Loyola Marymount University

Notes for the LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 09.30.26

NAC Members: Linda Kokelaar, Chip Mallek, Dave Mannix, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Liz Kane, Trey Grogan, Chris Wilson, Anthony Rivero

LAPD: Officer Pinell, Officer Villery

LMU Representatives: Tobias Egold, Joe Divinity

Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Student Affairs report
    a. NAC Member Rivero announced that Terri Mangione has retired from her position and that Csilla Samay will fill the role until the nationwide search for a replacement concludes.
    b. NAC Member Mallek shared that the Neighborhood Council is preparing a letter to be presented to the city attorney, Traci Park, the LAPD, LMU, and other neighborhood stakeholders at large, to discuss neighborhood disturbances.
3. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Report
    a. Residents were encouraged to use LAPD's 877 non-emergency line for noise complaints.
    b. Non-emergency response times vary, and local officers do not control the off-site dispatch process.
    c. Residents were encouraged to provide specific information, including addresses, dates, descriptions, and supporting evidence.
    d. Officers emphasized the importance of maintaining records.
    e. NAC Member Mannix proposed creating a consolidated guide explaining complaint procedures and the responsibilities of LAPD, LMU, and the City Attorney.
4. Department of Public Safety Report
    a. DPS Officer Divinity acknowledged residents' concerns regarding student conduct and neighborhood disturbances.
    b. DPS Officer Divinity emphasized its responsibility to document incidents and respond within its authority.
    c. NAC Chair Puza clarified that DPS personnel are not sworn police officers and do not have police enforcement authority off campus.
5. Master Plan Compliance Officer Report
    a. Third-party usage of a lift
        i. NAC Member Wilson reported that a third-party vendor improperly operated a lift during a summer event despite being informed of university policy.
        ii. NAC Member Wilson stated that the vendor would no longer work with LMU.
    b. Additional Master Plan compliance concerns

        i. Residents raised concerns about contractor safety, permitted work hours, and university oversight.
        ii. NAC Member Mannix questioned whether university personnel receive sufficient training on Master Plan requirements. NAC Chair Puza explained that Facilities Management personnel are briefed on applicable requirements and that equipment is labeled.
        iii. Mannix requested broader staff training to improve compliance across university departments.
6. Community Incidents Report
    a. Alarm and light at an on-campus building
        i. NAC Chair Puza reported that Facilities Management and a contractor were addressing recurring lighting and alarm issues at the Children's Center. He agreed to follow up on the status of the security system repairs.
    b. Power-washing of pavement in Lot A
        i. NAC Chair Puza acknowledged that power-washing occurred before the permitted Sunday start time of 8 a.m. The service provider was notified, and corrective action was taken.
7. Community Relations Report
    a. Bluff Restoration Project Update
        i. NAC Chair Puza reported that the Lower Cabora Road stabilization project was on schedule. Irrigation was installed, landscaping was forthcoming, and letter designs and remaining bluff areas were under review. Ice plants will be removed. The multiyear project remains weather-dependent.
    b. Construction Update
        i. Hannon Field: New fencing and landscaping installed. No new projects planned; the field continues to serve as a construction staging area.
        ii. Daum Annex: Construction scheduled for October through January.
        iii. Children's Center: Renovations completed; students have returned.
        iv. LMU Pool: Construction completed; remaining landscaping expected in October.
        v. Gersten: Roof completed; solar installation planned by January, weather permitting.
        vi. The Lair: Opening anticipated in October, pending inspections.
    c. Off-Campus Housing/Property Update
        i. NAC Chair Puza reported no new residential property acquisitions. Four homes were reported vacant, with renovations and faculty or administrative uses discussed.
    d. Community Relations Staffing Update
        i. NAC Chair Puza announced his transition to Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives effective October 19. A search for his successor was underway, with interim coverage planned.
8. Public Comments
    a. Neighbor raised concerns about contractor oversight after observing a cherry picker operating without adequate safety cones or warning signs.
    b. Neighbor expressed concerns about pedestrian and cyclist visibility at night and suggested reflective vests for students. Requested clarification on parking permit

reimbursements, encouraged more proactive collaboration between LMU and neighbors.
    i. NAC Chair Puza clarified that residents may submit one parking permit reimbursement request at the end of the fiscal year.
c. Neighbor raised concerns about a suspected fraternity house, public urination, overflowing trash, and speeding on Loyola Boulevard.
d. Neighbor expressed frustration with increasing student parties, noise, and trash.
e. Neighbor raised concerns about an unofficial fraternity house, occupancy limits, disruptive behavior, frequent tenant turnover, and a late-night street fight.
    i. NAC Member Kane asked about additional trash bins. NAC Member Grogan offered to coordinate with LA Sanitation and encouraged residents to report overflowing trash through 311.
f. Neighbors expressed concerns about escalating fraternity-related disturbances and requested Greek life representation at a future NAC meeting. Emphasized that some properties function as fraternity houses despite lacking official university recognition.
    i. NAC Chair Puza clarified that LMU does not sanction off-campus fraternity houses and encouraged residents to report incidents to Community Relations or DPS.

9. The meetings concluded at 8:23 p.m.