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Adam Tootla - Homeowner Representative
Leslie Graham - Youth Representative
Leon Burdeos - Community Interest Stakeholder
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West Adams Neighborhood Council

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016
Monday, July 15, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Meeks	Present	Adam Tootla	Present
Leslie Graham	Present	Connye Thomas	Present
Richard Williams	Present	Sean Curley	Present
Leon Burdeos	Present	Jace Dawson	Present
Eva Aubry	Present	Kristyn Yancy	Present
Clint Simmons	Present	Kenneth Layton	Excused
Yolanda Overstreet	Present		
Josef Siroky	Present		

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: two minutes per person (until 7 PM)

- Mika Matsui: Stakeholder updated information on; SLO Mejia is on vacation through July and will attend meeting on August 14-6:00PM at Baldwin Hills Library. Changes were made to the Crenshaw Crossing project- 48k sqft have been lowered to 40k sqft on both sides, the two floors of retail space are now one floor of retail, approximately 240 parking spaces
- Stephen Joyce: Director of Vineyard Recreation Center is happy for receiving NPG grant funding from the NC
- Julie Cain: Stakeholder mentioned the abatement case on Holiday liquor owned by Abdul Sharif, and the hearing in July
- Tracy Weissert: Stakeholder had two points to make; 1) the four way stop sign at 28th/Hilcrest has seen multiple instances of speeding, hit and runs, and pedestrian issues, 2) Someone walked onto their property and stole something from their backyard
- Ande Richards: Stakeholder/Employee from William Grant Still Arts Center spoke about the Black Doll Exhibition along with the other programs offered at WGSAC, mentioned the value in funding their NPG request

- KJ Clark: Stakeholder who is a NC budget advocate, and suggested NCs should nominate budget advocates who are not treasurers or chairs, additionally mentioned their CD10 council race for 2020
- Dallas Fowler: Stakeholder who is running for CD10 seat and was a former commissioner appointed by the mayor, looking for support for 2020 elections
- Abdul Sharif: Stakeholder spoke about his business, Holiday Liquor and the abatement case on the property
- Sara Lopez: Stakeholder seeking support from NC for LADWP letter of support for Good Earth Community Garden

3. Administrative Items

- A. Installation of board members from June 15, 2019 elections
 - New board took oath of responsibilities for 4 year term
- B. Discussion and possible action on selection of Executive Officers
 - President: Leslie Graham (6) - Steven Meeks (7)
 - VP: Yolanda Overstreet (8) - Clint Simmons (5)
 - Treasurer: Josef Siroky (8) - Richard Williams (5)
 - Secretary: Kristyn Yancy (13) - (1) No
 - Parliamentarian: Jace (5) - Sean (8)
- C. Discussion and possible action on FY 2019-2020 Administrative Summary Packet/
WANC FY 2019-2020 Budget
 - Stakeholders had concerns about how much money was allocated to specific categories
 - Board members did not receive the copies of the budget in a timely matter
 - Vote: 13 yes / 1 absent
- D. Discussion and possible action on selection of second card holder, second signer, and alternate signer
 - 2nd holder: Leslie Graham / 2nd signer: Steven Meeks, Alternate Signer: Connye Thomas
 - Vote: 13 yes / 1 absent
- E. Selection of Standing Committee Members
 - Tabled
- F. Discussion and possible action on selection of Community Impact Statement Filers
 - Tabled
- G. Discussion and possible action on NC alliance members (SLAANC, LAANC, NCSA)
 - Tabled
- H. Discussion and possible action on appointing Community Liaisons
 - Tabled
- I. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of June 17 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Vote: 8 yes / 6 absent
- J. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of June MER
 - Vote: 8 yes / 6 absent

4. Senior Lead Officer-Basic Car 3A31: Officer Mejia / Officer Sanchez

- Not present

5. **Council-Member Wesson's CD10 Update:** Kimani Black
 - Not Present

6. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Brett Shears
 - Cleared up Bylaws issues
 - Helped the new board take the oath for the NC

7. **Old Business**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on Letter/Resolution to LADWP to expedite their request for bids and letter of compliance for Good Earth Community Garden
 - Vote: 8 yes - 6 absent
 - B. Discussion and possible action WANC parking pass holder
 - Tabled
 - C. Discussion on vacant at-large position
 - Tabled

8. **New Business**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on approval of food expenses for WANC regular/specials meetings, storage unit, and board member business cards/badges, not to exceed \$5000
 - Board/Stakeholders commented where the expenditures would go
 - Board members commented how this amount may require more funding in the future
 - Vote 12 yes / 2 absent
 - B. Discussion and possible action on increasing tenants rights workshop budget for translation services not to exceed \$400
 - Board members and stakeholders wanted translation to be part of the event
 - some board members took issue with the lack of foresight in requesting the services
 - Vote: 10 yes / 2 no / 1 absent
 - C. Discussion and possible action on approving translation services for meetings and events not to exceed \$1000
 - board member had question about why only spanish was required and not slavic languages
 - Vote: 10 yes / 4 absent
 - D. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement for Steven Meeks not to exceed \$343
 - Item was approved in previous fiscal year and was not submitted properly
 - Vote: 9 yes / 4 absent
 - E. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement for Richard Williams not to exceed \$704
 - Tabled
 - F. Discussion and possible action on approving a ADU informational event not to exceed \$500
 - board member had issues with the idea of ADUs
 - 8 yes / 1 no / 5 absent
 - G. Discussion and possible action on approving an emergency preparedness event not to exceed \$500
 - Stakeholders had concerns the budget may not be sufficient to organize event
 - Vote: 9 yes / 6 absent
 - H. Discussion on possible action on approving WANC annual retreat not to exceed \$500

- Board member/stakeholders had questions about who can participate and the duration of the meeting
 - Vote: 9 yes / 5 no
- I. Discussion and possible action on NPG request from WGSAC not to exceed \$5,000
- Board had concerns about previous funding requests from the center, and how much money they were requesting
 - Stakeholders approved of the requested amount
 - Vote: 10 yes / 3 no / 1 absent
- J. Discussion and possible action on laptop/tablet purchase not to exceed \$1000
- tabled
- K. Discussion and possible action on video projector purchase not to exceed \$500
- Board has a projector in storage unit but it is not capable of consistent use
 - Vote: 8 yes / 6 absent

9. Agenda Setting for Future Monthly Meeting(s) / Town Hall

10. Adjourn

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