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### Monthly Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vineyard Recreation Center

2942 Vineyard Ave

Los Angeles, CA. 90016

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Mr. Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM - Quorum not met.

#### 2. Government Representatives

Brett Shears from DONE - He introduced himself, and spoke about the function of DONE and Neighborhood Councils. He passed out information about the City's annual budget and the budget meeting in March.

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

Philip White - He stated that he was the director at a Rancho Cienega recreation center for 14 years and asked for assistance in acquiring uniforms. He stated that it would help keep children out of trouble. He stated that the Dodgers pulled their funding without further notice.

Sheryl - She stated that in her area, on Orange Drive, there had been several windows broken and that the suspects had not been captured on camera. She asked for a greater police presence in the area. She stated that the length of the Census form was intimidating.

Brian - He stated that he was at a City meeting covering the Census and that the goal was to get more people counted than there were ten years ago. He stated that the legal status of the residents was irrelevant to the counting process. He also stated that there was a handful of Census kiosks in the area and that with the Census comes federal funding. He stated that the information gathered could not be used by any law enforcement agency including ICE. He stated that another meeting would be held on January 8th.

Andrea Wilson - She stated that a developer named Frederick Smith was coming to the Board meeting next month and that he was building an office building.

Stirling - He asked about the scope and initiatives of the Board. Mr. Meeks suggested going to the Empower LA website.

Maria - She asked for the Board's help in funding the Rancho Cienega sports complex.

#### 4. Administrative Items:

##### A. Secretary's Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of November 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Siorky moved to approve with corrections. Mr. Dawson seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.

##### B. Treasurers Report: Discussion and possible action on approval of November 2019 MER

Ms. Graham suggested that food expenses be moved to Outreach.

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. Siorky seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.

#### 5. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Brett Shears

He introduced himself, and spoke about the function of DONE and Neighborhood Councils. He passed out information about the City's annual budget and the budget meeting in March. He spoke about pictures of the area that may be uploaded to DONE's website.

#### 6. Standing Committee and City Liason Reports

SLAANC - Mr. Siorky spoke about the latest meeting.

Youth and Education - Ms. Curley spoke about a bike giveaway held by Herb Wesson this Saturday from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Mr. Dawson arrived at 7:27 PM. Quorum met.

#### 7. Announcements

Mr. Meeks spoke about a candidates forum of Neighborhood Councils that will be held on January 25th and an accessory dwelling workshop that will be held in January. He also spoke about a potential emergency preparedness event.

Ms. Aubry stated that the January and February meetings would be held on the fourth instead of third Mondays.

#### 8. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement to Steven Meeks not to exceed \$360

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. Siorky seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.

B. Discussion and possible action for development at 2545 S Mansfield Ave: 1) Conditional Use and 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, 3) Site Plan Review to permit a development resulting in an increase of 50 or more guest rooms, 4) Donate 1% Art Fee to California Artists Coalition of Los Angeles to create public art for WANC

Ms. Graham and Mr. Simmons expressed their reservations about the project.

Mr. Dawson asked about the developer's commitment to jobs for residents of the area.

Several stakeholders expressed reservations about the project and the outreach performed for it.

Mr. Siorky moved to approve. Ms. Aubry seconded. Mr. Williams, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Curley, Ms. Graham, and Mr. Dawson voted no. 3/5/0. Not passed.

C. Discussion and possible action on payment for Lloyd Staffing minute taking services, for August 18, 2019, September 16, 2019, October 21, 2019, meeting minutes not to exceed, \$400

Mr. Siorky moved to approve. Ms. Graham seconded. Ms. Aubry voted no. 7/1/0. Passed.

#### 9. New Business:

A. Discussion and possible on funding request from Rancho Cienega Sports Complex/Department of Recreation and Parks not to exceed \$5000

Ms. Graham expressed concern that the Board may not be able to legally fund this item.

Mr. Siorky moved to approve contingent on the City Clerk's approval. Ms. Aubry seconded. 8/0/0. Passed.

B. Discussion and possible action on selection of board member to pick-up NC election material

Mr. Siorky moved that Mr. Williams pick up the material. Passed by acclamation.

C. Discussion and possible action to authorize letters to be composed and sent on WANC letterhead stationary to City of Los Angeles Departments in reference and or inquiry to any item we take action on or lack of city services on an as needed basis

Mr. Meeks and Mr. Shears discussed the item.

Mr. Meeks tabled the item.

D. Discussion on filing a CIS on Council File # 11-1705 Billboard ordinance

Mr. Meeks discussed the item.

Mr. Meeks tabled the item.

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

Mr. Meeks discussed the upcoming meetings. Mr. Dawson made several suggestions for items to consider for the upcoming meeting. Mr. Williams suggested placing the vacant Board seats on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Graham asked for assistance for another upcoming meeting.

11. Adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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