview stakeholders and provide feedback. Several NAC committee members participated. Sarah Babb, Director of Off Campus Student Life, reported that these interviews were part of an internal assessment of the Off Campus Student Life Office.

Bike Safety

Concerns about bike safety for both LMU students and local residents were discussed. LMU will have a bike shop opening up in the fall. It will provide educational programs about bike safety that will be open to the public. LMU was asked to present topics about bike education to local schools.

Student Parties

LMU went over its processes for addressing off campus student behavior for new attendees to the NAC meeting. In short, local residents are encouraged to contact both LMU's Department of Public Safety (310-338-2893) and LAPD (877-275-5273) when an incident is taking place. If a neighbor believes that the landlord is being negligent, the Neighborhood Prosecutor Claudia Martin can become involved when Criminal Reports are filed.