Notes for the LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 09.01.21

Attendees:
NAC Members: Linda Kokelaar, Lisha Maddox, David Mannix, Terrence McAlister, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman

Community Members:
Nanci Beacham, Linda Ching-Ikiri, Jim Evans, Franci Geller, William Hendricks, Emily Ingistov, Ron Marks, Tommy Monks, Jody Oronato, Carol Raby, Anne Romo, Bernice Sadamude, Chen Song, Trish Swiderski, Stephen Tuggy, Lauren Turner, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives:
Christina Gustafson, Andie Self, Mason Stockstill, Marianna Villa, Robbie Williams

Notes:
1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Update on campus re-opening
   a. LMU is in compliance with L.A. Health County protocols.
   b. The university has a mandate vaccination policy. The campus community is 98% fully vaccinated. The remaining 2% are exempt due to religious and health issues and must be tested twice a week.
   c. Masks are required indoors.
   d. There is a dedicated COVID support team that has done extensive training in case there are positive cases.
   e. LMU alert will send communication if there is a cluster break-out.
   f. More info can be found at www.lmu.edu/together.
3. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer (SLO) report
   a. SLO Sophia Castaneda and Luis Pinell were not present, but they did submit a police report.
      i. Basic car A67:
         1. Total violent crime is up 25.6%. YTD 103 compared to 82 crimes last year.
         2. Total property crime is up 22.9%. YTD 747 compared to 609 crimes last year
      ii. Basic car A73
         1. Total violent crime is up 54.2%. YTD 74 compared to 48 crimes last year
         2. Total property crime is up 22.1%. YTD 519 compared to 424 crimes last year
      iii. Catalytic converters thefts continue to be an issue as do grand theft auto. L.A.P.D. are also seeing a slow increase in residential burglaries as people continue to go back to work and school.
4. Department of Public Safety (DPS) report
a. Robbie Williams is the new chief of LMU’s Department of Public Safety
   i. Chief Williams has been at LMU for four months. He is committed to finding out ways on how to become better neighbors and for our students to be good citizens.

b. The campus has been relatively quiet, and DPS will continue monitoring both front and back gates.

5. Student Affairs report
   a. Lisha Maddox gave a report on how her office handles students who go through the conduct process.

6. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
   a. LMU is preparing to do its parking count and assessment and submit that report in October. To view the compliance report archive, go to https://community.lmu.edu/masterplan/compliancereportarchive
   b. Compliance reports are usually released in the November and February/March time frame.

7. Community Relations report
   a. A representative from Councilmember Bonin’s office was not present, but Fred P. introduced the new community NAC member, Dave Manix.
   b. Construction updates
      i. The upgrades Gersten Pavilion will be completed in October.
   c. Amendment update
      i. LMU submitted a revised amendment. No hearing date has been set by the city yet, but LMU will notify NAC members when we have the date from the city. The city will notify neighbors who live within 500 feet from campus.
   d. Community Survey update
      i. Community Relations ran a survey during the summer to establish a baseline and try to better communicate with the neighborhood.
      ii. 283 respondents
      iii. Key findings:
         1. Majority of respondents said they visited campus several times a week when it was open.
         2. Most neighbors hear about LMU news through the community e-newsletter, Nextdoor, and updates during other community meetings.
         3. How might LMU do better - more inclusivity with the neighborhood, and better communication about events and activities and how to report neighborhood disturbances.
   e. Proposed bylaws
      i. The conversation about bylaws was tabled until another meeting.

8. Community Incidents Report
   a. NAC members reviewed the community incidents report.
   b. A conversation about LMU housing students in the neighborhood took place.

9. Public comment
   a. Tommy asked about which class is housed in the new residence halls.
   b. Paul asked about the Children’s Center and requested that the pick-up and drop-off station be moved. He also requested that a rep from Facilities and Maintenance be present at NAC meetings. He expressed disappointment that Hannah from
Councilmember Bonin’s office has missed a second meeting in a row and that construction hours are still not followed by the construction companies.

c. Lisha Maddox explained that although marijuana is legal in the state of California, it is still not legal on campus and all students must follow the rules.

10. Next meeting: December 1 at 6:30 p.m.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.