

**LAX Area Advisory Committee Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

Submitted by Jamie Gutierrez

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Samuel Greenberg Board Room
Clifton A. Moore Administration Building LAX
One World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

Present: Jim Withrow, Dick Croxall, Danna Cope, Sergio Paz, Luciano Nocera, Maria Verduzco-Smith, Scot Nicol, Carl Jacobson, William Cumming

Absent: Mario Chiappe

Resigned: Linda Peterson on 5/26/19 via email

Excused: Olivia Valentine, John Wahlert

Guests:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Guest Speakers

Michelle Schwartz, Deputy Executive Director, Chief of External Affairs

- Michelle responds to questions about the effectiveness and value of the LAXACC posed by the members of the committee.
- Michelle first states that LAWA values the LAXACC and all of the feedback they bring. The LAXACC has requested many different speakers from and outside of LAWA to speak to the committee on a way range of subjects. These subjects include noise, the Land Access Modernization Project, homelessness, and new additions to the LAWA staff. All of these guest speakers are a testament to the value that LAWA places on the LAXACC and a measure of how much LAWA values their opinion.
- In terms of the effectiveness of the committee, Michelle uses the example of how the LAXACC has written letters and talked about the concern about traffic in the Central Terminal Area and that traffic spilling over into the neighboring communities. Particularity the impact that Uber and Lyft has on the traffic. The LAXACC's input on these issues is very valuable to LAWA because of the seriousness of the issue, especially with heavy construction. Now, we know that there are concerns about the airfield and terminal modernization project. Dick pointed out that the LAXAAC did not receive responses from several letters to the extensive distribution list
- LAXACC was on the shortlist of organizations that LAWA needed to give briefings to. They were given that advanced briefing, which is a testament to the value of the committee and the value that their opinions have. LAWA took notes on all of LAXACC comments and they are being considered as the project is being developed. Looking at the past 5 years, about a third (1/3) of those meetings were cancelled for various reasons and there is very little attendance from the public. LAWA is trying to be responsive to the demand that is coming in the most responsible, safest, and most efficient way that has the least impact on the community.
- Michelle then asks for any questions from the audience. Dick commented that the issue was feelings of a lack of influence and lack of ability to get people to listen to us. Dick commented further that the core issue is a lack of

response, influence, and ability to get governing bodies to listen to us. The communities around here are getting extremely congested, even though we have written several letters and attended BOAC meetings to no avail. The LAXAAC simply doesn't have the right connections. As best we can tell no one is listening to us and that is why we think we're not getting the necessary support from LAWA. Dick also asked Ms. Schwartz directly what LAWA proposes to help the communities get proper voice. Ms. Schwartz did not answer directly but stated she would be back to the committee. Because we don't have any connections, no one is listening to us and that is why we think we're not getting any help from LAWA.

- Maria commented on the thing that the airport did right was the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). They have got the emissions way down and have done a lot of good. The airport has tried to be a good neighbor and I am happy with it, but what the other committee members are talking about is a problem because traffic is terrible.
- Jamie commented that he was hired under the CBA so one of the things they did was bring in more jobs and programs.
- Michelle recommended to bring in information regarding the new sustainability plan
- Danna commented on issues of low frequency noise and what airports can do about it. Also mentioned that this may be a future issue that will increase for LAX. Perhaps a future conversation for LAXAAC. It was also commented that this may need to be brought up with the engines and manufacturers
- There was additional conversation on if the issue can be addressed by the airplane manufacturers or if the airport or government can bring awareness to the issue.
- Michelle commented on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) study that is currently being done on 'noise annoyance' and other studies are still in the works and she does not foresee it being released any time soon. At this time, getting a study done regarding the issues mentioned may be difficult and do not appear to be a priority
- Dick requested that more influential speakers come to the LAXAAC meeting to provide up to date information.
- Kevin recommended that we invite Maria from the Chamber to discuss traffic at an upcoming LAXAAC meeting. The committee agreed.
- Michelle indicated the ongoing traffic issue surrounding LAX, therefore considering a traffic management organization system. She also acknowledged that there was no 'silver bullet' that will resolve all the traffic issues, but LAX is aware of the traffic concerns and are thinking of different ways to address them.
- Michelle also mentioned a new twitter account called @flylaxstats that automatically provides every half hour traffic updates in and around the Central Terminal Area (CTA), Transportation Security Administration (TSA) waiting times, and parking availability
- Committee thanked Michelle for being present and available to answer questions.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

- The minutes of March 14, 2019 and April 11, 2019 (no quorum) were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Dick, Kevin seconded.
 - Jamie recommended and Committee agreed that minutes will be electronically provided a week prior and provided on a computer screen at LAXAAC meetings

4. Guest Speakers

Chamberlain Duru, Business, Jobs, and Social Responsibility (BJSR) Division

- Chamberlain is a stakeholder in this community who lives, owns property and works at LAWA
- Business, Jobs, Social Responsibility Division
 - Goals: maximize job opportunities and set the standard globally for social and corporate standards
 - With the increase in capital improvement projects, more opportunities for construction work will be in demand. LAWA is engaging and reaching out

to the local community to inform people of this opportune timing of jobs and resources.

- Each LAMP project has an inclusivity requirement and goals.
- Trying to create a pipeline for companies for those who want to do business at LAX. Many of the businesses are not prepared to work at LAX. In order to help navigate it, a program called BuildLAX.
- BJSR provides direct contact and support to individuals seeking opportunities at LAX
- Shared the Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN): a portal where all businesses that have a contract with the city are on this website
- Educates and informs individuals where to find resources for LAWA opportunities by creating pathways.
- Commented how much information is out in the public. Chamberlain said the information is not out there enough. He indicated that the approach is a balance between the concerns and issues of traffic and noise, but be brought with jobs and resources for the local community and beyond.
- Also mentioned that LAWA employees are also in the nearby neighborhoods of LAX and are also impacted by the construction, noise, and traffic.

5. Officer's Report

- Linda Peterson has resigned from her position as Board Member and Vice Chair. Committee members have commented that she was a real asset.
 - Based on the bylaws, the filling of Linda's position will be agendized for the next meeting
 - The position will be until November's meeting and the position will be re-elected
- Next meeting: Dr. Rima Habre suggested by Luciano
 - Topic: Health issues for community surrounding LAX
- The Board asked where the agendas/meetings are publicized. The Board is aware that it is up to the members to publicize the meetings as they are open to the public.

6. Management Report – Jamie Gutierrez – LAWA Community Relations Division

- Future speakers: LAMP, Lisa Trifiletti regarding Sustainability Plan
- Introduction of Mary Kim, new Community Relations Division staff

7. Unfinished/Old Business

None.

8. New Business/Action Items

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

9. Comments from Guests and Public

10. Discussions

None.

12. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Maria made the motion and Dick seconded.