

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Westchester Senior Center
February 13, 2015, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Committee members present:

Grace Yao – LMU Director of Community Relations
Fred Sutton - Representative, Office of Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11
Hampton Cantrell – Representative, LMU Department of Public Safety
Alyssa Perez – Representative, LMU student
Sofia Espinoza – Representative, LMU student
Cyndi Hensch – Representative, Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council
Patricia Lyon – Representative, Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council
Officer Abskharon, LAPD Representative
Linda Kokelaar – Community Representative
Ross Williams – Community Representative
Shirley Sher – Community Representative

Life Sciences Building Construction Update

The first building that the University is constructing under the Master Plan will be completing final elements through March, after which it will transition to building testing. The building is on track to open in time for fall semester.

Landscaping on Fordham

Brian Holtzapfel, LMU's Director of Building Management, provided an overview of proposed landscaping changes for 78th and Fordham. Schematics of proposed changes will be posted on LMU's community webpage. Adjacent neighbors were also notified about the proposal.

Parking Update

LMU has started a partnership with Santa Monica Blue Bus. Over the past semester, over 20 faculty, staff, and students have purchased bus passes on campus. LMU continues to encourage campus community to utilize alternative forms of transportation to come to campus. University reports increase in green line shuttle ridership, participation in ATIP (alternative transportation incentive program) and carpool/vanpool programs.

Student Behavior in the Neighborhood

Claudia Martin, the neighborhood prosecutor for LAPD's Pacific Division, fielded questions from the audience with regard to addressing off-campus student behavior in the neighborhood. She recommends that neighbors contact LAPD to file reports when incidents are taking place or contact the Senior Lead Officer the following day to file a report.

If it is determined that a criminal quality of life issue exists, the neighborhood prosecutor will call a hearing, and if necessary, file criminal charges. The prosecutor has the ability to file an abatement against the property owner for allowing a nuisance to continue. Questions about this process may be directed to Claudia at Claudia.Martin@lacity.org.