

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Yolanda Davis-Overstreet/Vice President
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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
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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 6:40 p.m. by Steven Meeks (President), who made welcoming remarks.

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

Connie Thomas and Philip Wiley joined later.

Brian Piatek (Treasurer) and Thomas Murray, were excused absences. Sean Curley (Parliamentarian) was absent.

2. Government Representatives:

- **Jonathan Mitchell**, representative from CD 10- *New Field Deputy*- acknowledged homeless encampments, RVs and current cleanups in area on 9/24 between Jefferson and Lacienga. Also Crenshaw and Obama. and Jefferson and Exposition. Taste of Seoul coming up, so trying to contain, to report call 311

Cleanups:

September 20th, 2022 by Crenshaw Probation Office: Crenshaw and Exposition; Crenshaw & Obama

Sept 24th, 2022 Jefferson and Vineyard Area

September 28th, 2022 Adams & Longwood; Adams & Highland

- **Paul Pham**, representative from Los Angeles Fire Department— CERT team (Community Emergency Response Team) is back with classes available for the community to help each other be self-sufficient and self-sustaining, preparation for a big emergency. Find and register for classes at www.cert-la.com

- **Herman Jones**, field representative from the area- SB 1137 passed at the end of August 2022. SB 1137 is a bill that will make it illegal to drill for new oil within 3200 feet of where we live. 8 bills in all passed. October 3rd, 2022 was in-person town Hall meeting. Call their office for assistance with EDD and Disability cases herman.jones@asm.ca.gov
- **Reggie Jones Sawyer** (State Representative & Assembly member) – Working with the homeless all of 2023, asking neighborhood councils all over the city for collective solutions to homelessness and housing. Also on the reparations (African Americans who were involved in Chattle Slavery) task force, met September 23 & 24th at the Science Center, 700 East Exposition Drive 9am – 5pm, open to everyone, also available via Zoom.

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

Cheryl Francis- Plan for alleys that are becoming encampments North of Adams off of Bangor between Sycamore and Orange Drive. Out of area Mitchell will make a note and pass it along to the Field Deputy for Danielle Mero

Clint Simmons- clarification on what the cleanups entail, response from Mitchell- encouraging the RV's to move out of the areas they are in and get them to clean up and stay clean. 4118 just went into place will affect that.

Robert Specklin- Homeless person living in car by Vineyard Rec Park Blue Hyundai Accent, ongoing issue with littering glass bottles and verbal altercations; Mitchell- was reported to Senior lead Officer and Sanitation, and Homelessness Outreach. Report to 311, registers each complaint and can see multiples

Richard Williams- Recreation center on Obama Boulevard, encampments set up on South Side of Center; Mitchell- was addressed multiple times

Yolanda Overstreet- Asking for specifics about the process and procedure of cleanups to share with community for collective understanding. Also requesting information on the acknowledgement of mental health, housing, and the support being provided to these individuals. Mitchell: Multiple kinds of cleanups Debris, Bulk items, trash cans overfilled are handles by LACC crew that have a schedule shared on the newsletter. Coalition of Departments to address the homeless encampments- Mental Health Department is within the County of LA, they city does not have one, they partner with nonprofits hotpicks and Lhasa for housing needs. Coalition of departments: LA Housing, the County, City, and Sanitation departments, LAPD partners to address safety concerns.

Kristin Yancey- Traffic concern, Obama south side of the Metro where Baldwin Hills School is, people making lanes where there aren't any, occasional panel with markings, speeding, asking for this to be addressed. Mitchell: Traffic concerns brought up with Department Transportation and our traffic officers for that area. Possible solutions: slow down signs, additional speed humps, stop signs. Similar issue on Village Green.

Steven Meeks- Water leak at a Wholesale grocer on 5333 Jefferson

By this time (7:04 p.m.), 2 more board members had arrived. There were now nine (11) members present.

4. Secretary's report: Discussion and possible action of past minutes (none) : *New minute taker: Kemi Ducasse*

5. Monthly Expenditure and End of Year Fiscal Report: Discussion and possible action – July, August MER's (none)

6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dr. Octaviano Rios

Sending links to Story Map for "Readiness to meet in person" survey (analysis of results) & supporting documents Department provided at the recent board of Neighborhood commissioners meeting. Communications policy goes into effect October 4th (neighborhood council admin social media.)

Optional Trainings: Digital Communications Policy training & President and Board Chair workshop that's being held September 29, 2022 5:30 – 7pm

Congress of neighborhoods Conference September 24th, 2022

Civic University: Optional information session three separate sessions approximately an hour and a half, held October 6, October 13. And October 27 (make time for all 3 if participating.) You'll get credit for completing the Civic us civic University 1.0. The topics are power structure at Los Angeles City Hall, the guts of city governments equity and resources and services and empowerment toward inclusion. Those are the topics that will be covered at those three separate sessions.

Department Training Records can be found at <https://empowerla.org/workshops-trainings/>

7. Standing Committees, Ad-Hoc, City Liaison and NC Alliance Reports:

- The fiscal committee is due for a meeting with regard to reviewing MPGs neighborhood purpose grants before they are submitted.
- The land use committee is due for meeting
- Safety committee is due for meeting

If any of the chairs of those committees are not able to schedule a meeting, please reach out to someone and work with them about scheduling a meeting.

Dorsay, Vice Chair of SLANC liaison (South Los Angeles alliance of neighborhood councils): Cultural Treasures of South LA initiative of the city of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. Looking at and gathering information through a survey on the cultural treasures of South LA. And that's utilizing the Promise Zone mapping, requesting to take a survey to talk about the things that are the heart of the neighborhoods. New funding department to give to community members for improvements that they'd like to make in their neighborhood.

Jace Dawson, Chair for the health and wellness ad hoc committee: 1st Zoom call September 26th, 2022 at 6pm, on board right now are certified persons in yoga, fitness, and health and wellness regarding eating. Created a Walk Run Club, where we will meet safely, once a month, to have that outdoor experience to get our body physically moving and have conversations not only about community, but how to keep it going. This will involve seniors in the community, youth in the community, and some community leaders as well.

Steven Meeks, member of the Labor Council sustainability Alliance and monitoring that particular industry Alliance. Now a big issue is on the continued oil drilling and digital advertising.

8. Presentation: NONE

9. New Business:

A. Discussion and possible action - design and purchase GET OUT TO VOTE (November Election) yard signs \$1000

(50-100 signs one side in English, the other in Spanish, roughly \$5 - \$6 a sign)

MOTION: Approve the purchase of GET OUT TO VOTE November election yard signs not to exceed \$1,000		
SECOND: by Marcia Jones		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey		X
PhilipWiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 8 YES, 1 NO, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

B. Discussion and possible action - WANC co-sponsor with other CD-10 NC's mayoral debate \$500

(CD 10 neighbor houses a mayoral debate, not to exceed \$500, not set in stone, several CD 10 neighbor council said they would like to have a multi neighborhood council mayoral debate.)

MOTION: Debate between the West Seattle neighborhood council co sponsor with other city neighborhood councils, mayoral debate not to exceed \$500.		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson.		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet		X
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas		X
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey		
Philip Wiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 6 YES, 2 NO, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

C. Discussion and possible action - select Board Member to participate in Civic University

(Board members are required to attend all 3 sessions, if 1 is missed you won't get credit. One and a half hours long. October 6, 13, and 27 at 6:30 pm.)

MOTION: By John Ma, Select John Ma and Dorsay Dujaun, Connye Thomas to participate in Civic University		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	X	
PhilipWiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: All in favor, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

D. Discussion and possible action - Board Members to represent WANC table/NC booth at Taste of Soul

MOTION: By Jace Dawson, Discussion and possible action for board members to represent the West Adams neighborhood council table, neighborhood council booth at tastes of Seoul		
SECOND: by Marcia Jones		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	X	
PhilipWiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: All in favor, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

E. Discussion and possible action - design and printing Shower of Hope/homeless resource flyers \$500

MOTION: Design and print shower Pope homeless resource flyers that does not exceed \$500.		
SECOND: by John Ma		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet		
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Steven Meeks		
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey		X
PhilipWiley	X	

Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 9 in favor, 1 NO, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

F. Discussion and possible action - File a CIS on Council file 22-0392 Metro’s Digital Advertising Signage

MOTION: By John Ma, File CIS on council file 22. Dice 0392 metros, digital advertising signage.		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams		X
Kristyn Yancey	X	
PhilipWiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: 9 in favor, 1 NO, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

G. Discussion and possible action - File a CIS on Council File 17-0447 Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance

MOTION: By John Ma, File CIS on council file 22. Dice 0392 metros, digital advertising signage.		
SECOND: by Jace Dawson		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	X	
PhilipWiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: All in favor, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

H. Discussion and possible action - NPG funding request from DUYA not to exceed \$5000 (tabled)

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10. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible action - approve amended bylaws

MOTION: Approve amended bylaws dated as of August 15 th , 2022		
SECOND: by Connye Thomas		
QUORUM	YES	NO
Yolanda Overstreet	X	
Dorsay	X	
Jace Dawson	X	
John Ma	X	
Steven Meeks	X	
Connye Thomas	X	
Richard Williams	X	
Kristyn Yancey	X	
Philip Wiley	X	
Marcia Jones	X	
VOTE RESULTS: All in favor, other people not called are absent or ineligible		
ACTION: MOTION PASSES		

- B.** Discussion and possible action - choose new WANC Board Retreat date (tabled, needs a date)
- C.** Discussion and update - Empathy in Action \$1500 payment for WANC Pizza Party event PR (tabled)
- D.** Discussion and possible action - removing Board Members for inactivity, attendance and or other relevant permissible reasons (rescinded and needs to be worked on in the Rules Committee and adopted as standing rule, with specifics to vote on as a standing rule)
- E.** Discussion and possible action - selection of any of the Board vacancies, Business and At Large Representatives (tabled)

11. Agenda setting: Future Monthly and or Special Meetings

- West Adams Artwalk
- Neighborhood Holiday Event

12. Adjourn

Steven Meeks thanked all for being in attendance. The meeting ended at 9:23 pm PST on September 19th, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by Kemi Ducasse

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