# LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)

### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm. A quorum was established.

IN ATTENDANCE: Luciano Nocera, Chair (Culver City); John Wahlert, Vice Chair (Culver City); Sergio Paz (Lennox); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); William Cumming (Marina del Rey); Danna Cope (Westchester)

LAWA STAFF: Amy Imamura, Clarence Espinosa, Sarah Cash, Harold Johnson, Chief Cecil Rhambo (Guest Speaker)

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Body introduced themselves to the guest speaker

#### COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PUBLIC

No comments

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Correction to the spelling of Danna Cope's name. Motioned moved by Sergio Paz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Cumming. Minutes approved by the body.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Cecil Rhambo Jr., Chief of Airport Police Dept (APD) provided a quick background on himself. In addition, an overview of the progress with homelessness. He has created a crisis intervention team partnered with the Department of Mental Health in efforts to increase the number of officers to deal with this important task. Two years ago, there was over 200+ unhoused living in the airport, today that number has drastically decreased to roughly 11. Chief Rhambo Jr. also shared details on the construction of the new Airport Police facility which will consolidate eight different units including sworn, security and swat into one central location. This new state of the art facility is located on 98<sup>th</sup> and Loyola Blvd. The building is slated to open to public later this year. You can find the EIR, gallery, fact sheet and more <u>here</u>.

APD is working together with Metro and in addition has created a transit team to support the security of the Automated People Mover (APM), the Intermodal Transit Facility-West (ITF-West) and the Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility (ConRAC).

#### **OFFICER'S REPORT**

None

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

Clarence Espinosa provided construction updates – Terminal 2 and Terminal 3 pedestrian walkway for the APM located on the upper level departure area near completion; APD facility near completion; Terminal 4 and Terminal 5 baggage carousels are being remodeled.

COVID-19 testing in Terminal 2 and Terminal 3 and Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Will hold board elections during November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please submit nominations to <u>Cespinosa@lawa.org</u> or <u>Scash@lawa.org</u> by October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Next month's speaker will be Stephanie Sampson, LAWA Director of LAMP Communications

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sarah J. Cash

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.