

**BOARD OFFICERS:**

**Quintus Jett**, Vice President  
**Dorsay Dujon**, Secretary  
**Blake Lynch**,  
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City of Los Angeles



**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jace Dawson, At-Large Representative (2027)  
Quintus Jett, At-Large Representative (2027)  
Julio Valdez, At-Large Representative (2027)  
Dorsay Dujon, At-Large Representative (2025)  
John Ma, At-Large Representative (2025)  
Steven Meeks, At-Large Representative (2025)  
Tora Miller, Homeowner Representative (2027)  
Brian Piatek, Homeowner Representative (2025)  
Brandy A. Robinson, Business Representative (2027)  
Connye Thomas, Community Interest Representative (2025)  
Jennifer Walker, Educational Representative (2027)  
Blake Lynch, At-Large Representative (2027)  
Phillip Wiley, Youth Representative (2025)  
Richard Williams, Business Representative (2025)  
Angela Gilbert, At Large Representative (2025)

**West Adams Neighborhood Council  
Board regular meeting minutes  
February 26, 2024**

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[6:46 pm] Meeting called to order. Quintus Jett presiding.

[6:46 pm] The roll was called.

Present (8): Dorsay Dujon, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Brian Piatek, Julio Valdez, and Richard Williams  
Absent (7): Jace Dawson, John Ma, Tora Miller, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Jennifer Walker, and Phillip Wiley

[6:48 pm] Johnathan Mitchell CD10 Field Rep

- DOT request about slow down signage on Jeff BLVD
- Cape Seal is under way in the area but has been paused due to weather. Temps must be above 65 degrees
- Board Member Piatek. Asked if gravel can be maintained until the next stage is available.
- \* If your property has been damaged due to CAPE seal process - file a claim with city clerk office.

- Board Member to send a list of vacant blighted properties to CD10 office

- Graffiti in the area is on the rise due to gang wars.

[6:48 pm] Connye Thomas arrived at the meeting

[6:54 pm] DONE Rios reports:

- Hosting March 28th a Women's Leadership Event @CityHall RSVP required on first come first serve basis

- April 1 Bylaws Amendments due

- More house keeping to be sent

[6:56 pm] Executive Report:

- Hybrid Meetings Approved
- Community Impact Statement Filers are now on file
- Cannabis Relations office made contact with board to share details of what's happening in the area.
- Empower LA has been sharing more information to help keep them abreast of information and trainings.

[6:58 pm] Finance Committee Report:

- Shared information on how to access LA City Clerks NC Funding Page
- \$16,600 account balance
- \$1297.04 - Uncategorized funds

Approved Expenditures not yet posted

- \$250 Transfer to Council of ?neighborhoods
  - 341 Brian Piatek for Payment of Storage Unit in October
  - \$1000 NC Support Software
  - \$400 New Banner for Shower of Hope
- \$1991 Total Allocated funds

\$1,200 in clean streets program

13,980.45 Estimated YTD Available Balance

June is fiscal Year end

Outreach Event Applications are due by April

WANC can only care over \$10,000 yearly

WANC is in the process of completing FY 2023-2024 Inventory of Assets

- Board Member Piatek has sent photos of all items in the WANC storage unit

[7:04 pm] Tora Miller arrived at the meeting

[7:08 pm] Steven Meeks recused himself due to a conflict of interest with the Charcoal restaurant @ La Cienega and Jefferson.

[7:13 pm] Josh of Charcoal presenting overview of project  
Requesting to have full line of alcohol on premises  
State has yet to approve the Type 47 License

Culms already has master conditional uses licenses that WANC supported in 2021.

Brain Likes the security plan and understanding of the training needed for restaurant operation.

Coach feels the city will take care of concerns.

BoardMember Lynch: does not approve due to lack of community investment plans.

Conneye: Wants to know how many other restaurants will potentially have license. Answer is 20 vacant lots but they would all need the

[7:22 pm] On agenda item 6a, Brian Piatek made a motion to "Board discussion and action regarding full-line alcohol sales at new restaurant, Charcoal to be located at 3321 La Cienega, 90016 (Cumulus), Representative from Craig Lawson & Co LLC-Land Use Consulting-Case #ZA-2023-8306-MPA (Previously introduced and discussed in February 2024 Land Use Committee with no recommendation vote taken)"

[7:23 pm] Jennifer asked about Valet

They are not sure yet

How will be vented?

They are in plan check with the city. The base building was built with restaurant in mind.

Disposal Techniques - Loading dock behind the restaurant

Why a full a bar ? support the atmosphere

Dorsay - Community involvement should be a requirement in an approval or disapproval vote.

Tora - Are you currently involved in the community with other locations? Rep doesn't have a definite answer

Richard - Area is changing. The people that want to go there will be there.

Julio- Accidents already present in the intersection concerned about drunk driving

Tracy - Josiah Citeron Spoke has a number of restaurants

Chefs in Hunger // Nice restaurant resume

[7:23 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Board discussion and action regarding full-line alcohol sales at new restaurant, Charcoal to be located at 3321 La Cienega, 90016 (Cumulus), Representative from Craig Lawson & Co LLC-Land Use Consulting-Case #ZA-2023-8306-MPA (Previously introduced and discussed in February 2024 Land Use Committee with no recommendation vote taken)"

Ayes (0): none

Noes (0): none

[7:32 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Board discussion and action regarding full-line alcohol sales at new restaurant, Charcoal to be located at 3321 La Cienega, 90016 (Cumulus), Representative from Craig Lawson & Co LLC-Land Use Consulting-Case #ZA-2023-8306-MPA (Previously introduced and discussed in February 2024 Land Use Committee with no recommendation vote taken)"

Ayes (5): Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Brian Piatek, Julio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (4): Angela Gilbert, Blake Lynch, Tora Miller, and Connye Thomas

Recused (1): Steven Meeks

The motion passed.

[7:34 pm] Public safety Committee - Last month police chief and Karen bass held a meeting on how to stop accidents due to speeding

Education - April 4th Committee Meeting

[7:40 pm] Jace Dawson arrived at the meeting

[7:41 pm] Dorsay Dujon made a motion to "Motion to accept the Tongva Land use agreement language below:

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered here today is the home and traditional land belonging to the Tongva Nation.

Today, we come with respect and gratitude for the Tongva people who still consider themselves the caretakers of this land.

It is through their examples that we are reminded of our greater responsibility to take care of Mother Earth and to take care of each

other."

[7:42 pm] Jennifer Walker made a motion to "We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered here today is the home and traditional land belonging to the Tongva Nation. Today, we come with respect and gratitude for the Tongva people who still consider themselves the caretakers of this land.

It is through their examples that we are reminded of our greater responsibility to take care of Mother Earth and to take care of each other."

[7:47 pm] Brian Piatek made a motion to "Send Tongva agreement back to outreach for word smiting"

[7:47 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Send Tongva agreement back to outreach for word smiting"

Ayes (0): none

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:49 pm] Blake Lynch made a motion to "Motion to Approve to approve the December 2023 MER"

[7:50 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to Approve to approve the December 2023 MER"

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:51 pm] On agenda item 5c, Jace Dawson made a motion to "approve the January 2024 MER."

[7:51 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "approve the January 2024 MER."

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:53 pm] On agenda item 5e, Jace Dawson made a motion to "Finance committee's recommendation to not approve the NPG request from Eayikes (FY 2023-2024)"

[7:56 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to not approve the NPG request from Eayikes (FY 2023-2024)"

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[8:01 pm] On agenda item 5d, Richard Williams made a motion to "Finance committee's recommendation to approve NPG request from Architecture for Communities Los Angeles (AIA) not to exceed \$5,000."

[8:04 pm] Richard Williams made a motion to "Finance committee's recommendation to approve NPG request from Architecture for Communities Los Angeles (AIA) not to exceed \$500."

[8:09 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve NPG request from Architecture for Communities Los Angeles (AIA) for \$500."

Ayes (4): Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Brian Piatek, and Richard Williams

Noes (7): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Connye Thomas, and Juilio Valdez

The motion failed.

[8:11 pm] Blake Lynch made a motion to "WANC Digital Strategy AdHoc Committee that would expire by June 30, focused on issues such as WANC's digital catalogs, automation use, systems to better communicate with stakeholders, and board member onboarding to NC Management system."

[8:16 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "WANC Digital Strategy AdHoc Committee that would expire by June 30, focused on issues such as WANC's digital catalogs, automation use, systems to better communicate with stakeholders, and board member onboarding to NC Management system."

Ayes (10): Jace Dawson, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[8:17 pm] Quintus Jett made a motion to "Refer Vineyard Rec's March 23 from 11-2 Request to Outreach"

[8:20 pm] Brian Piatek made a motion to "UmeWorks invoice 4463 (December 2023) and invoice 4511, requesting payments totaling \$666.25"

[8:22 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "UmeWorks invoice 4463 (December 2023) and invoice 4511, requesting payments totaling \$666.25"

Ayes (10): Jace Dawson, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Juilio

Valdez, and Richard Williams  
Noes (0): none  
The motion passed.

[8:23 pm] Richard Williams made a motion to "Motion to Approve Angela Gilbert as second card holder"

[8:26 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to Approve Angela Gilbert as second card holder"  
Ayes (8): Jace Dawson, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Brian Piatek, Connye Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Richard Williams  
Noes (1): Tora Miller  
The motion passed.

[8:30 pm] Meeting adjourned.

The neighborhood council counts abstentions as yes votes