



Notes for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 04.15.25

Attendees:

NAC Members: Liz Kane, Linda Kokelaar, Terri Mangione, Dave Mannix, Terry McAllister, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman

LAPD: N/A

Community Members: 22 members of the community were present.

LMU Representatives: Tobias Egold

Notes

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.
2. Student Affairs Report
 - a. NAC Member Mangione reported that there have been eight neighborhood disturbances since the last NAC meeting, one case was a house with multiple complaints which has since gone through the conduct process.
 - b. Last year during the time period, there were 20 neighborhood disturbances, with eight cases going through the conduct process.
3. LAPD Report
 - a. The LAPD were not in attendance and did not send a report.
4. Department of Public Safety Report
 - a. NAC Member McAlister Terry said Public Safety would start taking sound measurement readings from the location as close as possible to where the complaint originated from.
5. Master Plan Compliance Report
 - a. No new updates since the last NAC meeting.
6. Community Incidents Report
 - a. NAC Member Kokelaar said the announcer's speaker is too loud. There were two complaints about sound but they were unverified because the complaint was reported after the game was over.
 - b. NAC Member Mannix inquired about the direction that the speakers face in the athletic fields.
 - c. NAC Member Kane asked if LMU can include a copy of the ambient noise level chart in the Community Incident Report to better understand the sound measurement readings.
 - d. NAC Chair Puza said he would investigate the sound levels of the announcer's microphone and the direction of the speaker. Also, he will



include a copy of the ambient noise level chart in the Community Incident Reports.

7. Community Relations Report

a. Children's Center

- i. NAC Chair Puza reported that this is not the decision-making body for the the Children's Center and that there is no new information to share. The process is still in progress.

b. Construction updates

- i. Gersten Pavilion is still tracking completion in July. Subject to change. Site work and the new ramp are ongoing along with interior finishes.
- ii. Engineering Innovation Center - The complex is still in the design phase. Start date is contingent on funding.
- iii. Schedule for the summer – The person who manages these projects has been out of the office. NAC Chair Puza will send a list of projects to NAC members if there are any that are applicable to the community.
- iv. No updates on the Sports Arena.

c. Housing/property update

- i. NAC Chair Puza shared a list of all the properties that LMU owns.
- ii. 7135 W. Manchester Blvd. has been demolished. The university is bidding out pricing for permanent fencing.
- iii. The university is waiting for the new president to be installed and to hear his vision about what to do with Manchester properties.
- iv. NAC Member Kokelaar shared that some LMU-owned homes need some upkeep and maintenance.
- v. A discussion occurred about concerns related to the vacancy of some of the LMU-owned properties and the strategy for purchasing property.

d. The Loyola Marymount University Board of Trustees unanimously elected Thomas Poon, Ph.D., as the university's 17th president, effective June 1, 2025. [Read more.](#)

e. NAC Chair Puza shared that he will look into exploring an alternative time and finding a space on campus depending on availability and other factors. NAC requested that meetings only be held during the spring and fall semesters, so the next meeting won't be until after the fall semester begins.

8. Public comment

- a. Community member said that the notes needed to be more precise. It was recorded that she had complained about the construction, when it was really about the baseball announcer. The baseball announcer can be heard clearly from her house which is far from the baseball field.
- b. Community member suggested that public comment happen at the start of the meeting and to allow public comment on agenda items. They also requested hybrid meetings and reasonable start times.



- c. Community member shared concern over the long-term outlook on the Children's Center. They mentioned that moving it would be devastating.
- d. Community member said that some people have stopped coming to meetings because it feels ineffective and that no one listens when public comment is at the end of the meeting. They said they have documents to prove their complaints and the lack of a response. Said they will call the police next time.
- e. Community said they were speaking on behalf of a caretaker at the Children's Center and how meaningful that work is to them. The Children's Center has shaped their path as an educator and it's more than a place, but a place that supports future educators and the wider community.
- f. Community member requested meetings to be in-person/hybrid, on campus, and to be free to the public.
- g. Community member works at the Children's Center. The teachers really care about the children and families. It has been helpful to their education to have hands-on experience working with children. Strongly supports keeping it open.
- h. Community member highlighted the importance of community feedback. The goal of the meetings is to help the community. Urged NAC to give more attention to community voices.
- i. Community member said they hope we can continue to hold meetings in-person or hybrid. Mentioned that the union is still looking into the FTE reporting. They requested that public comment be moved to the front of the meeting, and to adjust the start time of the meeting.
- j. Community member urged LMU to support the Children's Center and provide the resources it needs to succeed.
- k. Community member has spent the last 45 days touring other daycares to see if they could find other options. Strongly supports keeping the center open and expanding it.
- l. Community member said the Children's Center is something special and the university should not consider closing it. They are willing to pay \$30,000 to secure their child's place in the center.
- m. Community member said the parents and the community understand how vital the Children's Center is. They said closing the center and forcing families to search for another option is against LMU's values. Preserve this essential resource.
- n. Community was discouraged because there have been no updates since last NAC meeting. A lack of notice is disrespectful to faculty/staff and the community. What is the communication plan? The lack of one means that there is already a current impact that will only get worse.
- o. Community member expressed concern over the communication channels about what's happening. They said that the university says it needs funding for the Children's Center, but LMU is also purchasing property at the same



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time. They suggested the university use that money on the center instead. They also mentioned that meetings should be hybrid.

- p. Community member highlighted that they are here because of the LMU's values and they support the Children's Center.
 - q. NAC Member Kokelaar thanked everyone for showing up. Mentioned LMU values, and that she believes we used to be a Jesuit institution. She asked that the university stay authentically committed to the neighbors.
 - r. Community member spoke stressed the importance of in person meetings. These are key components to truly engaging with the public. Public input is discouraged by asking people to pay for parking, and they said that since this is meeting is only 4 times a year that the university should be waiving the parking fee.
9. Meeting concluded at 9:20 p.m.