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## West Adams Neighborhood Council

Baldwin Hills Library, 2906 La Brea Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016

### Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August, 15 2019, 6:00PM-7:00PM

### Joint Board-Executive Committee Minutes

Thursday, August, 15 2019, 7:00PM-8:00PM

*Out of an abundance of caution due to the possible attendance and participation of a majority of West Adams Neighborhood Council Board Members at this Special Joint Committee meeting, this meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's Brown Act. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board at this meeting of the Committee. Only Committee Members are allowed to vote.*

### Special Board Meeting (6:00PM-7:00PM)

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Present: Steven Meeks, Yolanda Davis Overstreet, Kristyn Yancy, Jace Dawson, Eva Aubry, Sean Curley, Clint Simmons, Josef Siroky

#### 2. Public Comment (2 minutes per person until 6:10)

- Letiz Wilson, stakeholder from the Crenshaw Manor area emphasized the lack of involvement from the WANC in her area, in addition mentioned the possibly to allow Empower Congress West to take over the area or for WANC to collaborate with the NC to provide more outreach

#### 3. New Business:

A. Discussion and possible action to create and/or clarify committee procedures including, but not limited to, appointing committee members, determining voting rights for committees, and establishing committee alternates.

-Please see WANC Bylaws Article VII "Committees" for current language governing the committees process.

- Board discussed the need to formalize committee membership rules and how members and stakeholders can participate. Board members suggested that committees should have four (4) board members instead of the current limit of three (3) stated in the

bylaws, additionally the board suggested to modify the bylaws to include up to three (3) stakeholders, whereas only board members can vote. The new committee structure would consist of seven (7) individuals, four (4) board members who can vote and three (3) non-voting stakeholders. In addition, committees can have up to three (3) alternate voting board members, such that in the lack of attendance from the primary committee board members, the alternate committee board members can vote in the absence of said primary committee board members. Committee membership is voluntary for all board members, and will be formed at the first meeting following the elections, however chairs, alternates, or vacant committee seats can be voted on during committee meetings as necessary.

- Motioned by Clint Simmons / Seconded by Josef Siroky: Vote 8 Yes / 0 No

- Board Committee Appointments:

- Land Use Committee: Clint Simmons, Eva Aubry, Josef Siroky, Yolanda Davis Overstreet; Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No
- Youth and Education Committee: Josef Siroky, Leslie Graham, Sean Curley; Board Vote: 7 Yes / 1 No
- Public Safety Committee: Clint Simmons, Josef Siroky, Yolanda Davis Overstreet; Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No
- Outreach Committee: Connye Thomas, Jace Dawson, Kristyn Yancy, Steven Meeks; Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No
- Rules Committee: Connye Thomas, Jace Dawson, Sean Curley; Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No
- Finance Committee: Josef Siroky, Yolanda Davis Overstreet; Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No

## B. Discussion and possible action to create new Standing or Ad Hoc Committees

- Please see WANC Bylaws Article VII, "Section 3: Committee Creation and Authorization" for the process governing committee creation and Article VII, "Section 1: Standing Committees" for a list of current Standing Committees.
  - Board members discussed the need to create more committees to address areas where the current committees are currently not identifying or working on.
  - Board members decided to create three ad-hoc committees which could become standing committees if necessary;
    - Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee, will work to promote the creation of Bridge Housing and supportive housing in West Adams, in collaboration with government agencies and organizations
    - Environmental and Beautification Ad Hoc Committee, will work to promote a cleaner, sustainable, and community friendly neighborhood by collaborating with governmental and non governmental organizations to create frameworks for sustainable developments, projects, and develop green areas not limited to tree plantings
    - Business and Community Development Ad Hoc Committee, will work to promote business and community development in West Adams to inform and educate the community on programs available, not limited to collaborating with business entities or governmental agencies to provide job opportunities,

entrepreneurial counseling, and aiding in developing opportunity zones for members of the community

- Board Vote 8 Yes / 0 No

#### C. Discussion and possible action to amend bylaws Article VII “Committees”

- Board members discussed amending bylaws for committees and their chairs;
  - Youth and Education Committee: The Education Representative or Youth Representative will have the option to chair/co-chair the committee
  - Finance Committee: The Treasurer will have the option to chair the committee
  - Rules Committee: The Parliamentarian will have the option to chair the committee
- Board Vote: 8 Yes / 0 No

#### 4. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

### **Joint Board-Executive Committee Meeting (7:00PM-8:00PM)**

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Present: Steven Meeks, Yolanda Davis Overstreet, Kristyn Yancy, Jace Dawson, Eva Aubry, Sean Curley, Clint Simmons, Josef Siroky

#### 2. Public Comment (2 minutes per person until 7:10)

- None

#### 3. Discussion and possible action on setting August 19, 2019 agenda

- Board members discussed pending funding requests, board requested to wait until a finance committee meeting to discuss funding requests
- Board members discussed putting old business on the agenda, including items from May, June, and July, regular and special meeting agendas

#### 4. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

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