LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Attendees:
NAC Members: Linda Kokelaar, David Mannix, Fred Smith, Trevor Wiseman

Community Members:
Nanci Beachum, Linda Ching-Ikiri, Franci Geller, Lorianne Harrison-Reyes, Katie Lorick, Tommy Monks, Phyllis Romo, Garret Smith, Chen Song, Paul Workman

LMU Representatives:
Lisha Madox, Fred Puza, Andie Self, 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. No update from L.A.P.D. – not in attendance and did not respond to request for a written update.
3. Department of Public Safety report
   a. In April, L.A.P.D. used the campus for some K-9 training both for narcotics detection and search and rescue training for missing people.
   b. The Loyola Blvd. gate is open as of June 1, 2021, for students, faculty, and other LMU employees who have access to the university, but is not yet open to the public.
   c. The university must continue to limit visitors on campus, and it still needs to follow L.A. County requirements.
4. Student Affairs report
   a. Lisha Maddox introduced herself as the new representative from Student Affairs.
5. Master Plan Compliance Officer report
   a. LMU has submitted a quarterly report as of March 1, 2021, and the next quarterly alcohol report will be sent to the city of Los Angeles by July 1. In the fall, LMU will submit its annual FTE parking count to the city.
6. Community Relations report
   a. LMU’s Athletic clubs are slowly coming back. It is limited, but it's open for now. (Soccer and Spirit squad).
   b. Fred P. gave a presentation on the reporting process Community Relations.
      i. Neighbors can submit any requests by email, phone, or there is a tab to submit a request on the Community Relations website (https://community.lmu.edu).
Contact info: Fred Puza  
Associate Director of Community Relations  
Email: community@lmu.edu  
Phone: 310.338.2759

The office also uses the LMU Facebook page for LMU Community Relations [https://www.facebook.com/lmucommunityrelations] and Nextdoor to communicate to the neighbors.

Types of requests received:
1. Neighborhood disturbances
2. Landscape for tree trimming
3. Campus noise
4. Parking
5. Construction information or complaints
6. Master Plan compliance violations

Campus reopening updates
i. The Loyola Boulevard gate has been open since June 1, 2021.
ii. We are anticipating a return in the fall for our students and abide by the County’s safety protocols.
iii. Commencement will be held on July 31 at the SoFi Stadium. The celebration will honor the classes of 2020 and 2021.
iv. As of right now, the campus remains closed to the general public until further notice.

Construction updates
i. Palm South and North residence halls have been completed. Palm South anticipates occupying this summer with a limited number of students. Palm North will not open until fall.
ii. The School of Film and Television Pavilion is on track to be completed this summer.
iii. Construction on the Drollinger Family stage has begun. Construction dates are scheduled from May – October 2021.

Amendment update
i. No current updates following the Neighborhood Council vote early this year.
ii. No future dates with the City Planning Department have been set as of yet. LMU will communicate once the dates have been confirmed.

Update on Fourth of July parade
i. Community Relations will be marching in the parade this year with the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams, reps from KXLU and staff. Reps will be passing out LMU swag at the parade.

LMU Sports Arena Working Group update
i. The group met with Streets L.A./Bureau of Public Works last last week. They reviewed when it’s appropriate to connect with their agency and how to deal with large events.
ii. The group will not meet again until after the LMU Commencement event on July 31.

Community Survey update
i. As LMU prepares to re-open our campus, a survey was sent to our neighbors to get their input about the re-opening and our operations.
ii. The survey was mailed to neighbors and posted on Facebook.
i. Community Incidents Report
   i. Fred P. reviewed the Community Incidents report
   ii. Dave M. said it was helpful to see these reports. He asked how to handle requests/complaints that are over 30-60 days old and wants to get a secondary source to resolve more problematic issues that take longer.
   iii. Linda K. appreciates getting the report ahead of time and agreed with Dave M.’s comments.

j. Proposed bylaws
   i. Fred P. presented the proposed bylaws to the community.
   ii. Linda K. said the beginning of the bylaws is simply restating the master plan. Regarding Article V, #1, she requests rewording it to say if a majority of the neighborhood seats rather than just a majority of the NAC members.
   iii. Dave M. said the purpose of NAC is for the neighbors to work with LMU. Most of the issues are maintenance issues. There has to be a voice between neighbors and LMU instead of the neighbors going directly to the city.
   iv. Fred S. questioned how many neighborhood seats are open. He said he’d reach out to Bonin’s office and ask them to fill the open seats.

7. Public comments
   a. Tommy M. said that NAC is only short one neighborhood seat. She thanked Fred P. for working out the issue with her missing cement pieces. She’s happy that LMU was willing to work with the neighbors. The new residential halls have approved certification of occupancies. Regarding if students are required to be vaccinated, Trevor W. said it is still in flux until LMU gets guidance from the city on communal living/residential. Students have to submit the proof of their vaccination information.
   b. Nancy Beachum is concerned about LMU students who live in Playa Vista. She said the police don’t show up when she calls them about parties.
   d. Franci G. said she is concerned that her requests are not being addressed. For example, she listed unregistered golf carts, the overgrowth of bushes on the sidewalks, and landscaping and construction noises.
   e. Chen S. S wants to ask Dave M. to stay involved somehow because he’s a great asset and does so much service for the community.

8. Next meeting: September 1 at 6:30 p.m.
9. Meeting closed at 8:09 p.m.