



WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WANC)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm
at Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90016

(At the November 19, 2018, WANC Brown Act compliant meeting, these October 15, 2018
minutes were approved)

Roll Call and WANC Meeting:

Prior to Roll Call and a quorum, public comment was permitted:

Stakeholder Discussion:

Stakeholder, Mika Matsui, communicated to the WANC Board and to the other stakeholders a survey, entitled “Community Survey on The Crenshaw/Expo Development” requesting input from the other stakeholders; This survey is from “ECCRE.” During this time, too, WANC Board member, Coach Williams commented on a) he has posted the agenda in five places, b) please no WANC Board member to contact Coach to pay, c) and he needs the signed BACS; Holden another stakeholder also communicated to the WANC Board and to the other stakeholders a survey on “Survey of West Adams District Property Owners Pursuant to the Investigation and Formation of a West Adams District Community Benefit District” requesting input from the other stakeholders; Said survey is from “New City America.”

Quorum:

When the WANC Board Meeting quorum manifested itself, WANC Board President Steven Meeks requested the roll call vote at approximately 6:38 pm-these WANC Board members were present:

Leslie Graham

Coach Williams

Miss Jett

Eva Aubry

Elbert Preston

Steven Meeks



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Beatrice Wallace

Leon Van Toyan Burdeos, Junior

8 WANC Board members were present-a quorum is evident

Unfortunately, these WANC Board members were absent; Darryl Garris, Dianne Hackett, John Sims, Citlalli Chavez Nava, Clint Simmons, Adam Tootla; however, it was later ascertained that WANC Board members Darryl Garris and Dianne Hackett had submitted their resignations pursuant to *WANC Bylaws Section 10: "Resignation All resignation shall be made in writing ..."*

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Administrative Items:

a. Secretary's report-Review and approval of the September Monthly minutes: WANC Board member Coach Williams moved to approve the September Monthly minutes; seconding was by WANC Board member, Leon. After brief discussion-the vote was taken and said motion was passed 8-0.

b. Secretary's report-Review and approval of the September Monthly Expenditure Report (MER): WANC Board member, Leslie Graham moved to approve; WANC Board member, Leon and WANC Board member Coach Williams both seconded the motion.

Discussion: WANC Board member, Elbert Preston commented on food; while WANC Board President, Steven Meeks indicated that "the receipt from score is gone." Subsequent to that discussion, the vote was taken and said motion passed 8-0.

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Los Angeles Police Department (L.A.P.D.) Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Mejia was present and



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provided the following report by Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer Mejia:

1) Per, Officer Mejia, the West Adams Neighborhood was quiet; nonetheless, there were these crimes a) burglary, b) forced entry, c) smashed window/vandalism, d) grand theft auto. Her advice to the WANC stakeholders and the community-make that call to 911-you can remain anonymous –if you see strangers or suspicious activity.

Discussion: Regarding the “Taste of Soul” event on Saturday, October 20, 2018 on Crenshaw Boulevard-whereby L.A.P.D. will be there patrolling.

Further stakeholder discussion centered on what numbers to use to contact L.A.P.D. or the City of Los Angeles or the County of Los Angeles; Officer Mejia emphasized that *211* is for contacting the County of Los Angeles and *311* is for contacting the City of Los Angeles.

WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks raised two concerns:

1) no parking areas on Exposition and 2) the orange cones on Jefferson Boulevard

Broadly, too, stakeholders were issuing concerns over person(s) living in their vehicles, sleeping on streets; whereby Officer Mejia stressed that it is not a crime to be homeless; indeed in particular she mentioned in passing *California Proposition 47*-an initiative statute passed in 1974 by the electorate that effectively reduced some felonies to misdemeanors that has had an effect on L.A.P.D. ; however, relevant to person(s) living in their vehicles-Officer Mejia stressed the City of Los Angeles has “red” or “green” zones. A “red zone” is a no parking area; while a “green zone” allows for parking only for 72 hours-subsequent to that timeframe-said vehicle must be moved.



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Contacting Council District #10-Herb Wesson's Office was the recommended course of action to request removals of vehicles being parked over 72 hours. Specifically, Officer Mejia indicated that LAPD supports the 7-11 project.

Another stakeholder voiced concerns over inhaling vapors from smoke and another voiced problems with homeless on La Brea. Officer Mejia directed such problems to the SLO is named Roybal.

WANC Board member Elbert Preston raised a concern regarding the "Auto Collision Center" located on Adams and Vineyard that has been cited.

Subsequently, Officer Mejia had to leave.

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Council Member Herb Wesson's CD10 update: Mr. Kimani Black; unfortunately Mr. Black was absent; accordingly no report

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) was presented by Mr. Brett Shears who mentioned the election outreach for the WANC elections. He, mentioned that WANC is in Region 13; but he later corrected that WANC is actually Region 10.

Mr. Shears then yielded his time to the Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk, Election Division's Election Administrator, Mr. Robertino Salgado who indicated that WANC was going to have online voting on June 20, 2019 and that the Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk,



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Election Division would handle all aspects of the neighborhood council voting.

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Discussion:

Mr. Salgado highlighted the following:

- 1) Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk will staff and recruit for the polling places
- 2) Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk will distribute an election manual
- 3) Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk will address any complaints/challenges
- 4) There will be an at-poll location- a walk-in at Vineyard Recreation Center (VRC)

WANC Board member Elbert Preston voiced a concern over the logistics of having the Vineyard Recreation Center (VRC) as a poll location because of any or potential conflict-VRC could be closed, other events, etc could impact physical voting.

In contrast, Mr. Salgado stated that an alternate polling location is the Baldwin Hills Public Library.

More discussion amongst even WANC Board members and stakeholders was focused on voter turnout-how many was at the previous year's vote-a small amount-only 162-and whether online voting could generate an amount of voter activity. WANC Board member, Coach stated that WANC will contribute no money to the online voting.

For more discussion and action on this topic see *Agenda item # 12 d.*



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Assemblymember Sidney Kamlager-Dove District 54 update, unfortunately the office's representative was absent; accordingly no report.

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Initially, WANC Board member, Leslie Graham described her community's attention to and effectuating drills for an emergency. Her neighborhood decided to plan for and act proactively in the event of an emergency. Everyone-her neighbors participated in this exercise.

a. Land Use Committee: WANC Board member Eva Aubrey, head of the Land Use Committee reports that Carmel Partners is developing a senior housing project located at 2800 Crenshaw Boulevard for low income a date of completion is to be determined.

b. Outreach Committee's report from WANC Board President, Steven Meeks stated that the workshop entitled "Accessory Dwelling Units" on November 13, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 9: 00 pm at Vineyard Recreation Center (VRC).

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Discussion: on the presence of "Dockless scooters:"

Comments were addressed that "Dockless scooters" were "annoying" and WANC Board member Elbert Preston stated this issue needs to be solved.

Additionally, it was mentioned that the City of Los Angeles City Council has a trial (pilot) program for these "Dockless scooters."

WANC Board member Leon inquired from Brett Shears how to file a "Community Impact Statement. (C.I.S.)" Per Brett, a C.I.S. can be filed with photos.



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Continued: WANC Board member, Eva stated the scooters could injure.

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New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the proposal to build and operate a 7-11 at 3401

Crenshaw Boulevard

7-11 representatives touted the benefits of a 7-11 the area will be renovated and 7-11 will not sell liquor but will be open 24 hours. The WANC Land Use Committee supports the project; as stated, the L.A.P.D. supports it, CD 10 supports it, WANC Board member Coach supports it.

Yet, WANC Board member, Leslie Graham inquired about entrances at or and near the proposed 7-11 project. The response was entrances would be available.

Nonetheless, WANC Board member, Leon questioned the need for another 7-11 store, whether this is a “public benefit” and the veracity of the label that 7-11 is a convenience store.

A motion was moved and seconding by WANC Board member , Leslie Graham to support the 7-11 with only WANC Board member, Leon voting no against the project. The vote was 7-1.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) by “Pretty 2Me” in conjunction with “Engineering for Kids/Los Angeles.” Keyonna Moore the representative for “Pretty 2Me” spoke and with her was Socooro Sperati, the representative for “Engineering for Kids/Los Angeles.” Ms. Moore praised the virtues of the program-a program for girls, to get girls involved and to open up.

It was noted; however, that there was an actual NPG but changes were warranted-no action.



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b. WANC Board member Ms. Jett would like to visit; WANC Board member Coach Williams inquired about foster kids; a stakeholder inquired about transgender children issues; parenting issues. Stakeholder, Connie inquired about this being a new venture. WANC Board member Leon noted that “Pretty 2Me” may not be a valid California Corporation-no evidence on the California Secretary of States’ website and that there was no attached as required a IRS determination.

Ms. Moore indicated she can provide said documentation. Notwithstanding that, this agenda item was not acted upon because there was no NPG provided at the current WANC Board meeting but a previous NPG must be changed to reflect the current budget.

c. Discussion and possible action on authorizing WANC Board member Coach Williams to pay for WANC’s post office July and August monthly meetings for food and other WANC items

d. and Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement to WANC Board member Coach Williams in an amount not to exceed \$704.00.

Discussion was focused on the receipts and prior approval-there was a BAC and agenda item “d” was to approve the reimbursements to WANC Board member Coach Williams.

Both agenda items “c” and “d” were combined into one motion per Brett when asked by WANC Board member Leon. So, WANC Board member Leon moved to authorize WANC Board member Coach Williams to pay for WANC’s post office July and August monthly meetings for food and other WANC items and to approve reimbursement to WANC Board member Coach Williams in an amount not to exceed \$704.00. Seconding was by WANC Board member Mrs. Jett. Said motion passed 8-0.



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e. Discussion and possible action to allocate \$150.00 for WANC volunteer snacks/meals at Taste of Soul held on October 20, 2018.

Initially, WANC Board President, Steven Meeks stated it was fiscally irresponsible for that amount. However, WANC Board member, Mrs. Jett resented that comment. WANC Board member Leon moved to approve the \$150.00 for WANC volunteer snacks/meals at Taste of Soul held on October 20, 2018 with Eva seconding.

Discussion centered on: amount of volunteers at the event; which WANC Board members would be there.

Connie a stakeholder had a concern over who would be there for shifts because the event- "Taste of Soul" is from 10-7pm. WANC Board member, Elbert Preston inquired of other stakeholders being involved. WANC Board member Coach indicated that there would be volunteers and that these WANC Board members, WANC Board members Coach, WANC Board member, Leslie Graham, WANC Board member, Mrs. Jett would be at "Taste of Soul."

Subsequent to that discussion, the vote was taken. The motion to approve the \$150.00 for WANC volunteer snacks/meals at Taste of Soul held on October 20, 2018 was approved with a 8-0 vote.

f. Discussion and possible action to approve revisions to the FY2019 WANC budget. WANC board member, Coach stated that the storage increase for WANC storage at Public Storage is to be increased to \$214.00 per month. WANC Board member, Elbert Preston stated that at his storage facility Crenshaw Public Storage the price is not that high. Brett stated that a Board Action Certification (BAC) would be for each line item on the FY 2019 budget would be needed.



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f. Now, this item is tabled for next month WANC board meeting.

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Old Business:

a. Discussion and possible action not to exceed \$500.00 to approve NPG funding request for books for Baldwin Hills Elementary School.

WANC Board member, Coach moved with seconding by WANC Board member, Leslie Graham to approve the not to exceed \$500.00 to approve NPG funding request for books for Baldwin Hills Elementary School.

After brief discussion, the vote was taken and said motion passed 8-0.

b. Discussion and possible action on NPG funding request from Baldwin Hills Elementary School not to exceed \$2500.00.

Discussion by WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks stressed that this dollar amount for \$2200.00 was already approved. WANC Board member, Coach moved with seconding by WANC Board member, Leon to approve the \$2200.00.

Connie a stakeholder had a concern over the length and time of the project. WANC Board member, Leon analyzed the “public benefit” aspect versus the larger community interests. WANC Board member, Leslie Graham indicated this had a community interest/benefit. Brett stated that this project is a tangible benefit.

Vote was instituted and the motion passed 8-0.



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c. Discussion and possible action authorizing expenditures not to exceed \$1,750.00 for a facilitator and refreshments for the annual board planning retreat. Discussion by WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks, WANC Board member, Coach stated that the WANC Board members could learn “constant contact” as well as other topics like “community impact statements” future planning. WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks, WANC should not be spending \$1,700.00. WANC Board member, Elbert Preston stated this is not a time for relaxation. WANC Board member, Leslie Graham extolled the benefits of WANC’s goals-for the community-WANC would be the leader. WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks, stated that the agenda for the retreat could be posted within 24 hours.

WANC Board member, Coach with seconding by WANC Board member Leon, moved to approve the not to exceed \$1750.00 for the WANC retreat.

Despite interest, said motion failed 5-3.

d. Discussion and possible action on the City of Los Angeles City Clerk’s decision for WANC NC Elections to be held on a weekday. Specifically, WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks stated that voting on a Thursday is not a good poll location here at VRC. Per Brett, DONE is okay with the action by the City of Los Angeles City Clerk’s decision to have online voting and a poll location here at VRC. Yet, WANC Board member, Leon diplomatically inquired of the seemingly unilateral and potentially arbitrary decision by the City of Los Angeles City Clerk’s decision. WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks asked for clarification as did WANC Board member Mrs. Jett.



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d. WANC Board member, Leon moved to seek clarification from the Office of the Los Angeles City Clerk, Election Division and to change the date. Seconding was by WANC Board member Mrs. Jett. Further discussion again focused on clarification when, where, how long for online voting and physical voting at VRC. Mr. Salgado underlined the fact that his department, City of Los Angeles City Clerk's Election Division will oversee everything.

After debate, a vote on WANC Board member, Leon's motion neither passed nor failed- the final vote was 4-4.

e. Discussion and possible action to select and fill a WANC Business Representative vacancy. A stakeholder by the name of Josef Siroky expressed interest in either a) business representative, or b) an at-large representative position

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Agenda Setting for November Monthly Meeting:

A question occurred regarding: "Joint-Board-Executive meeting" on what constitutes a quorum: per Brett, a quorum is 3.

Discussion centered on next month's agenda to fill these empty WANC Board seats: secretary, and two at-large seats and a business representative



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Adjournment:

Because the WANC Board had completed its business, WANC Board member and President, Steven Meeks adjourned the WANC meeting at 8:58 pm.

WANC Board meeting minutes were composed by Leon Van Toyon Burdeos, Junior