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## West Adams Neighborhood Council

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016  
Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Meeks	Present	Adam Tootla	Present
Leslie Graham	Present	Connye Thomas	Present
Richard Williams	Present	Sean Curley	Present
Leon Burdeos	Present	Jace Dawson	Present
Eva Aubry	Present	Kristyn Yancy	Present
Kenneth Layton	Present	Clint Simmons	Excused
Yolanda Overstreet	Present		
Josef Siroky	Present		

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

- Stakeholder/WANC Board Member; Jace Dawson; Candidate for CD10 spoke on his credentials, and “bridging the gap”. Asked for individuals to join the campaign
- Stakeholder Ruth Bieg; resident of Crenshaw Villas spoke on “4.8-5.8” rate increase in rent at the residence. Said Mark Ridley Thomas/Herb Wesson should be present at meetings and address the issue
- Stakeholder Lucille Thomas (Vineyard Senior Club); Asked about issues with the sidewalk vendors in front of the laundromat at Crenshaw/Adams. Additionally, Hickory/Palm Grove need a four way stop. Asked for WANC to sponsor senior club event.
- Stakeholder Marcia Lewis, spoke in support of Holiday Liquor Market. “Has been going for six years.” There is a coffee club at Holiday Liquor which Lewis’ mother attends. Says the “slander” against Holiday Liquor and the owner are false.
- Stakeholder, Abduls Sheriff, Owner of Holiday Liquor, spoke on \$2.6 million offer from CIM group “Shaul Kuba,” for his properties.
- Stakeholder, Julie Cain, spoke about her experience with Holiday Liquor and her “drive-by shooting,” in which she was involved wheres her vehicle was shot. Provided a listing of the property for “\$4 million...all offers considered.” Also said they have 60+ signatures for the case against the property.

- Stakeholder Alfred Torregamo described the September 1st West Adams Block Party, expected to be attended by more than 5,000 people and said he emailed a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application.
- Stakeholder Darrin Dickerson has a public relations firm that works with the community; he said the Block Party has “economic value.”
- Stakeholder Ruth League was concerned about the rent increase and believed that a crosswalk is needed at 28<sup>th</sup> and Crenshaw; many agreed.
- Stakeholder Lucille Thomas was concerned about food vendors and customers blocking sidewalks; believed that a crosswalk is needed at Hickory and Palm Grove; will ask WANC for \$1,000 seniors birthday party funding; and will ask WANC to sponsor the December 17<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens Club Christmas event.
- Stakeholder Mia Overstreet was concerned about arrogant bus drivers and believed that a crosswalk is needed at Adams and Clyde Ave
- Stakeholder Dynasty Taylor, of Dynasty’s United Youth Association said they “provide free educational, career and mental health services.” She thanked WANC for last year’s support and reported that they helped many students
- Stakeholder Rev. Odessa McKinsey, spoke about the support for the Holiday Liquor business

### 3. Administrative Items:

#### A. Discussion and possible action on 1st card holder/primary card holder

- Motion (by Mr. Siroky, seconded by Ms. Overstreet): The West Adams Neighborhood Council appoints Josef Siroky as the 1st card holder/primary card holder. Mr. Burdeos was concerned about Mr. Siroky having a possible conflict of interest. 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry, Curley, Dawson, Graham, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla, Williams and Yancy); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Burdeos); zero abstained

#### B. Discussion and possible action on updated FY 2019-2020 Administrative Summary Packet/WANC FY 2019-2020 Budget

- Mr. Siroky explained the budget. Almost \$2,000 in rollover funding also was available. The Clean Streets Fund of \$1,200 was separate. Ms. Graham wanted to budget for more Neighborhood Purposes Grants. Mr. Meeks took a straw [unofficial] poll of Board Members regarding Tabling this Item: seven wanted to Table, five were opposed. This Item was TABLED. No Motion was made or vote taken

#### C. Discussion and possible action on selection of Community Impact Statement Filers

- Ms. Graham, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Siroky, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Overstreet volunteered to be Filers. The West Adams Neighborhood Council approves Leslie Graham, Steven Meeks, Josef Siroky, Connye Thomas and Yolanda Davis Overstreet to become the WANC Community Impact Statement Filers. Unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained

#### D. Discussion and possible action on City Liasons NC alliance members (SLAANC, LAANC, NCSA)

- SLAANC: Ms. Aubry/Ms. Overstreet Ms. Graham volunteered. NCSA: Mr. Meeks and Ms. Thomas volunteered. LAANC: Jace Dawson, Animal Services: Mr. Layton volunteered. Budget Representative: Brian Piatek volunteered.

#### E. Secretary’s Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of July 15 Board Meeting Minutes

- The West Adams Neighborhood Council approves the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting

Minutes. 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry, Curley, Dawson, Graham, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla, Williams and Yancy); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Burdeos); zero abstained.

F. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of July 2019 MER

- Funding motion (by Mr. Burdeos, not seconded): The West Adams Neighborhood Council does not approve the July 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report. Funding motion failed for lack of a seconder.
- The West Adams Neighborhood Council approves its July 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report. 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry, Curley, Dawson, Graham, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla, Williams and Yancy); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Burdeos); zero abstained.

**4. Senior Lead Officer-Basic Car 3A31:** Officer Mejia / Officer Sanchez

- Noted recent activity and described two robberies. She reminded not to leave property in vehicles, even for a short time. The monthly safety meeting is second Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Hills Library.

**5. Council-Member Wesson’s CD10 Update:** Kimani Black

- Not Present

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

- Encouraged having Joint Board-Committee meetings to increase Board participation. Positions are available on the Mayor’s Youth Council.

**7. Announcements:**

- West Adams Block Party on Sept 1
- Ms. Thomas thanked those supporting her letter for the EDD Crenshaw location

**8. Liason/Committee Updates:**

- Youth and Education Committee met and sent a survey to stakeholders
- Land Use had a Joint Committee meeting with the Finance Committee
- Public Safety is coordinating possible dates for Vision Zero presentation

**9. Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement for Richard Williams not to exceed \$704

- Tabled

B. Discussion and possible action on expenses for WANC promo items (shopping bags, flyer designs, etc) and office supplies (ink, printing, etc), not to exceed \$7000

- Mr. Layton from Omaze has volunteered as a brand designer. There was discussion of which materials would be best and most cost-efficient for outreach. Ms. Yancy wanted to have an outreach materials budget. 12 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry, Curley, Dawson, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla and Yancy); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Graham and Williams); zero abstained.

C. Discussion and possible action on expenses for minute taking services not to exceed \$2000

- Mr. Meeks explained the need. For several months there were no meeting Minutes; several people promised to but did not write the Minutes. A Stakeholder noted the “need to capture the Minutes.” 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry,

Curley, Dawson, Graham, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla and Yancy); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Williams); zero abstained.

D. Discussion and possible action on selection of WANC parking pass holder

- The West Adams Neighborhood Council selects Josef Siroky as the WANC parking pass holder. Unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Discussion and possible action for development at 2545 S Mansfield Ave: Conditional Use Approval for the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages, 2) Conditional Use Approval for a hotel use within 500 feet of a residential zone; and, 3) Site Plan Review to permit a development resulting in an increase of 50 or more guest rooms

- Item was tabled

F. Discussion and possible action on the development at 5109-5113 W Adams Blvd: 1) TOC base incentives to increase density by 60 percent and FAR by up to 45 percent, as well as increase height by up to 11 feet from the otherwise applicable zoning and, 2) Utilize a five foot rear yard setback (as permitted in the RAS3 zone) in lieu of the 18 foot rear yard otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.14.C

- Item was tabled

G. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of two tablets not to exceed \$1500

- There was discussion about storage and responsibility for the tablets. 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aubry, Curley, Dawson, Graham, Layton, Meeks, Overstreet, Siroky, Thomas, Tootla and Yancy); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Williams); zero abstained.

## **10. New Business:**

A. Discussion and possible action on CUB for on-site consumption and sale of alcoholic beverage at 4651-4653 W Adams Blvd, Taqueria Los Anaya

- Tabled

B. Discussion and possible action on CUB for on on-site consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages at 5359 W Adams Blvd, Adams Coffee Shop

- Tabled

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

## **12. Adjourn**

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