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West Adams Neighborhood Council  
Meets Every Third Monday of the Month @  
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## West Adams Neighborhood Council

### Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting Monday, July 20th, 2020, 6:30 PM

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Meeks	Present	Connye Thomas	Present
		Sean Curley	Present
Richard Williams	Present	Jace Dawson	Present
Leon Burdeos	Absent	Kristyn Yancy	Present
Eva Aubry	Present	Clint Simmons	Present
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	Present		

#### 1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

President Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM: Quorum met.

#### 2. Government Representatives

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

Brian Piatek: He discussed a citation that the Board has received and asked if the LAPD could join meetings.

Ms. Fong: She stated that she was a member of CERT and spoke about a new disaster preparedness training program.

#### 4. Administrative Items:

#### 5. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of May and June Minutes

President Meeks tabled the item.

6. Monthly Expenditure Reports: Discussion and possible action on approval of May and June MER's

7. Presentations: none

8. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Karen Hernandez

9. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action on invoice payments to Lloyd Staffing using encumbrance funds not to exceed \$1200

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. Mr. Williams asked about the payments to the minutes taker. President Meeks addressed those questions, stating that \$25 an hour was the estimated rate for the minutes taker.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Curley seconded. Ms. Thomas voted no. 8/1/0. Passed.**

B. Discussion and possible action on invoice payments to Price Self Storage using encumbrance funds not to exceed \$2927

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. Ms. Thomas asked what the total amount encumbered was.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Mr. Dawson seconded. Ms. Thomas voted no. 8/1/0. Passed.**

C. Discussion and possible action on payment to Holman UMC for custodial services for County Supervisor Candidates Forum in the amount of \$75

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Curley seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

D. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement to Richard Williams for refreshments and office supplies (fiscal year 2018/2019) not to exceed \$704

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

Public Comment: Mr. Piatek suggested that there may be a conflict of interest if a Board member votes on an item pertaining to himself.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Yancy seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

E. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement to Steven Meeks for Staples/ agenda preparation in the amount of \$23.65

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Curley seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

F. Discussion and possible action on invoice payments to Ume Design using encumbrance funds not to exceed \$263

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

**Ms. Overstreet moved to approve the item. Mr. Williams seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

10. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on approving inventory (see attachment)

President Meeks and Mr. Dawson introduced the item.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the inventory. Ms. Curley seconded. Ms. Aubry, Ms. Thomas voted no. 7/0/2. Passed.**

B. Discussion and possible action on approving support of 4901-4917 Adams to Allow property to continue as long term residential use

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

Levin Altman stated that he was the owner and manager of the properties, that they were being used as affordable rate apartments, and that the zoning administrator had granted their approval to use properties as long term residences.

Ms. Curley asked about the tenants. Mr. Altman stated they went through the normal process and described the general profile of the tenants. Ms. Aubry stated her support for the project.

Mr. Simmons asked how many units were involved in the project. Mr. Altman stated that there were 36 units.

Public Comment: Mr. Piatek and Tracy Wiesert spoke in favor of the project.

**Ms. Aubry moved to support the project. Ms. Curley seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

C. Discussion and possible action on assignment of payment card holder

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. Mr. Williams volunteered to take the position. Ms. Overstreet stated she already has been selected. Mr. Dawson self-nominated.

**Mr. Williams moved to self-nominate to be a payment card holder. Ms. Aubry seconded. Mr. Dawson, President Meeks, Ms. Curley, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Overstreet voted no. 4/5/0. Not passed.**

**Mr. Dawson moved to self-nominate to be a payment card holder. Ms. Overstreet seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

D. Discussion and possible action on co-naming Crenshaw Blvd Malcolm X

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

Public Comment: Mr. Piatek asked where the initiative came from.

President Meeks stated that the renaming would only occur for the section of the street in the City of Los Angeles.

**Mr. Dawson moved to not take action on this item. Ms. Overstreet seconded. Mr. Simmons voted no. 7/1/0. Passed.**

E. Discussion and possible action on approving 1% For Art from any and all available funding sources (developers/developments) in the WANC area

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. President Meeks described the program.

Public Comment: Mr. Piatek described the program.

**Ms. Thomas moved to table the item until more information. Mr. Williams seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

F. Discussion and possible action on co-sponsoring/partnering with other NC's CD 10 Run Off Candidates Forum Webinar for PR in the amount of \$200

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. Mr. Dawson spoke in favor of the item. Ms. Overstreet asked for more information about how a Board member could be involved in the forum. President Meeks described the process.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Mr. Dawson seconded. 4/5/0. Not passed.**

G. Discussion and possible action on sponsoring a webinar town hall forum/symposium on the historical relationship of law enforcement and people of African descent not to exceed \$500 for PR and professional speakers

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item. President Meeks, Ms. Thomas, and Ms. Overstreet spoke in favor of the webinar.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Overstreet seconded. 9/0/0. Passed.**

H. Discussion and possible action on sponsoring a webinar on the current health crisis and individual/personal responsibilities for staying healthy mentally and physically not to exceed \$500 for PR and professional speakers

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

**Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Curley seconded. Ms. Aubry voted no. 8/1/0. Passed.**

I. Discussion and possible action on using an intern to help with PR

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item.

**Ms. Curley moved to approve the item. Mr. Williams seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

10. Standing Committee and City Liaison Reports Announcements

11. Discussion and possible action on the selection of Home Owner, Business and At Large Representatives

12. Discussion on agenda setting August and future Monthly and Special Meeting(s)

President Meeks discussed upcoming agenda items.

13. Adjourn - 9:10 PM

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