Notes for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 5.25.2022

Attendees:

NAC Members: Abby Austin, Paula Gerez, Elizabeth Kane, Linda Kokelaar, Chip Mallek, Lisha McGrue, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Robbie Williams

Community Members: Linda Ching-Ikiri, Lisa Garrison, Tommy Roys, Bernice Sadamune, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives: Gabrielle Poma, Mason Stockstill, Marianna Villa

Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Update on campus re-opening
   a. The Westchester campus reopened to the public on May 9. No Lion Health Checks are required. Both entrances (Loyola Boulevard and LMU Drive) are open. Face masks are optional.
3. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Report
   a. L.A.P.D. SLO was unable to attend or send a report. Fred P. had requested both.
   b. NAC Member Paula G. mentioned the LAPD neighborhood block watch meeting was taking place at this time and said she would place a request for them to be present at the next meeting.
4. Department of Public Safety report
   a. LMU Chief of Public Safety Robbie Williams discussed staffing goals, especially following Commencement and other precautionary measures. Students and parents that attended were happy and the event was met with great degree of safety. No emergencies.
   b. Bus rentals at 80th Street and Loyola Boulevard: The bus was not affiliated with an LMU-sanctioned event. Chief Williams recommended that neighbors reach out to local authorities if the issue happens again.
5. Student Affairs report
   a. NAC Member Lisha M. shared that the academic year has concluded, but conduct hearings are still being held for students who are in violation of community guidelines.
   b. NAC Member Liz K. asked about incoming freshman class numbers. Lisha M. said that number will not be final until September.
   c. The following LMU-owned homes will be returned to faculty housing this fall: 7206 W. 78th Street, 7230 W. 78th Street and 7947 McConnell Avenue. The ‘22-‘23 academic year use for the LMU-owned homes at 8008 Loyola Boulevard and 7210 W. 78th Street is still to be determined. LMU will share more information regarding these two homes once it’s available.
6. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
   a. Trevor Wiseman was absent.
   b. Fred P. reported multiple violations of leaf blowers being used prior to the allowable time. The issue has been sent to the compliance officer for review. NAC Member Linda K. reminded attendees that they can file complaints about this with LADBS.
7. Community Relations report
   a. Construction updates
      i. There are no major construction projects currently scheduled for this summer.
      ii. Permits for Gersten West have been pulled in order to minimize the lead time in 
          permit wait time. LMU is currently awaiting funding to move forward.
      iii. There is maintenance being done at the Loyola Boulevard. gate to increase 
           egress and ingress security, which is expected to be completed mid- to late-
           June.
      iv. The additional lane at the Loyola Boulevard entrance is functional and will allow 
          more cars to flow through the entrance.
   b. Master Plan amendment update
      i. There was a PLUM hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, but it was canceled 
         last minute. There was no agenda for the next meeting as of yet. The process 
         started in summer 2019, and the community can send any questions to 
         community@lmu.edu.
   c. Smoking on campus
      i. Marijuana is not permitted on campus regardless of state and federal 
         guidelines. Neighbors are invited to contact Public Safety if they want to report 
         usage.
   d. Noise concerns
      i. Neighbors are invited to report any noise violations to Public Safety. They will 
         take sound measurements and take corrective action, if necessary.
8. Community Incidents Report
   a. NAC Member Chip M. reported that the Bird scooter population is starting to grow on 
      lawns and are being left by students.
9. Public comment
   a. Paul W. reported water usage during restrictions taking place at high noon on the 
      athletic field and asked that the university change its timing. He also reported that he’s 
      complained multiple times about leaf blowers being used before the allowable time.
   b. Tommy R. asked to not have a registration form to attend NAC meetings. She reported 
      that she experienced 3 days of loud noise and bright lights.
10. The next meeting is on August 31 at 6:30 p.m.
11. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.