



Notes for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting 11.2.2022

Attendees:

NAC Members: Officer Sophia Castaneda, Jennifer Hull, Liz Kane, Linda Kokelaar, Chip Mallek, Dave Mannix, Terri Mangione, Officer Luis Pinell, Fred Puza, Robbie Williams (unable to attend: Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman)

Community Members: Linda Ching-Ikiri, Patricia Downing, Liz Kane, Robert Lyon, Ron Marks, Dan Quarnstrom, Tommy Roys, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives: Gabrielle Poma, Marianna Villa, Julia King, Jeff Zychowski

Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Guest: Jeffrey Zychowski, Director of Real Estate & Property Management
 - a. Jeff Z. gave an overview of his position as responsible for LMU-owned homes. He described the goal to provide workforce housing primarily to faculty and new property purchases: an apartment complex in Playa Del Rey to serve junior faculty and a home in Westchester.
 - i. Linda K. asked why faculty are only allowed to stay in certain homes for 3 years (with the possibility of a 1-year extension) and whether LMU offers assistance after that term.
 1. Jeff Z. said that offering faculty the ability to stay longer is under discussion, but the houses are currently intended to start the faculty off and to accommodate new faculty as they arrive. LMU offers forgivable loans to faculty and there are exceptions to the 3-year term.
 - ii. Dave M. asked how many units are in the apartment building. He also asked for more transparency regarding the purchase of the President's new home and what its function will be.
 1. Jeff Z. responded that there are 16 units in the apartment building. Fred P. reported that the President recently moved into the house and that it is common for universities to have such facilities to host prospective donors and university and community leaders. Fred P. visited neighbors in the immediate area to inform them of the purchase and provided them with his contact information.
 - iii. Linda asked whether faculty members living in LMU-owned homes have a set of rules that they are required to abide by.
 1. Jeff Z. will look into what LMU can legally share. Fred P. advised Linda to call him about any problems as needed.
3. Student Affairs report
 - a. Terri M. shared current metrics on neighborhood disturbances starting from the beginning of the school year through Oct. 25 and compared them with reports from the same time over the last four years. The numbers have relatively stayed the same.



- b. Terri also shared that the vast majority are noise complaints related to student gatherings.
4. L.A.P.D. Senior Lead officer report
 - a. Ofc. Castaneda shared that swing gates have been installed in Westchester park, and only one dweller is left with the parking lot. She has been in contact with CD11 and the last vehicle is being towed on Nov. 3.
 - b. Ofc. Pinell reported an altercation at HHLA with a group of juveniles that threw bottles and rocks at officers and vandalized the area. Dinah's and Islands were also vandalized. Officers responded to the incident and one arrest was made.
 - c. Ofc. Pinell reported grand theft autos occurring in and around LMU, including 3 on campus. He advised neighbors to park Hyundais and Kias inside due to an increase in catalytic converter thefts.
 - i. Chip M. asked about LAPD presence on big holiday weekends and collaboration with Public Safety. Ofc. Castaneda responded that LAPD does not have the extra resources and they must handle calls as they come in. Neighbors can provide LAPD with a date/time for an anticipated holiday and they can be share with their motor officers.
 - ii. Dave M. asked if there can be a more visible presence of police cars driving through Westchester in cooperation with LAXPD. Ofc. Castaneda responded that LAX is federally funded and they do not handle radio calls or offer extra patrol to maintain availability. She advised Dave M. to go directly to LAWA.
5. Department of Public Safety report
 - a. Chief Williams reported an increase in bike thefts on campus and resources for students on how to best lock up property. The Keep the Peace campaign on campus still relies on a high degree of visibility. He noted that he has observed firsthand some of the issues that have been reported while driving around campus at night or on weekends.
6. Community Incidents Report
 - a. No items to discuss.
7. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
 - a. Trevor W. was not in attendance and no report was given.
 - i. Dave M. asked whether the compliance report is based on October statistics and how to view the report. Fred will check in with Trevor W., and also the compliance report cannot be shared until it has approval from the city.
8. Community Relations report
 - a. Upcoming events:
 - i. LMU will be serving as a vote center Nov. 5-8 in the McIntosh Center.
 - ii. LMU's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is on Dec. 2 from 5 – 8 p.m. and it is open to the public. There will be food trucks, activities for kids, Santa, etc. Neighbors are invited to stop by the Community Relations table for a special gift.
 - iii. Construction of the sand volleyball court will last until February due to city delays. Foley Strub Theatre updates are scheduled to begin in December.
 - iv. Fred P. will be sending out a Doodle soon for 2023 meeting dates.
 1. Dave M. asked whether any new construction is starting in the next 60 days. Fred P. said he is not aware of any construction starting in that time frame.



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9. Public comment
 - a. Fred P. reminded attendees that guidelines are available on the Community Relations website.
 - b. Paul W. asked whether compliance reports can be made available to the general community. Fred shared that they are posted on the community relations website.
 - c. Paul W. reported that dwellings on Fordham have been cleared out in collaboration with parking and transportation. Chief Williams thanked him for his helpful emails and Fred shared that Jennifer from Mike Bonin's office assisted as well.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.