

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

*Westchester Senior Center*

*February 13, 2014, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.*

**Committee members present**

Grace Yao - LMU Director of Community Relations

Hampton Cantrell – representative, LMU Department of Public Safety

Sergeant Ruben Garcia – representative, Los Angeles Police Department

Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht – representative, LMU Student Affairs Division

Nate Kaplan - representative, Office of Councilman Mike Bonin, District 11

Linda Kokelaar – community representative

Patricia Lyon - representative, Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council

Caitlin Maher – student representative

Jennifer O'Malley – student representative

**General Updates**

**1. Loyola Boulevard Entrance Proposal**

- Mike Bonin requested that LMU explore a proposal to restrict access the Loyola Boulevard entrance.
- Following the recommendation of an internal team that was commissioned to study this request, President Burcham decided that LMU will not be installing pedestrian gates to restrict access to the Loyola Boulevard entrance.
- In response to an audience request, LMU will post the President's email to LMU faculty, staff and students about this decision on the LMU website.

**2. Parking Permit Opt-Out**

- In response to a request by some community members, LMU added a line for parking fees to student tuition bill. Originally, students had to opt-in, or actively select to purchase a parking permit. Some residents asked LMU to reverse the way students are charged for parking permits from the opt-in to an opt-out system. That meant that the fee for a parking permit would automatically appear on a student's bill and that the student would have to opt-out, or actively select to NOT purchase a permit.
- The spring 2014 semester is the first semester LMU was able to utilize the new opt-out system. As a result, LMU found that 500 additional parking permits have been purchased and 500 new cars have been registered with the university.

**3. Parking and Transportation**

- LMU's Department of Parking and Transportation recently launched the Alternative Transportation Incentive Program (ATIP) that encourages and rewards individuals who take alternate forms for transportation (bicycling, walking, bus, metro). Individuals who enroll will receive 5 free parking passes each semester.
- Existing vanpool and carpool programs are expanding.

**4. Life Sciences Building Construction Update (all timeframes listed are estimated and are subject to change)**

- The structure of the underground garage, including the garage "roof", was completed in February 2014.

- We anticipate completing the exterior framing this summer, at which time the crane will be removed from the construction site.
- The exterior walls will be completed before the end of 2014.
- The building interior will be completed in the spring of 2015.
- The Life Sciences building is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2015 and will be ready for the Fall 2015 semester.

## 5. Off Campus Student Life

- Pick-ups and drop-offs for University authorized buses have been moved from Hannon Lot to the Lincoln Boulevard entrance in front of University Hall.
- Local residents who see school buses or charter buses at the Loyola Blvd gate should contact DPS, LAPD or LADOT.
- Off-Campus Student Life sent reminders to students living off campus about municipal codes, and parking regulations.
- LMU's Community Relations produced magnet with important community contacts, including LMU Public Safety, LAPD Dispatch, and LADOT Parking Enforcement.
- Student Affairs is exploring more aggressive sanctions against students who violate the Student Conduct Code off campus.
- REMINDER: If you witness a disruptive party in progress, please contact LMU's Department of Public Safety or use the Report a Concern system ([www.lmu.edu/reportaconcern](http://www.lmu.edu/reportaconcern)).
- Parents of students under the age of 21 are notified of on-campus drug and alcohol-related issues; however, due to FERPA laws, parents are not notified of when such misconduct takes place off campus.

## 6. Public Safety

- LMU submitted a proposal to LAPD and the City of Los Angeles to hire LAPD officers to patrol the neighborhood on an overtime basis for student conduct issues and crime in the area. This proposal is based on an arrangement that USC currently has with LAPD.
- The patrol radius for this proposal has not been determined; however, initial discussions suggest a 1-mile radius.
- There are certain legal issues that have not been resolved, so at this time, the proposal is still being reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

## 7. Council Office

- The Council Office is looking to appoint a new Neighborhood Advisory Committee member to fill Erika Kemmerer's vacant seat. There is currently no representation of the 1 West Bluff community on the committee, so the Council Office is encouraging residents from that area to apply.
- Individuals interested in joining the Neighborhood Advisory Committee should contact Nate.
- As conveyed by Trisha Keane, Planning Director for Council District 11, Councilman Mike Bonin was incredibly disappointed that the Loyola Boulevard entrance proposal did not receive a warm welcome.
- He believes that the University owes the community a mitigation plan that will mitigate parking in the neighborhood.
- Councilman Bonin also believes that it is incumbent on the university to find a solution that doesn't further inconvenience the community.

- The Council Office wants to continue the dialogue and work with LMU and the neighbors to find real solutions to the parking problem.

Break-out sessions begin

(Transportation & Parking, Communication, Student Life, and Campus Operations)

- Grace Yao commits to posting break-out session notes online and maintaining a running list of questions and answers on the community webpage ([www.lmu.edu/community](http://www.lmu.edu/community)). Neighbors can find responses to all questions and ideas/suggestions generated from the break-out group discussions there. Yao committed to having responses to all questions no later than by the next NAC meeting in May.
- The next Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.