Notes for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 8.9.2023

Attendees:

**NAC Members**: Liz Kane, Linda Kokelaar, Chip Mallek, Terry McAllister, Terri Mangione, Dave Mannix, Fred Puza, Sean Silva (CD11), Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman

**Community Members**: Linda Ching-Ikiri, Pat Downing, Robert Lyon, Rhonda Payson, Tommy Roys

**LMU Representatives**: Drew Hartz (ASLMU President), Gabrielle Poma

Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Student Affairs report
   a. There was one noise complaint in the neighborhood this summer, down from three last summer. Students are starting to move on to campus.
   b. Drew (ASLMU President) expressed excitement for students’ return to campus, offered apologies on behalf of the student body for noise complaints, and expressed willingness to pass on any messages regarding student conduct.
   c. Linda K. stated she has submitted reports that do not seem to be included in this report. Fred offered to talk offline to check on this.
3. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer report
   a. Fred has not received responses to his emails to LAPD and notified Linda that he is following up with them about reporting disturbances.
   b. Fred outlined the two-step process of calling LMU Public Safety, including LMU’s security contractor who verifies complaints, and contacting LAPD, who does have jurisdiction to respond to issues. Fred stated he would like to talk to Officers Castaneda and Pinel about responding to complaints.
4. Department of Public Safety report
   a. DPS will be implementing retraining for SSS, LMU’s contracted security who verifies complaints, takes decibel readings, and provides reports to DPS. Terry M. also stated that after such reports, DPS attempts to make contact with students and notify them of complaints as they are happening, but emphasized that neighbors should also contact LAPD.
   b. Terry shared about “Keep the Peace Patrols,” where DPS cars position themselves at the Loyola Gate on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights and remind students to be respectful as they leave campus. Pertaining to LAPD, Terry noted that DPS and LAPD have a good relationship.
5. Community Incidents Report
   a. Dave asked about a statistical breakdown of type of calls, response time, etc. Fred explained how the community incidents report is laid out, including date of request, office that received the request, and action taken. Dave stated that his interest is in understanding the volume of calls, such as how many times a neighbor reaches out regarding an issue.
6. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
a. Trevor shared that campus has been busy between high school and sports camps, so he is glad to hear it has been quiet in the neighborhood. He is awaiting a corrected version of LMU’s letter of determination from the City of LA, and LMU is in compliance.

b. Dave asked how big the incoming freshman class is. Trevor and Terri reported a little larger than 1,500, which is smaller than last year.

c. Linda asked why the freshman class is smaller this year. Trevor stated this decrease is intentional to maintain enrollment numbers that are aligned with the experience LMU seeks to provide.

7. Community Relations report
   a. There are no updates on construction projects at this time.
   b. Student housing update
      i. 7800 Altavan will no longer be housing students.
      ii. Apartment buildings on Lincoln Blvd. will be used for student housing. There are no other plans at this time.
   c. Update on Lincoln lot
      i. There has been severe erosion and drainage issues on that lot. LMU has just received permits to move forward on work on preserving the vegetation on that lot, which will be done after the rain season, likely in April 2024.
      ii. Fred Smith asked what the plan for the future of that property is. Fred Puza offered to talk offline about this and reiterated that there are no plans for the lot beyond landscaping at this time.
   d. LMU letters on the bluff
      i. There are no specific plans for the letters at this time beyond maintenance and exploring options to repair them.
   e. Preparation for the fall semester
      i. The annual fall letter to the neighbors will be delivered to mailboxes on or around August 15, including sports schedules and Hannon Library and KXLU info. “Be a good neighbor” and “Keep the peace” campaigns will start again. Fred is continuously collaborating with Terri and Student Affairs. Move-in week is August 21-27 and school starts on August 28.
      ii. Dave asked about updates on Gersten Pavilion and Fred stated there are no updates or movement on these projects.

8. Public comment
   a. Tommy provided an update on the Daum Hall light and stated that when LAPD SLOs do have time to be present, they should be prioritized on the agenda.
   b. Linda Ching-Ikiri asked about capacity in student-occupied houses. Trevor stated occupancy varies, but generally 7 per house. She also asked who has been responsible for cleaning the perimeter of campus and recommended “Todd the Volunteer,” who is usually on Manchester.
   c. Linda Kokelaar reiterated that contacting LAPD for a complaint is time-consuming, which is a concern for neighbors.

9. Next meeting: Nov. 29
   a. Fred asked what the consensus is on virtual versus in-person meetings. He will poll NAC members on this via email. Fred clarified that the modality will be either in-person or virtual, not hybrid.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.