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West Adams Neighborhood Council

Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016
Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Meeks	Present	Adam Tootla	Excused
Leslie Graham	Present	Connye Thomas	Excused
Richard Williams	Present	Sean Curley	Present
Leon Burdeos	Excused	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 Britt Blackwell is interested in being appointed to the Board
- Stakeholder Brian Piatek, said he wanted scheduling for committee meetings that reflected a schedule and time which would work with the schedules of different stakeholders, and he wanted to see minutes from different meetings that were not on the **westadamsnc.org** site.
- Stakeholder Cheryl Francis said her street Orange Dr, had recent alley and sidewalk cleaning where debris was left behind and reported these issues to 311. Sees overgrown vegetation which has become a potential fire hazard, which hasn't been addressed either, and there was recent infrastructure repairs which led to a gas leak with forced some residents to leave their properties.
- Stakeholder Alfred Torregano who operates *Elevate Culture* worked to sponsor and organize the West Adams Block Party and supports community events and community involvement and would like to collaborate with the WANC if possible, like through events like the block party where 10K people attended.
- Stakeholder Ginger Coleman who is the current manager of the Crenshaw Villas senior housing apartments spoke on the current rate increases. She said the average income for social security recipients is on average \$600-\$1400, and does not believe area median income

(AMI) should be the measure of fixed incomes, such that senior and those in affordable housing have fixed rates for housing.

- Stakeholder Lucille Thomas said she hopes the WANC can fund her request for an event for seniors, which would provide transportation for members of the local senior clubs in the area.
- Stakeholder Martha Holman asked about the purpose of the WANC and the consequences from its decision making and, its functions. She asked about the Westside Community Garden and issues regarding maintenance and making the community more eligible for plot allotment. Additionally brought up the responsiveness from the city regarding homelessness and shelters; she suggested there is more engagement and care for animal welfare than human welfare, and with the deplorable hygiene conditions the city has been unable to help.
- Stakeholder Grace Yuu, CD10 candidate, spoke on her three platforms for the race; 1. Affordable Housing and Homelessness, 2. Corruption at City Hall, and 3. Infrastructure.
- Stakeholder Ruth Bieg, resident of the Crenshaw Villas spoke about the rent increase at the apartments
- Stakeholder Jenna Rosenberg, Principal of New LA Charter said she wanted to introduce herself to the community and the board, and seeks to continue an ongoing relationship with the community.
- Stakeholder Linda said the City of Santa Monica has currently introduce a maximum cap of 5% while the City of Los Angeles and other areas don't have similar proposals, she mentioned the rent increased of 5.48% at the Crenshaw Villas.

3. Senior Lead Officer-Basic Car 3A31: Officer Mejia

- Not Present

4. Council-Member Wesson's CD10 Update: Kimani Black

- Spoke on the public comment period, in which WANC board members cannot have any discussion when individuals are speaking. He spoke about *Movies in the Park* which was successful and the event at Westside Park collaborated with the West-West Adams Family. HE mentioned infrastructure improvements in the area, including some on Obama Blvd, where volunteer from the *SW Carpenters Unions* which completed sidewalk repairs. Spoke on the former homeless encampment located between the gates of Rancho Cienega/U-Haul where a fence post has been installed and the individuals have been offered service where many have refused to leave or use the services offered. Spoke about homeless individual "Tina" near Adams/La Brea corridor which has refused/accepted services, but continues to be on the streets. Spoke on development/construction of temporary supportive housing at the CD10 district offices for women.
- Took comments: Question on Community Garden, said that theres are conditions since the property is under antennas and many issues are limited to city code, Street maintenance and took stakeholder information to address the issue, Question about H.U.D. and affordable housing and he explained the city along with local agencies determine the affordable rates where the developer can choose a percentage to increase the price on a spectrum of low to maximum, Question about the homeless women "Tina" and a resident has seen her making barbecues where there is debris left behind and she continues to refuse help from the city agencies. His last comment was on by-right developments and how many developments fit within their zoning requirements so they don not need to notify a NC or residents.

5. Administrative Items:

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

- Board members/stakeholders had questions about some expenditures, including a \$1500 clean street fund which the city allocates for infrastructure/beautification projects but is separate from the general budget.
 - Vote 8 Yes / 1 No
- B. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of August 19, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes
- Board Members has questions about the necessity of a minute taker, and whether an individual could take the minutes.
- C. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of August 19, 2019 MER
- There was discussion regarding the Spanish-language interpreter expense.
 - Vote 6 Yes / 2 No

6. Presentations (maximum 10 minutes each):

- A. California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles: 1% Art Fund by DCA for local artists on developments over \$500,000
- Asks for the community to support developments and to collaborate with the WANC to determine specific locations for art projects such that fund will not just sit in a city fund not immediately acceptable to the community by request. Spoke how the DCA (Department of Cultural Affairs) and OCB (Office of Community Beautification) would administer different projects. She spoke on her 20-block long Washington Blvd project, which included utility box art.
- B. Medicare for All/Craig Scott
- Not Present

7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Brett Shears

- Not Present

8. Standing Committee and City Liason Reports

- Land Use: Ms. Aubry indicated that the Committee will be holding developers accountable. She and Mr. Williams were concerned about Committee meetings being held at morning times. Mr. Meeks explained that the City only allows WANC to meet here and at the Baldwin Hills Library; Ms. Aubry, Ms. Graham and Mr. Williams believed that other locations are available.

- Outreach: Mr. Dawson indicated that volunteers are needed.
- Budget: Mr. Siroky said the Committee has been discussing Neighborhood Purposes Grants, which he and Mr. Meeks explained.

9. Announcements

- Ms. Graham announced that the next day would be the Appeal Hearing about the District Square development where the old Ralph's Market was. She said, "it's going to be a massive, massive development."

10. Old Business:

- A. 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
- Tabled
- B. 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.

- Tabled
- C. Discussion and possible action on CUB for on-site consumption and sale of alcoholic beverage at 4651-4653 W Adams Blvd, Taqueria Los Anaya
 - Mr. Williams was concerned that there was no notice regarding people being carded. Ms. Aubry stated that “they have no parking.” Ms. Graham stated that “no one’s had any problem with them.”
 - Tabled
- D. 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
- E. Discussion and possible action on amendment to increase Taste Of Spring budget not to exceed \$350
 - Tabled
- F. Discussion and possible action on funding request from Vineyard Recreation Center/Department of Recreation and Parks not to exceed \$2500
 - Tabled

11. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on WANC town hall event on residential development and land use not to exceed \$1500
 - Tabled
- B. Discussion and possible action on WANC local business expo and hiring event not to exceed \$1500
 - Tabled
- C. Discussion and possible action on payment to Lloyd Staffing for David Levine minute taking services on August 19, 2019, not to exceed \$300
 - Tabled

12. Agenda Setting for Future Monthly Meeting(s) / Town Hall

13. Adjourn