

# Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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*Westchester Senior Center*

*May 8, 2013, 6:30 – 8 p.m.*

## **Committee members present**

- Clarence Griffin - LMU community liaison, Co-chair
- Erika Anderson-Kemmerer – community representative, Co-chair
- Hampton Cantrell – representative, LMU Department Public Safety
- Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht – representative, LMU Student Affairs Division
- Linda Kokelaar – community representative
- Shirley Sher – community representative
- Ross Williams – community representative
- Cyndi Hench – representative, Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Patricia Lyon - representative, Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Nate Kaplan - representative, Council Office
- Sergeant Jeff Merlo – representative, Los Angeles Police Department

## **General Updates**

1. Nate Kaplan reported the university's compliance report should be released by the end of the week. LMU agreed to post the review on its website <http://community.lmu.edu/masterplan/>
2. Life Sciences building -- LMU provided an update.
  - The building is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2015.
  - The building will include 190 additional subterranean parking spaces in compliance with the Master Plan
  - The trucking haul route will not include any part of Westchester neighborhoods; it will begin and end using the Lincoln Ave entrance to campus.
  - Construction workers will not be allowed to park on neighborhood streets.
  - Dirt hauling is scheduled to be completed before the start of school in August.
3. LMU agreed to put up a Q&A website.

4. Field Lighting – LMU provided an update

- LMU met with neighbors nearest the fields to be lighted near Area A of McConnell property border. Neighbors and LMU have agreed to the vegetation/landscaping plan to shield homes from light spillover.

5. Neighborhood Parking - Nate Kaplan provided an update.

- A survey was done by the Department of Transportation of cars parked in the residential areas surrounding LMU, including a few streets west of Lincoln.
- 86 percent of the cars parked did not belong to local residents.
- This qualifies the area for permit parking.
- Anyone experiencing a problem of people blocking their driveway may call for assistance at 1-800-ABANDON.

6. Preferential Parking District – Nate Kaplan provided an update.

- Typically the formation of a preferential parking district requires a minimum of at least five consecutive blocks where at least 66 percent of the residents are in favor of the permit parking district. Each home gets one vote the current resident/occupant gets to cast the vote. Students will get to vote if they rent a home that falls in the surveyed area.
- Per the master plan, LMU has committed to pay \$24,000 per year for residential parking permits if the community chooses it. LMU will consider an additional amount if necessary.
- Each block may come up with their own terms, such as what times, days of the week, etc. that the parking permit would be needed.
- A temporary preferential parking district could be implemented quickly per City Council measure if the residents agree to it.

## Discussion / Open Forum

The discussion that followed was centered on neighborhood parking.

- Concerns were expressed that a preferential district may push students further out into the neighborhood rather than incenting them to park on campus. Also of concern of the level of enforcement LADOT would be able to provide should a preferential district be implemented.
- It was requested that LMU fund an initiative to find out if residents were interested in a preferential parking district. A specific point was raised that the expense of the research project/survey should be covered by LMU and not by the community.
- Concerns were raised about the safety of LMU employees and students parked in the neighborhood walking to their cars late at night and the danger posed during peak periods by reckless drivers due in part to students attempting to obtain parking spaces.
- The existence of an “express your opinion flyer” was discussed. Contained in the flyer was contact information for the LMU Board of Trustees and President.
- Several shared their frustrations about blocked driveways and trash bins being moved and subsequently not being picked up by sanitation services.

- Several stated their intent to protest LMU's upcoming commencement ceremony.

## **Announcements**

The Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council Government Affairs Committee meeting is May 20.

The next NAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm