



LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes  
*February 24, 2021*

*Attendees:*

NAC Members:

Linda Kokelaar, Ashley Leroi, Dave Mannix, James O'Neill, Amiya Powell-Hodge, Fred Puza, Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman

Community Members:

Ricky Angel, Linda Ching-Ikiri, Alisa Drake, Franci Geller, Katie Lorick, Ron Marks, Tommy Roys, Bernice Sadamune, Garrett Smith, Chen Song, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives:

Roberto Aguirre, Arianna Danova, Mason Stockstill, Marianna Villa

Notes:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Report
  - a. SLO Castaneda was unable to attend but submitted the following report:
    - i. Westchester area has been quiet for the most part with the exception of the incident that occurred with a male on Fordham. Crime has been down as far as the historical home burglaries, however we have seen an increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicle along the Manchester corridor between Pershing to Lincoln. Continuous efforts are being made in regard to outreach from LAHSA and coordinated efforts for solutions to place the unhoused population in the park since Covid. LMU students have been fairly quiet with the exception of an LMU house at 7371 W. 81<sup>st</sup> St. I just received another complaint of large parties at the residence from neighbors
    - ii. Member Puza is following up on the 7371 W. 81<sup>st</sup> St. address.
3. LMU Department of Public Safety (DPS) Report
  - a. Campus is still closed to the public. Campus population is significantly reduced with only those are approved to live and work.
  - b. DPS to follow up on animals on campus with the captain.
4. LMU Student Affairs Report
  - a. Neighbor disturbances this semester: 2
  - b. Neighborhood disturbances in spring 2020: 5
  - c. Member Powell-Hodge explained the Excellent Infection Behavioral Control (EIBC) process to address concerns about COVID-19 disease mitigation. More info can be found at [www.lmu.edu/together](http://www.lmu.edu/together).
  - d. Student representatives reported that students are curious about the reopening of LMU in the fall.
5. LMU Master Plan Compliance Officer Introduction



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- a. Trevor Wiseman, associated vice president of Administration, is responsible for submitting Master Plan compliance with the city of Los Angeles.
- b. Compliance reports can be found at [www.community.lmu.edu/masterplan](http://www.community.lmu.edu/masterplan).
6. LMU Community Relations Report
  - a. Smoke-free campus. Students advocated for the university to become a smoke-free campus a few years ago but it didn't happen. It is still a possibility.
  - b. Commencement will be held virtually again this year.
  - c. Altavan greenbelt
    - i. The space may be used for temporary open-air seating and for informal children's play. Organized activities are not permitted.
    - ii. All persons are subject to their own risk who choose to use the space. It is required that visitors follow proper safety precautions, including wearing a mask and practicing proper social distancing protocols. Signage has been posted.
    - iii. Pursuant to Order of the State Public Health Officer, LMU is adhering to the guidelines listed in this [document](#).
    - iv. The bushes and foliage have been removed.
    - v. Community feedback is encouraged. Send any info to [community@lmu.edu](mailto:community@lmu.edu).
  - d. Update on campus re-opening
    - i. Higher education can now operate under COVID compliant protocols with additional activities as of 2/22/21 (able to start 3/1/21): classes art, design, theatre art studios music practice (4 or fewer people including instructor).
    - ii. Film programs can access film equipment and resources (group of 4 or fewer).
    - iii. Outdoor study sessions in groups of no more than 10 including instructor.
    - iv. Library in person services up to 25% capacity of building for registered students faculty and staff.
  - e. Member Puza to investigate noise complaints in February.
  - f. Construction updates
    - i. The completion date for the residence hall is scheduled for March 2021. The schedule change was due to setbacks related to COVID including material availability and worker availability.
    - ii. The School of Film and Television Pavilion is on track to be completed in the summer of 2021.
  - g. Community Comments and Requests report
    - i. Feedback from NAC members: Very helpful. Requested early distribution of the report and include an AM/PM time stamp, a running tally by category, and positive comments from the community.
  - h. Amendment update
    - i. Mason reported on the amendment process.
7. NAC meeting schedule for 2021
  - a. May 26, August 25, December 1
8. Public comment
  - a. Paul – Neighbor had a question about hours of construction. He was concerned about lawnmower and golf cart usage on city streets and the amount of time it takes LMU to resolve an issue. He also mentioned some of the complaints he made were not listed in the report.



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- b. Tommy – Neighbor is concerned about communication to neighbors, including about construction and TV shows filming. Also, neighbor expressed concern about students not wearing masks.
  - c. Ron – Neighbor wanted more information about the Altavan Green belt. He requested that a vine be put on the fence and that LMU patrol the area more frequently and enforce mask wearing.
  - d. Linda – Neighbor said the Altavan Ave. greenbelt was established when Hughes built what is now University Hall and that an agreement was made for it to remain open as a green zone. She also shared that she read an article in the LA times about the new California variant of COVID. The new strain spreads much faster and she encouraged everyone to wear masks.
  - e. Chen – Neighbor requested details about the complaint process. She expressed concern that she heard some people said their complaints weren't listed in the report.
  - f. Trevor – Neighbor is concerned that LMU is not responding to complaints and that LMU is not a good neighbor.
  - g. Alisa – Neighbor is concerned about the eucalyptus trees behind her house. They create too much shade and she is requesting that they be trimmed.
  - h. Franci – Neighbor said LMU takes too long to respond to requests. She wants trash cans and bags for dog waste to be put in at the Altavan Ave. greenbelt. She also mentioned trees were removed from the landscaping on Fordham about 9 months ago and they haven't been replaced.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.