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West Adams Neighborhood Council

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90016
Monday, November 18, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Government Representatives

- LAPD SLO Mejia; gave updates on local crimes: 24th/Congress, gang related homicide, Western and St. Andrews, female victim in critical condition, shooter and driver arrested, 35th place/Western, two taco stands in dispute, victim shot DOA, Shooting on Spaulding and Adams, Farmdale/Expo, Oct 29th @ 5pm, forced robbery, stolen cell phone
- Officer Sanchez, La Brea/Jefferson, jewelry stolen, more officers on platform assigned to working the train, La Brea to Figueroa
- 85.02 LAMC map of green/red/yellow zones for parking restrictions, outreach on home-less activity

Question from Stakeholders:

- 20th St, fires (2) from dry brush

- CHP/Caltrans handles freeway property, Recreation and Parks deal with homeless on park property
- Victoria Ave /Pep Boys has been cleared from homeless encampment

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

- Crenshaw Manor resident Chris Ybarra described a housing dispute on Chesapeake Ave; he encouraged donations to support their lawsuit
- Stakeholder, Fatima Dodson, local business owner-High Art, celebrating small business Saturday November 30, 11am-6pm, Crenshaw to LaBrea
- Stakeholder Janet, said to support Jace Dawson for CD10 seat
- Stakeholder Evelin, said that new developments in the area are like ‘rubiks cubes,’ traffic is increasing in the neighborhood, and the need for more low income housing

4. Administrative Items:

- A. Secretary’s Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of October 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- Minutes approved; 12 Yes/0 No
- B. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of October 2019 MER
- 12 Yes / 0 No

5. Presentations:

- A. Watt Companies: Crenshaw Crossing, Mixed Use Development at 3510 & 3606 Expo Blvd, 3630 & 3642 Crenshaw Blvd, 3501 Obama Blvd, Mixed Use Commercial/Residential Development
- Senior Managing Partner Jennifer McElyea from Watt Companies, Armin Ross and Tony Nicholas from Ross Group, showed slides, including of project details, a landscape plan and a rendering, and presented about the proposed project south of the West Angeles Cathedral
 - This presentation was just an update to begin the process, another opportunity to solicit feedback, She stated that this project was won by a competitive process held by Metro and L.A. County. She described outreach to the community; nearby residents were surveyed and their recommendations noted. She said the company wants to exceed having 50% of the project employees “to be within five miles”; she encouraged feedback and referrals to help “create permanent jobs in the community.” She promised that “the Shell Station . . . will stay”
 - It was a 500-unit, 40,000 square-foot project; now affordable units were increased from 15% to 20%, or 81 of 401 units that would be built. Around 20-25 of the units would be townhomes. “Everything in the project is for rent.” There would be “nearly 600 parking stalls” and around ¾ of the commercial space would be for a grocer; there will be a community meeting about that
 - There would be “over an acre-and-a-half of open space.” Ingress and egress would be off Victoria Ave. and also off Bronson Ave.
 - Currently “there are no people living on this site”; it is Metro’s Crenshaw Station construction site
 - Stakeholders said the project will not have enough “affordable” units and that they will “be priced out.” Others noted they do not earn enough money to pay market rent, but earn too much to qualify for “affordable” housing, believed that 80% of the units would only be affordable to people earning at least \$120,000 per year, questioned the possibility of senior only units

6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Brett Shears

- Spoke about the Board Retreat two days prior and described the importance of community engagement and processes

7. Standing Committee and City Liason Reports

- Outreach – Mr. Dawson announced that the Committee will meet on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined; the Agenda will be posted here, at the Baldwin Hills Library and on the website. Mr. Meeks reminded that Agendas “must be posted 72 hours in advance” of meeting starting times.

8. Announcements

- Tabled

9. Old Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on WANC sponsored local business expo and hiring event not to exceed \$1500, for expenses related to permits, food and beverages
 - 12 Yes / 0 No
- B. Discussion and possible action on WANC sponsored town hall event on residential development and land use not to exceed \$1500, for expenses related to permits, food and beverages
 - 12 Yes / 0 No
- C. Discussion and possible action on a WANC sponsored street clean up event not to exceed \$600, for expenses related to permits, food and beverages, and supplies
 - 12 Yes / 0 No

10. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action on Crenshaw Crossing Development
 - Motion for WANC to be in opposition of the project; 11 Yes / 2 No
- B. Discussion and possible action on WANC co-sponsored CD10 candidate forum not to exceed \$700, for expenses related to permits, food/beverages
 - 11 Yes / 0 No
- C. Discussion and possible action on WANC co-sponsored LA County Supervisor District 2 candidate forum not to exceed \$700, for expenses related to permits, food/beverages
 - 12 Yes / 0 No
- D. Discussion and possible action on food and beverages for special meetings not to exceed \$1000
 - Agenda item amended to \$100
 - 11 Yes / 1 No
- E. Discussion on Homeowner Representative/At Large Representative Vacancies
 - Tabled

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

- Tabled

12. Adjourn

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