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**West Adams Neighborhood
Council**

West Adams Neighborhood Council
Meets Every Third Monday of the Month @
Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave,
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Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2020 6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

President Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM: Quorum met.

2. Government Representatives

Kimani Black, from CM Wesson's office, spoke about giving out masks, hand sanitizer, and food boxes. He spoke about a BBQ that will take place on Father's Day.

David Price gave an update about the Department of Public Health's guidelines about what can remain open and closed due to COVID-19. He stated that there were a number of free testing sites in the area.

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

Jennifer Goodie spoke about the city services regional town hall and budget advocates election on June 27 at 4 PM with more information on ncvala.com.

Cheryl Francis asked Ms. Goodie to repeat the information.

Brian Piatek reminded those in attendance to register for the Census by October 15th in order to

appropriate federal government funds for the district. He stated that the information would be kept private under penalty of law.

Andre Parvenu stated he was a California state commissioner and represented a group advocating the co-naming of Crenshaw Blvd. as Crenshaw/Malcolm X Blvd.

4. Administrative Items:

5. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval and or correction of past Board Meeting Minutes

President Meeks stated he had a correction and addition for the February 10 meeting.

Ms. Graham asked if there was a professional minutes taker at the meeting. Ms. Yancy stated there was not.

Kristyn Yancy moved to add the correction and addition. Ms. Overstreet seconded. Ms. Graham voted no. 5/1/0. Passed.

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

7. Presentation: none

8. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Karen Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez thanked the Board for its service, stated she would send out the DONE newsletter, that the George Floyd protests had been declared an emergency, that there was guidance available for the CIS process, that there were new alliances, that there was new information on parliamentary procedure on empowerla.org.

Mr. Piatek asked if a gallery view could be used for meetings to increase transparency. Ms. Hernandez stated that the virtual meetings guidance was posted on empowerla.org and that the recommended settings were to not have chat on and have video off for panelists.

Ms. Overstreet asked what DONE was recommending to inform the community about policing. Ms. Hernandez stated that there is some information from the NC advice division and that NC's could hold town halls.

Ms. Graham asked where the Zoom recordings were going. Ms. Hernandez stated that the Board member with the assigned license would have access to the recordings.

Ms. Thomas asked how the Board could be more of a forum for the community about the current unrest and how the minutes could be accessed. Ms. Hernandez stated that she would send the guidance on minutes to her and that it stated minutes should be posted within 30 days. She stated would send out information about holding town halls shortly.

Jace Dawson asked how important minutes were compared to transcripts and what should happen when there are discrepancies. Ms. Hernandez stated the minutes had to be written and that more information could be found at empowerla.org.

9. Old and New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on approval of 2020/2021 Administrative Budget Package

President Meeks introduced the item with a slideshow covering the budget package. Ms. Thomas asked if it was put together with the Finance Committee. President Meeks stated it was not. Ms. Thomas stated that \$10,000 was taken out of the budget and asked if it was reflected in the package. She asked about additional Outreach spending. President Meeks stated it was reflected and that funds could be allocated for specific items. Mr. Simmons asked if the banners were factored in. President Meeks stated they were. Ms. Graham stated there would probably be \$20,000 carried over into next year. Ms. Overstreet asked how additional funding could be allocated. President Meeks explained the process.

Ms. Overstreet moved to approve the package. Mr. Simmons seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.

B. Discussion and possible action on approval of current fiscal years encumbrance of funds for; storage and PO Box rental, website maintenance, note taker not to exceed \$4,500

President Meeks introduced the item, stating he suggested allocating \$4,200. Ms. Thomas asked if the Finance Committee could get involved. President Meeks stated that they could. Ms. Graham stated that storage costed \$235 a month and that the mailbox costed \$3,000 so enough was allocated for those. Mr. Simmons stated his concern that it was not enough funding. President Meeks stated it could be adjusted.

Mr. Williams moved to approve \$4,250 for the items. Ms. Graham seconded. 6/0/0. Passed.

C. Discussion and possible action on filing a CIS relative to Council File #20-0730/ LAPD Use of Force and or Council File #18-0127/Use of Force/Community Policing

President Meeks introduced the item, stating a CIS could agree or disagree with the file.

Channing Martinez stated he was an organizer with the Strategy Center Bus Riders' Union and that the group supported the defunding and abolition of the LAPD.

A stakeholder stated her support for an ad hoc youth committee.

Beatrice Jett stated she would like to serve on such a committee.

Ms. Overstreet stated her support for the Eight Can't Wait CIS.

Ms. Thomas stated her support for a CIS on each of the Council files.

Ms. Graham read some of the Council file.

Mr. Simmons stated that the LAPD had already implemented many of the proposed reforms and his opposition to defunding or abolishing the police.

John Ma stated he was working with Black Lives Matter LA and read a statement from the group opposing Eight Can't Wait.

Mr. Piatek stated his support for the Council file but that it was not quite strong enough.

Mr. Simmons asked which CIS' were being voted on and what would be written. President Meeks stated that both were being voted on and that Board members had been assigned to write CIS'.

Ms. Overstreet moved to approve writing a CIS relative to the file. Mr. Dawson seconded. Mr. Simmons voted no. 7/1/0. Passed.

D. Discussion and possible action on support and filing a CIS relative to Council File # 20-0478/Project Roomkey

Ms. Overstreet introduced the item, reading a letter about it.

Ms. Overstreet moved to approve filing a CIS relative to the file. Mr. Dawson seconded. Ms. Thomas voted no. 7/1/0. Passed.

E. Discussion and possible action on filing CIS relative to Council File #20-0692 on increase of NC budgets to \$100,000

Jessica de Luna, President of CANC, introduced the item, stating her support for allocating more funds for NCs.

Ms. Overstreet moved to approve filing a CIS relative to the file. Not seconded.

F. Discussion and possible action on formation of Ad Hoc Youth Committee

President Meeks introduced the item, stating his support for forming the committee. Mr. Simmons stated his concern with setting up meetings for the committee. Ms. Thomas stated that a Youth Committee already existed.

Mr. Piatek stated his support for the existing committee working on the issues discussed.

Ms. Overstreet stated her support for an ad hoc committee to address youth issues.

Mr. Dawson stated his support for the existing committee working on the issues discussed.

Ms. Overstreet moved to form the committee. Ms. Yancy seconded. Ms. Curley, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Simmons voted no. 3/4/0. Not passed.

G. Discussion and possible action on purchase of school supplies not to exceed \$3000

Ms. Yancy introduced the item. Ms. Thomas suggested contacting the schools to see what sort of supplies they need.

Tracy Weisert stated her support for the item.

Ms. Jett suggested contacting the schools to see what sort of supplies they need.

Mr. Simmons moved to approve the item. Ms. Yancy seconded. Mr. Simmons

withdrew the motion.

H. Discussion and possible action on supporting ADAPT/Slow Streets Program

Michael Schneider, founder of Streets for All and MCWCC member, gave the presentation with a slideshow. He stated that LADOT was moving slowly due to outreach difficulties and his support for more public transport and cycling options.

Ms. Overstreet asked what Mr. Schneider was asking the Board to do and stated she did not believe Mr. Schneider had enough time to make his presentation. Mr. Schneider presented a template supporting the program that 12 NCs had signed on to.

10. Standing Committee and City Liaison Reports Announcements

President Meeks asked committee chairs to schedule meetings and asked Mr. Dawson to return a budget document to him.

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

None were made.

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

None was made.

13. Adjourned - 9:00 PM

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