**Notes for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 02.21.2024**

*Attendees:*

NAC Members: Linda Kokelaar, Chip Mallek, Terri Mangione, Dave Mannix, Terry McAllister, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Dylan Stickland (CD11), Trevor Wiseman

LAPD: no officers present

Community Members: Frank Bower, Linda Ching-Ikiri, Pat Downing, Andy Gedo, Liz Kane, Bob Lyon, Linda Murata, Cindy Reyes, Tommy Roys, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives: Gabrielle Poma

Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Student Affairs report
   1. In the absence of ASLMU President Drew Hartz, NAC Member Terri Mangione highlighted the success of First Amendment Week and the After Sunset concert, as well as Family Weekend.
   2. NAC Member Magione addressed neighborhood complaints, mentioning that complaint numbers are down and cases are moving through the student conduct system. She highlighted two houses with repeated complaints, where student residents are participating in the conduct process and concerns are being addressed.
   3. NAC Member Linda Kokelaar asked NAC Member Magione to remind students of neighborhood noise ordinances during spring break. NAC Member Magione confirmed she’ll include that info as well as a reminder to secure their residences if students travel.
3. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer report
   1. No officers present or reports sent.
   2. NAC Member Chip Mallek said that no officers will ever be able to attend NAC meetings because they have consistent conflicting meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.
4. Department of Public Safety report
   1. NAC Member Terry McAllister explained the process used to conduct noise decibel measurements during large on-campus events.
   2. NAC Member McAllister addressed two incidents mentioned in an email from NAC Member Kokelaar and confirmed that both incidents were addressed by Public Safety.
5. Community Incidents Report
   1. No comments from NAC members.
   2. Fred P. to send report to NAC Member Dave Mannix.
6. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
   1. FTE update: Compliance Officer Trevor Wiseman said that the annual report will be released in late May/June.
   2. NAC Member Mannix requested an update on the pedestrian traffic report at the Loyola Blvd. gate. Compliance Officer Wiseman said a report had been submitted to the city and that he was waiting for a response. The university will send the report to NAC members and the executive board of Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa once it’s ready.
7. Community Relations report
   1. Fred P. shared that Commencement on the Westchester campus will be phased out, beginning with the LMU Law School Commencement moving to LA Live this May. Pre-Commencement activities including Mass and affinity group celebrations will remain on campus. Undergraduate and graduate commencements will move off-campus in 2025.
   2. Construction updates
      1. Updated neighbors on the construction process of Gersten West.
      2. In May 2024, the following projects will begin: roof replacement in Seaver; roof and HVAC replacement in Rains; Daum Annex building replacement; and the installation of the Engineering Design Center exterior shade structure.
      3. Per NAC Member Mannix’s request, Fred P. will report back what will be in/under the shade structure.
      4. Fred P. will continue to report current permits as the information is made available. This information is also public through the City of LA, and Fred P. is available to answer questions.
      5. NAC Member Liz Kane clarified that vendors, subcontractors, etc. are not permitted to enter via the Loyola Blvd. gate. Fred P. and Compliance Officer Wiseman confirmed this. Compliance Officer Wiseman stated that there is clear language in contracts and vendors that arrive at Loyola Blvd. are directed to LMU Drive.
   3. Lighting update: Fred shared that the lighting project at Daum Hall is considered completed. Updates on field lights will be shared at the next meeting.
      1. NAC Member Kokelaar asked what can be done to mitigate the lighting at Daum Hall, such as an additional or altered fence or signage. Fred reiterated that there has been a comprehensive review of the area and work has been done to mitigate light spillage.
   4. Noise update: Fred P. acknowledged there have been some issues of noise violations.
      1. LMU noise protocol: Fred P. stated that the student conduct code has varying degrees of discipline, including but not limited to fines and expulsion.
      2. LAMC noise chapter: the most applicable policy refers to use of landscaping equipment and gas-powered leaf blowers. Fred P. recognized that there have been violations in the past, but the situation has improved due to changes such as penalizations and labeling equipment with approved times for use.
      3. NAC Member Mallek asked NAC Member McAllister about DPS protocol for off-campus noise. NAC Member McAllister stated that DPS does not respond to off-campus complaints; SSS security provides a report if there are available resources, which sometimes include video and/or decibel readings. The off-campus student life database provides DPS with contact information for students when noise complaints are filed.
   5. Housing/property update
      1. Fred P. clarified that LMU has not purchased any homes or property since the last NAC meeting.
      2. Fred P. reported that the funds from the eliminated LMU Athletics teams will be reabsorbed into the general athletics budget.
   6. NAC meetings
      1. Notification of NAC meetings is provided via the Community Relations website, the Hometown newspaper, social media (Facebook and NextDoor), the community newsletter, and an annual letter to neighbors with the list of dates.
      2. The fourth meeting of 2024 will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4.
   7. Upcoming events
      1. Rock, Roll, ‘n’ Run on March 2; Vote Center in the McIntosh Center on March 2 - 5; Crimson Circle blood and bone marrow drive in St. Robert’s Auditorium on March 22.
8. Public comment
   1. Paul thanked Facilities Management employees for their landscape work. He stated that the recent Lip Sync event at Drollinger Family Stage was in violation of attendance capacity and noise levels.
      1. NAC Member McAllister clarified that decibel readings were below the allowable noise level and there were no neighborhood complaints.
   2. Tommy stated that the Daum Hall light is still an issue and that gas-powered leaf blowers cannot be used in close proximity to a residential area.
   3. NAC Member Fred Smith asked for updates on the LMU bluff letters. Fred P. stated that the letters will remain covered through the rainy season and to stabilize the letters before a long-term plan is formulated.
      1. Regarding signage, NAC Member Dylan Stickland and liaison to Council District 11 office mentioned he’d reached out to multiple L.A. city departments regarding the issue, and that resources had been issued and service had been initiated. He had communicated some updates regarding signage to LMU members but was still waiting on further updates.
   4. Linda asked for more information on Wellness Wednesday and the incident last Sunday with police presence. Fred P. clarified that the incident at 80th and Georgetown was off-campus and not LMU related. Fred P. shared that Wellness Wednesday is weekly, 11am-2pm. Linda recommended that this would be an item of interest for the community.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.