



**WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WANC)**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm

at Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90016

(Subject to approval at the next scheduled WANC Brown Act compliant meeting)

Welcome and Roll call:

Prior to the roll call and waiting for a quorum, President Steven Meeks allowed public comment from the stakeholders and the public.

Stakeholder discussion:

Centered on the Adams Motel, the proposed housing project for seniors located on Jefferson Boulevard and Westview which will house seniors and vets; Stakeholders discussed the Los Angeles Community Garden-some discussed the area-improvements-with a monthly clean-up and new plant life. A budget advocate discussed meeting with Mayor Eric Garcetti to establish budget priorities. Another stakeholder discussed the closure of the EDD office in Los Angeles and that State Senator Holly Mitchell was going to speak on the closure at the Los Angeles African-American History Museum on September 27, 2018 at 5:00pm and parking will be free. Subsequent to that: a quorum developed.

Roll Call and WANC Meeting:

When the WANC quorum manifested itself, President Steven Meeks requested the roll call vote at approximately 6:40 pm-these WANC Board members were present:

Leslie Graham

Eva Aubry

Elbert Preston

Steven Meeks

Adam Tootla

Beatrice Wallace

Clint Simmons



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WANC Board Member

Leon Van Toyan Burdeos, Junior

8 were present-a quorum is evident. Afterward, Coach Williams and Ms. Jett arrived with refreshments and food-so 10 WANC Board members were present.

Mr. Preston raised the concern of the change in his or all WANC Board members' titles-that will be easily resolved.

### Agenda Items:

#4. Secretary's Report: Review and Approval of the August Monthly Meetings Minutes-  
WANC Board member Adam moved to approve the August Monthly Meetings Minutes with  
WANC Board member Leon seconding-motion passed All WANC Board members present voted  
to approve.

#4b. Secretary's Report: Review and Approval of the August Monthly Expenditure Report  
(MER)

WANC Board member Leon moved to approve the August Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)  
with WANC Board member Adam seconding-Motion passed. All WANC Board members  
present voted to approve.

#5. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Officer Mejia was not available; however, Leslie Graham who  
attended the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) provided the following:

- a. Robberies were down;
- b. Watch for incidents on the train platforms, buses from the rear-
- c. The message: Be Vigilant and engage in Vigilance and be cognizant of your  
surroundings; LAPD is a presence now on the trains and MTA buses

#6. Councilmember Herb Wesson's CD 10 Update: Mr. Kimani Black-Mr. Black discussed

- a. Rodeo Road will be renamed "Obama Road."



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- b. Rancho-Cienega Park will be demolished and a new gym will be built within a projected timeframe of 24 months
- c. Regarding the “dockless” scooters-no city ordinance yet
  - d. Homeless shelters are being considered for development near the Councilman Wesson’s District office near Wilshire and Hoover
    - e. A “Hope Team” comprised of LAPD, sanitation and other agencies will be deployed to and for clean-up at homeless shelters
    - f. Mr. Black opened the floor for interaction and discussion with WANC stakeholders:
      - i. Stakeholders discussed traffic issues
      - ii. Stakeholders had concerns over a parked motor home in the West-Adams neighborhood-Mr. Black stated that the parked motor home if parked in a “green zone” was legal; however, Mr. Black indicated that if stakeholders had further concerns to contact him directly
    - g. Finally, Mr. Black advised the WANC Board and the stakeholders that CD 10 has opposed the real estate development located at 4011 Exposition Boulevard.
- #7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Mr. Brett Shears-emphasized
  - a. On-line voting for WANC elections June 2019
  - b. WANC is one of other neighborhood councils for on-line voting
  - c. Voting is scheduled for Thursday/Saturday
  - d. Bridge housing-could have approximately 222 beds along with multiple sites
  - e. Neighborhood councils Bylaws changes are posted on the website
  - f. Mr. Shears emphasized the September 22, 2018 Neighborhood Councils Congress (NCC) slated for bustling and informative activities at City Hall starting at 7:30 am



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Quick Discussion: WANC Board member Coach Williams inquired of Brett regarding having “Joint-Board” Meetings to allow all WANC and non-WANC members to speak-  
Brett’s reply-that would be appropriate

#8. Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove District 54 Update-absent; thus, no report

#9. Standing Committee and City Liaison Reports:

There was no City Liaison Report, but Mr. Meeks provided this information on standing committees:

1. Land Use-no report

2. Outreach: there is a scheduled workshop on the new law-the City of Los Angeles enacted and signed ordinance permitting accessory dwelling units (ADU’s) in the ambit of the City of Los Angeles; said workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2018

a. Another planned outreach workshop on “Tenants Rights” is scheduled after the November election-around late November or early December 2018

b. Outreach and the general elections is moreover being addressed

c. The WANC Resiliency Workshop as well

3. Safety: WANC Board member Elbert Preston advised that if anybody, a stakeholder, a WANC Board member were to put in there zip code into the LAPD website for crime statistics and crime locations, you can locate those stats and crimes

Again, vigilance, communicate with and know your neighbors-your neighborhood, be cognizant of your surroundings.



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#10: Presentation by 7-Eleven Proposed Development at 3407 Crenshaw Boulevard-this location is within the ambit of the WANC coverage; however, WANC Board member Leon raised a multitude of concerns regarding the need for or of having another 7-Eleven; one, concerns over hiring/employment practices, two, increase in traffic/vehicular and pedestrian flows in an already heavily trafficked area, three, cost of franchises-is ginormous; thus the cost to our stakeholders to purchase 7-Eleven items/products will be nigh-unaffordable , four, 7-Eleven is not convenient, five, the benefit is non-existent, six, safety is a huge factor; seven, there are other near-by 7-Elevens within a proximate area of one to two miles; WANC Board member Clint raised safety concerns as well; WANC Board member Adam also had concerns over 7-Eleven; WANC Board member Coach raised problems with 7-Eleven; A stakeholder had issues with 7-Eleven as well; however, per Eva Aubrey, the Land Use Committee approved the project.

### New Business:

#11a. This item contained statements made by stakeholder Connie relative to the Baldwin Hills Homeowners Association (BHHOA) not receiving the \$1500.00 that they- BHHOA-felt they- BHHOA should have received. WANC Board member Coach offered the fact that the funding office had rejected the payment request-the Board Action Certificate (BAC) Steven Meeks interjected that perhaps the WANC documentation submitted to DONE was untimely. BHHOA-Connie was concerned regarding the \$1500.00 payment; perhaps DONE or funding could respond.



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#11b. No action-see below-under adjournment

#11c. No action-see below-under adjournment

#11d. Steven Meeks addressed the fact that he believed this item was settled last month; WANC Board member Coach stated that it was; nonetheless, WANC Board still needs to authorize the funds to Steven Meeks: so on that note, a motion was made by WANC Board Coach Williams seconding by WANC Board member Leon to authorize/reimbursement payment to Steven Meeks-said motion passed-All WANC Board members present voted. 11-0

#11e. This item involved reimbursement to WANC Board member Leslie Graham for reimbursement; WANC Board member Leon moved to authorize/reimbursement to WANC Board member Leslie Graham; seconding by WANC Board member Clint; said motion passed. All WANC Board members present voted. 10-0

#11f. No action-see below-under adjournment

#11g. neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) Presentation by Holly Fuller of the Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles also known as “Welcome to Womanhood” program that will improve a girl’s self-esteem, financial literacy, college prep, personal hygiene, etc.; however, this program is outside of WANC’s coverage. Subsequent to that opening, WANC Board member Leon voiced concerns over the need for “Welcome to Womanhood” program. Other WANC Board members, Clint, also voiced concerns. Steven Meeks stated that because “Welcome to Womanhood” program is beyond the boundaries of WANC so “Welcome to Womanhood” program should seek a NPG application in a more suitable neighborhood council boundary. So, discussion was closed.



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Adjournment:

WANC Board member Adam Tootla left early; WANC Board member Leslie Graham departed early as well and finally, WANC Board member, Eva Aubry departed at 8:54 pm-it follows that, no quorum existed to transact WANC business. Indeed, and as a result, these agenda items were not addressed or discussed: #11b, #11 c, #11f, #11g,#12a, #12b, #13.

Thus, because a WANC Board meeting lacked a quorum, Steven Meeks adjourned the WANC meeting at 8:59 pm.

WANC Minutes were composed by Leon Van Toyon Burdeos, Junior