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West Adams Neighborhood Council

Draft Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016
Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: GM Raquel Beltran

- GM of DONE, introduced Thomas Soong the Director of NC Outreach and Brett Shears the NEA for WEST Adams NC, and BONC president Eli Lipmen. Currently is on listening tour, visiting all NCs, 23% of all so far
- Sixth week as GM. by February hopes to meet all NCs. Hoping to meet all parts of the city
- Stated mission, make government more responsive to needs of community through a structured system. Worked for 3 CD officials, grounded in community work, not a political base, a volunteer base. Worked with United Domestic Workers, hired by American Red Cross. Developed Civic U, many people asking about how to get involved
- 4 goals: 1. Strengthen DONE to work for NCs, 2. Strengthen relationships with DONE/ NCs, need healthy relationships, Improve NC advocacy and outreach, 3. City Halls relationship with City Hall. Survey for NC boards.
- Census 2020, Soong leading the project, reach out to Brett, or Council Office

3. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** two minutes per person (until 7 PM)
 - Stakeholder Glen Curado, founder and CEO of the food bank at Arlington /Venice, spoke on funding request for new truck which needs to meet CA emissions
 - Stakeholder Jace Dawson, candidate for CD10, spoke on new leadership, education system reform, affordable housing/senior housing, life skill courses for school and children, would get rid of fracking, and would establish an ongoing weekly meet and greet
 - Stakeholder Cheryl Francis gave an update on the recent construction and gas leak on her street, said alley was cleaned up after there was overgrown vegetation
 - Ms. Holden requested feedback about WANC meeting comments; Mr. Meeks referred to the www.WestAdamsNC.org website
 - Stakeholder Lynette Flowers announced a home-buying seminar which would occur at the FAME Renaissance Center, Nov 2, 1:30PM-2:00PM
 - Stakeholder Brian Piatek reported that he met with the SLO about recent issues; also, he was concerned about students graduation rates in relation to the proposed event on the agenda
 - Stakeholder David London, from Allied Health IPA, said there is a health fair in collaboration with the West Angeles CDC at the parking lot on 30th street/Crenshaw
 - Stakeholder Lucille Thomas asked is someone from the land use committee would attend the presentation at Virginia Road Elementary regarding the METRO train line expansion
 - Stakeholder Robert Walton spoke about the displacement of seniors in the community economically, and asks to advocate at City Hall. Said Wesson is ignoring the community, advice to look into Wesson, and sad the City Controller announced there were funds to build more housing
 - Holiday Liquor Owner Abdul Sharif requested help regarding his business and community issues. Said its easy for lies to be believed, and there are stakeholder writing false statements to the city
 - Rev. Vanessa MacKensie wanted more support from the city about issues, said voices are not represented, and the people who are supposed to be present don't listen. Spoke in support of Holiday Liquor
4. **Senior Lead Officer-Basic Car 3A31:** Officer Mejia
 - Not Present
5. **Council-Member Wesson's CD10 Update:** Kimani Black
 - Not Present
6. **Administrative Items:**
 - A. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of September 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Mr. Piatek said he wanted scheduling for committee meetings that reflected a schedule and time which would work with the schedules of different stakeholders, and he wanted to see minutes from different meetings that were not on the westadamsnc.org site" should be "Mr. Piatek wanted to see Minutes from Special Board Meetings at the next Regular Board Meeting
 - 11 Yes / 0 No
 - B. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of September 2019 MER
 - 11 Yes / 0 No
 - C. Discussion and possible action on approval of WANC inventory
 - 11 Yes / 0 No

- D. Discussion and possible action on selection of two (2) liasons/goodwill ambassadors for 2020 Census

- Brian Piatek / Lucille Thomas volunteered

7. Presentations:

- A. LA County Registrars Office/Recorder/County Clerk; Laura M. Herrera, Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Introduction - Educate and Empower the Community of West Adams

- Ms. Herrera [562-462-2835; LHerrera@rrcc.LACounty.gov; vsap.LAVote.net presented slides and a video. She explained the need to spread the word about voting changes. L.A. County, including the City of L.A., is moving from a one-day to an 11-day voting period. There will be less polling places; they will be replaced by “Vote Centers” that “will be open for up to 11 days, which will include two weekends”; voters can vote “at any Vote Center in the County.” At Vote Centers, voters can listen to an audio version of the ballot through headphones. Ballot marking devices “not connected to the Internet” will record votes on a paper ballot. “All voters will still be mailed a paper sample ballot.” More information is at VSAP.LAVote.net and LAVote.net; you also can email VSAP@rrcc.LACounty.gov. There will be a public Hearing on Wednesday, November 13 th , 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the FAME Renaissance Center [1968 W. Adams Blvd.] about voting. The first Vote Centers will open on February 22 nd , 2020 for the Primary Election.

8. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Brett Shears

- Tabled

9. Standing Committee and City Liason Reports

- Tabled

10. Announcements

- Tabled

11. Old Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on amendment to increase Taste Of Spring budget not to exceed \$350

- 11 Yes / 0 No

- B. Discussion and possible action on WANC sponsored local business expo and hiring event not to exceed \$1500

- Tabled

- C. Discussion and possible action on WANC sponsored town hall event on residential development and land use not to exceed \$1500

- Tabled

12. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on authorization for Omaze to design artwork and logos for WANC committees, general board, and outreach materials, and to enter into an assignment of rights agreement with Omaze not to exceed \$1

- Tabled

- B. Discussion and possible action on filing a CIS on District Square development, DIR-2018-3204-SPR-SPP-1A

- Mr. Meeks explained the issue. Ms. Aubry clarified that the development is at Obama Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.

- Stakeholder Damien Goodmon reported that he appealed the project “for a variety of reasons,” noting that the developer defaulted on a \$28million loan but kept property. It was a two-story project; now it is six stories with “577 market-rate units”; he estimated that renters would need a \$120,000 annual salary to afford to rent a unit. City Councilman Wesson opposed the project. Mr. Goodmon is trying to foreclose on the developer who defaulted and have another developer take over. Mr. Meeks noted that the project was advertised as having “luxury” apartments.
 - 11 Yes / 0 No
- C. Discussion and possible action on filing a CIS on Crenshaw Crossing Development, Case Number: VTT-82282
- Tabled
- D. Discussion and possible action on a WANC sponsored street clean up event not to exceed \$600
- Tabled
- E. Discussion on parliamentary procedures
- Tabled

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

14. Adjourn

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