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CITY OF CULVER CITY/ WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE LIAISON COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CULVER CITY/
WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
LIAISON COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 29, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the City of Culver City/West Los Angeles College Liaison Committee was called to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Room and via WebEx.

Present: James Limbaugh, Ph.D., President, WLAC
Michelle Long-Coffee, Public Relations Director WLAC
Dan O'Brien, Council Member, Culver City
Freddy Puza, Council Member, Culver City

Staff: Jesse Mayes, Assistant City Manager, Culver City
Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, Culver City
Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director,
Culver City

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Puza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

No requests to speak were received for Items NOT on the Agenda.

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Receipt of Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of the April 4, 2023 CC-WLAC Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY MEMBER LIMBAUGH, SECONDED BY MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY OF CULVER CITY/WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE LIAISON COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2023.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Update and Discussion of Affordable Student Housing on Campus, Development at 10100 Jefferson, and Hudson Pacific's Community Engagement Plan

James Limbaugh, Ph.D., President, WLAC, provided an update on the development at 10100 Jefferson for affordable student housing on campus; discussed Measure LA; type of housing provided; rental pricing; timing; requirements; other potential locations for the affordable housing project in the county; the annual fireworks display; the community newsletter; impacts to the neighbors; the significant period of demolition and construction over the next five years; changing the culture of the campus with a residence hall; and the feeling that the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding percentage of students that come from families that exist below the poverty line; the selection process; those who are housing and/or food insecure; students who are parents; transportation; connectivity; research indicating that students that live on campus are more engaged and more likely to stay in school; a letter of support from the City Council; future communication

with the Transportation Department if WLAC is selected; and agreement that WLAC will make a report on the project at a City Council meeting.

James Limbaugh, Ph.D., President, WLAC, read a statement regarding the development at 10100 Jefferson and noted that everything was moving forward despite delays due to the pandemic.

Michelle Long-Coffee, Public Relations Director WLAC, discussed the community engagement plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding issues encountered with active oil wells and clarification that 10100 Jefferson is both in the City of Los Angeles and in Culver City.

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Item A-2

Discussion Regarding the 2028 Olympics and Collaborative Partnership with West Los Angeles College Associated with the Utilization of Facilities

Jesse Mayes, Assistant City Manager for Culver City, introduced the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding money for upgrading athletic facilities and fields included in Measure LA; collaboration between the City and WLAC to upgrade existing facilities; use of WLAC in 1984; utilization of sports facilities for training; ensuring that students are able to maintain their regular schedule; utilization of performance venues; indoor and outdoor capacity; use of soundstages when complete; use of media facilities; unused facilities; ensuring that the theater is state of the art; creating an events center; the new library; meeting the various needs for different sized venues; adaptive reuse; serving the community; remodeling the buildings within a particular set of guidelines; community rentals; studio rentals; parking rentals; the inventory of available spaces in the City; research into determining whether fields are used to the fullest capacity; potential Olympic usage; lack of lighting for the fields; neighbor concerns; the conference center; views from WLAC; a suggestion for a café or commercial food venue; public use of the campus on Saturdays; library access; making WLAC a community destination; and

changes over the next five years.

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Item A-3

Discussion of Workforce Development Opportunities

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director for Culver City, discussed collaboration between the City and WLAC; dedicated programs; internships; shadowing; speaker series; and developing existing talent and integration into the community.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding apprenticeships; climate change-based apprentices; the majority of green jobs in California as located in Los Angeles county; workforce money from the state to WLAC; making workforce opportunities part of a credit bearing class; on-the-job training; work opportunities through the City; development of a partnership so that both parties benefit; structuring a pilot program; community outreach; creation of a Mobile Climate Change Education Center; and prioritizing to keep the message going.

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Item A-4

Discussion of a Climate Change Initiative

James Limbaugh, Ph.D., President, WLAC, discussed the California Center for Climate Change Education; support from a three-year appropriation; and recognition of efforts by the State Chancellor.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding allowing for participation other than by students; special interest non-credit classes; interest in the issue; development of other modules with other departments; the Climate Change degree vs. the California Climate Change Center; outreach beyond Culver City; the Climate Action Palooza event; partnerships; engaging and educating through gaming; recognition of the Center; accomplishing something of significance; and pursuit of additional grants.

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Item A-5

Discussion of Next Steps, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date/Time

James Limbaugh, Ph.D., President, WLAC, proposed holding the next meeting on campus.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding potential meeting dates; agreement to agendaize a facilities update for the next meeting, an update on workforce development opportunities, and an update on the Olympics; demolition; sustainable modular buildings; field lighting; community engagement; holding an informal campus tour; and meeting location.

MOVED BY MEMBER PUZA, SECONDED BY MEMBER O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULVER CITY CITY COUNCIL/WEST LA COLLEGE LIAISON COMMITTEE BRING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSING ON WEST LA COLLEGE CAMPUS TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Member Puza invited public comment.

No requests to were received.

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Items from Members/Staff

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:06 p.m., the City of Culver City/West Los Angeles College Liaison Committee adjourned to February 28, 2024.

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JEREMY BOCCHINO
SECRETARY of the CITY OF CULVER CITY/WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
LIAISON COMMITTEE

APPROVED _____

FREDDY PUZA
COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date