

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Steven Meeks/President
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet/Vice President
Brian Piatek/Treasurer
Dorsay Dujon/Secretary



BOARD

Jace Dawson/At Large Representative
John Ma/At Large Representative
Thomas Murray/At Large Representative
Kristyn Yancy/At Large Representative
Clint Simmons/Homeowner Representative
Philip Wiley/Youth Representative
Connie Thomas/Community Interest Representative
Richard Williams/Business Representative
Marcia Jones/At Large Representative
Vacant/Business Representative
Vacant/Education Representative

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meets every third Monday of the month
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MINUTES

1. Call to order and Roll Call:

A meeting of the West Adams Neighborhood Council (WANC) was held on September 19th, 2022 over Zoom, Webinar 959 3661 2418.

The meeting was called to order at 18:32 by Steven Meeks (President), who made welcoming remarks.

Brian Piatek (Treasurer) called the roll. There were eight (8) board members present at roll call: Steven Meeks (President), Brian Piatek (Treasurer), Yolanda Davis-Overstreet (Vice-President), Dorsay Dujon (Secretary), John Ma, Kristyn Yancy, , Richard Williams, Marcia Jones, and Jace Dawson, Connye Thomas, Thomas Murray. Quorum is eight (8) and was met.

Philip Wiley joined later.

Clint Simmons, and Sean Curley (Parliamentarian) were absent.

2. Government Representatives:

- **Field Deputy for Council District-10 Jonathan Mitchell present:** Will follow-up on if there are any Town Hall meetings coming soon.
- **LAFD Battalion Chief Paul Pham present:** paul.pham@lacity.org Find and register for classes at www.cert-la.com practical information to help the community members and the time of a big emergency big disaster

3. General Public Comment: non agenda items (two minutes per person)

Heidi- Question about 3-story buildings obstructing views and privacy of single-family homes, see land use meeting

4. Secretary's report: Discussion and possible action of past minutes: Will have a consent agenda so all previous minutes can be approved at one time as opposed to individually.

5. Monthly Expenditure and End of Year Fiscal Report: Discussion and possible action – July, August MER's: July expenditure is \$70. There is no rollover balance coming back from last year. The City Clerk's Neighborhood Council funding program requires each funding item to be voted on separately.

A. Discussion and possible action – approve July 2022 MBR

MOTION: by Coach Williams to approve MBR for July 2022		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	x	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	x	
Richard Williams	x	
Kristyn Yancey	x	
Marcia Jones	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Brian Piatek	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 11 YES, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

A. Discussion and possible action – approve August 2022 MBR

MOTION: by Coach Williams to approve MBR for August 2022		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	x	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	x	
Richard Williams	x	
Kristyn Yancey	x	
Marcia Jones	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Brian Piatek	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 11 YES, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

A. Discussion and possible action – approve September 2022 MBR

MOTION: by Jace Dawson to approve MBR for September 2022
SECOND: by Coach Williams

QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Brian Piatek	X	
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6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dr. Octaviano Rios

New website just for city council elections, so important for each council to promote their website to promote the website and its contents to further educate folks on civic engagement and of course, getting involved with your neighborhood council elections

[clerk.lacity.org/clerk services/election/neighborhoodcouncilelections](http://clerk.lacity.org/clerk_services/election/neighborhoodcouncilelections)

City Clerk's web pages are live. The only the only items that are not available, there's information on how to become a candidate and how to vote.

There's a regional election schedule. There's a neighborhood council election timeline for each region. The election handbook is there. And there's a shareable video on what it means to be a candidate. So that's, it's narrated by our previous General General Manager, Gracie Lu, what's still under construction is how to become a candidate and how to vote. candidate filing period for your region, which is region 10. that filing period is December 23 to February 26. When you open this election timeline, it looks like a one shooter but at is actually a 13 page document. So scroll down to your corresponding region.

October 1 is the digital communications policy, we held a few information sessions in the last 12 months. But if you missed those, we do have recordings.

7. Standing Committees, Ad-Hoc, City Liaison and NC Alliance Reports: scheduled committee meetings should be scheduled 72 hours in advance, not as a special meeting. Agendas must be sent out, advertised, and posted accordingly.

- Land Use committee meeting second Thursday of November
- Finance committee needs to be scheduled in November, waiting
- Arts & Culture committee meeting Wednesday November 9th, 2022
- Health & Wellness: Every month on the 4th Monday of the month
- Homelessness Committee: No meetings scheduled, outreach happening

- Public Safety: No meetings scheduled, working with LA DOT

8. **Presentation:** NONE

9. **New Business:**

- A. Discussion and possible action:** write a letter on WANC letterhead to Whole Foods Marketing/HQ in reference to and help determine why La Cienega/Jefferson location has been marketed as being in the City of Culver City:
NONE
- B. Discussion and possible action:** Discussion and possible action: Land Development Ad Hoc Committee extension two additional months

MOTION: by Brian Piatek to extend the land use development ad hoc committee timeline by an additional two months		
SECOND: by Dorsay Dujon		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	x	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	x	
Kristyn Yancey	x	
Marcia Jones	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Brian Piatek	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 10 YES, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

- C. Discussion and possible action:** file CIS on Council File [CF 22-1189](#) and or write letter/statement on WANC letterhead to (but not limited to) Mayor, City Council, Civil + Human Rights Equity Dept voicing concern on recent leaked recording that included comments of Ron Herrera, Council Members Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo and Kevin De Leon

MOTION: by Brian Piatek to file CIS on Council File CF 22-1189 and or write letter/statement on WANC letterhead to (but not limited to) Mayor, City Council, Civil + Human Rights Equity Dept voicing concern on recent leaked recording that included comments of Ron Herrera, Council Members Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo and Kevin De Leon		
SECOND: by Dorsay Dujon		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	x	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	x	

Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	x	
Marcia Jones	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Brian Piatek	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 11 YES, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

D. Discussion and possible action: write letter of inquiry on WANC letterhead to LA Redistricting Commission, CA Attorney General - whether it's warranted for an immediate transparent investigation to determine if the redistricting process was tainted by Kevin De Leon, Gil Cedillo, Martinez, and Ron Herrera

MOTION: by Dorsay Dujon to write letter of inquiry on WANC letterhead to LA Redistricting Commission, CA Attorney General - whether it's warranted for an immediate transparent investigation to determine if the redistricting process was tainted by Kevin De Leon, Gil Cedillo, Martinez, and Ron Herrera		
SECOND: by Richard Williams		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay Dujon	X	
Thomas Murray	x	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connie Thomas	x	
Richard Williams	x	
Kristyn Yancey	x	
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10. Old Business:

- A. Discussion and update: Empathy in Action \$1500 payment Outreach Support for WANC Pizza Party-**
 Work was completed and the outcome was satisfactory, next time have an MOU beforehand to agree upon the rate and what "outreach" consists of
- B. Discussion: Removing Board Members for inactivity, attendance and or other relevant permissible reasons-**

modification was requesting the sending of a certificate of mailing certificate to persons that we send letter or correspondence to regarding their attendance or their inactivity, or any anything that would be permissible reason for us to consider discipline

C. Discussion and possible action: selection of any of the Board vacancies, Business and Education Representatives- NONE

11. Agenda setting: Future Monthly and or Special Meetings

- Philip Wiley proposed space available for in-person meetings

12. Adjourn

Steven Meeks thanked all for being in attendance. The meeting ended at 20:11 on October 17th, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by Kemi Ducasse

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