

Steven Meeks - President  
Yolanda Davis Overstreet - Vice President  
Kristyn Yancy - Secretary  
Sean Curley - Parliamentarian  
Sergeant at Arms – Vacant  
Treasurer- Vacant  
Leslie Graham - Youth Representative  
Richard Williams - Business Representative  
Leon Burdeos - Community Interest Stakeholder  
Eva Aubry - At Large Representative  
Jace Dawson - At Large Representative  
Clint Simmons -Homeowner Representative  
Connye Thomas - At Large Representative  
Vacant - Homeowner Representative  
Vacant - At Large Representative  
Vacant -Homeowner Representative



DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD  
EMPOWERMENT  
City Hall  
200 N. SPRING ST. 20<sup>TH</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012 TELEPHONE: (213) 978-  
1551  
TOLL FREE: 311  
FAX: (213) 978-1751  
E-MAIL: empowerla@lacity.org

## West Adams Neighborhood Council

### **Draft** Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016  
Monday, January 27, 2020

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Meeks	Present	Connye Thomas	Present
Leslie Graham	Excused	Sean Curley	Excused
Richard Williams	Present	Jace Dawson	Present
Leon Burdeos	Excused	Kristyn Yancy	Present
Eva Aubry	Present	Clint Simmons	Present
Yolanda Davis- Overstreet	Present	Josef Sirosky	Excused

Mr. Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM: Quorum met.

2. Government Representatives: None present.

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

A. Aura Vazquez: She introduced herself as a candidate for LA City Council District 10 and stated that as a Councilwoman she would address affordable housing, climate change, and homelessness. She stated that she was a Neighborhood Councilwoman in the Koreatown area.

B. Jace Dawson spoke about the loss of former NBA player Kobe Bryant and asked for a moment of silence.

#### 4. Administrative Items:

A. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of December 2019 Board

Meeting Minutes - **President Meeks tabled the item until next month.**

B. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of December 2019 MER - **President Meeks tabled the item until next month.**

#### 5. Presentations: None given.

#### 6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Brett Shears

A. He introduced himself and spoke about the function of DONE and Neighborhood Councils. He discussed the upcoming homelessness liaison meeting at the Controllers' office and discussed examples of homelessness liaisons having success addressing homelessness in LA. He also spoke about the upcoming Neighborhood Council work group starting this Thursday, which will address election timeline. He stated that the February meeting will cover the challenge process, the next meeting will cover vote-by-mail, the next meeting will cover bylaws, and the next meeting will cover candidate filing. He passed out a document covering bylaws amendments to DONE. He spoke about a February 4th meeting covering the function of neighborhood councils.

President Meeks asked if NC members could work as Census takers. Mr. Shears stated that he did not know and that he would find out.

#### 7. Standing Committee and City Liaison Reports

A. President Meeks asked which Board members were city liaisons and if anyone could attend the upcoming homelessness meeting on Wednesday at City Hall. He also discussed events held by the New Life Church on Adams Blvd.

A stakeholder stated that St. Agatha church gives away food every Saturday.

Another stakeholder stated that Cochran Avenue Baptist Church on 1300 S. Cochran Ave gives away food every day.

Ms. Aubry spoke about how PLUC was working with two County Supervisors to discuss how to get 50% of new developments listed at extremely low-income/senior rates.

## 8. Announcements:

A. President Meeks asked the Rules Committee to hold a meeting to discuss possible changes to the bylaws and discussed the upcoming ADU meeting on Thursday at 6:30 PM. He also discussed the candidates' forum that was held the previous week and the recently approved county supervisor forum that will take place on February 20th at the League of Women Voters. President Meeks asked that the Finance Committee hold a meeting to address pending financial requests and spoke about the outreach opportunity that the March 3rd elections will provide.

President Meeks spoke about an environmental alliance and the LA Alliance of Neighborhood Councils that would be helpful in achieving the Board's goals.

Ms. Davis spoke about informing seniors about the new voting system.

## 9. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible action to authorize letters to be sent on WANC letterhead stationery to CD10 Office and City of Los Angeles departments in reference to lack of city services requesting the removal of illegally placed signs and illegal dumping.

President Meeks introduced the item, stating that he had asked a local non-profit organization if they could remove the signs if they were compensated by the Board. They stated that they could not and WANC needed to contact CD10 to have items removed. Mr. Williams suggested Board members remove illegally placed signs themselves. Ms. Thomas suggested addressing the issue at the upcoming candidates' forum. Ms. Davis suggested using funds from the budget to remove the illegally placed signs. Mr. Dawson suggested to the stakeholders that they do their research on the candidates.

A stakeholder suggested shaming City Councilmembers into cleaning up the signs.

A stakeholder discussed sign removal that had taken place before after it became a safety issue.

Mr. Dawson suggested that the Board define illegal dumping in order to avoid discarding the possessions of the homeless. A stakeholder stated that much of their possessions were unsanitary and discussed an example in the area.

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Thomas seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

B. Discussion and possible action on filing a CIS on Council File # 11-1705 Billboard ordinance.

President Meeks introduced the item, stating that PLUM wanted to allow more billboards but that there was an original motion titled B+ which opposed more billboards. He also stated that digital billboards collected data on passersby.

**MOTION: Ms. Thomas moved that the Board support the 2015 B+ ordinance. Mr. Simmons seconded. 7/1/0. Mr. Williams voted no. Passed.**

C. Discussion on upcoming approved WANC sponsored events.

President Meeks introduced the item. Ms. Thomas stated that volunteers were needed for the upcoming candidates' forum and stated that a flyer would be sent out.

President Meeks discussed a potential small business exposition and suggested finding a template for it. Ms. Thomas stated that she would schedule a meeting to discuss such an exposition.

#### 10. New Business:

A. Discussion and possible action on website training for Board Members not to exceed \$500.

President Meeks introduced the item.

**MOTION: Mr. Simmons moved to approve the training not to exceed \$500. Ms. Aubry seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

B. Discussion and possible action on approval of laundry cleaning services for WANC tablecloths not to exceed \$100.

President Meeks introduced the item.

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve the item. Ms. Yancy seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

C. Discussion and possible action on purchase of monogrammed tablecloths not to exceed \$500.

President Meeks introduced the item, stating that the tablecloth in use was stained.

A stakeholder suggested using banners as a less expensive option than monogrammed tablecloths.

**MOTION: Mr. Dawson moved to approve the item. Mr. Williams seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.**

D. Discussion and possible action on filing a CIS on Council File # 19-1362 - 100% affordable housing on City owned properties designated for residential use.

President Meeks introduced the item.

**MOTION: Mr. Dawson moved to approve the item with the amendment that the designated affordable housing cover low-income affordable housing and include very-low income units. Ms. Davis seconded. 8/0/0. Passed. Stakeholder Marcia Jones, Mr. Dawson and Ms. Aubry volunteered to write the CIS.**

E. Discussion on Homeowner, Business and At Large Representative Vacancies.

President Meeks introduced the item.

**Beatrice Jett nominated herself for the Homeowner seat.**

**Marcia Jones nominated herself for the At-Large Representative seat.**

President Meeks stated that advertising to fill vacant seats would be done through Constant Contact.

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

President Meeks stated that a representative from the California Earthquake Association was seeking to attend a meeting of the Board.

Ms. Aubry stated that there was a potential Whole Foods Market that was seeking to be placed in the area.

12. Adjournment: 8:28 PM.

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting, Josef Siroky, At Large Board Member, at (310) 873- 7372 or email [siroky.wanc@gmail.com](mailto:siroky.wanc@gmail.com).

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Vineyard Recreation Center at our website: [westadamsnc.org](http://westadamsnc.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Josef Siroky, at (310) 873-7372 or email [siroky.wanc@gmail.com](mailto:siroky.wanc@gmail.com).

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS – WANC agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, 90016
- [westadamsnc.org](http://westadamsnc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City’s Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS - For information on the WANCs process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the WANC Bylaws.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Josef Siroky, (310) 873-7372, o por correo electrónico [siroky.wanc@gmail.com](mailto:siroky.wanc@gmail.com) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.