



WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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General Meeting Minutes September 13, 2005 @ 6:30 pm

The Watts Neighborhood Council (WNC) met for its monthly general meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 6:30 pm, at the Watts Senior Citizen, 1657 East Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90002.

A quorum of 51% of the WNC Board was present. At 6:39 pm, Chair Jacquelyn Simms called the meeting to order.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Lou Mitchell.
2. Roll Call of WNC Board Members: 14 Present, 3 Excused, 2 absent and 2 vacancies (Youth Rep & Area 7 Rep).

Board Members Present:

Alice "Sweet" Harris	Arvella Grigsby	Cynthia "Sista" Mendenhall
Cheryl Brevard	Erma Glover	Florence Atkins
Jacquelyn Simms	Henry Broomfield	Ola Mae Toler
Rev. Melvin Ashley	Maudine Clark	Woody Fleming New Appointed Board Member
Sharron Haynes	Steven Swartz	

Board Member Excused:

Lydia Friend	Clifton Dunlap	Eleanor Hawkins
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Board Member Absent:

Joe Banuelos	Gregory Brown	
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DONE Staff Present:

Gabriela Quintana, Project Coordinator	
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Translation Service Provided/Utilized:

Translator was present. Spanish translation was provided to members of the community.

Guest Speakers/Presenters Present:

Xavier Reyes, LAUSD	Walter Beaumont, CRA
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Number of Community Stakeholders who signed in on Sign-In Sheet:

Total number of names was approximately 40 Community Stakeholders. This number does not represent total in attendance; it only represent the total of stakeholders who signed in.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes from the last meeting on August 9, 2005 were approved as written. Alice Harris made a MOTION to accept and approve Minutes as written, 2nd by Henry Broomfield. Minutes were approved. **WNC Board Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried.**

4. WNC BOARD REPORTS:

- a. **Treasurer Report: (Florence Atkins)**. WNC spent a total of \$1345.52 for the Month of August 2005. A quarterly report will be made at the October 11, 2005 at the General Meeting. The following were recommendation submitted to the WNC Board for Approval:
 - i. For the month of September 2005, a total proposed expenditure of \$950 (includes Office Supplies \$350.00, Refreshments for meetings \$250.00, Printing of flyers and newsletters \$350.00). Alice Harris made a MOTION to accept total proposed expenditures for the month of September 2005 in the amount of \$950; 2nd by Henry Broomfield. **WNC Board Member Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried.**
 - ii. Area 9 Representative requested \$250.00 for an annual Halloween event. Maudine Clark made a MOTION to accept Area 9 Rep request for \$250 for annual Halloween event; 2nd by Steven Swartz. **WNC Board Member Vote: 12 yes, 1 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Area 1-10 Representatives Report**
 - i. No Reports Given
- c. **Special (Interest Representatives) Report**
 - i. Education Representative – Sharron Haynes
 1. LA DWP MOU Oversight Committee Update. Jacquelyn Simms appointed Sharron Haynes to be the WNC Representative. The LADWP MOU Oversight Committee was primarily a committee that was formed out of the LADWP MOU (memorandum of understanding). This was a group of Neighborhood Council board members from all over the city of Los Angeles coming together to discuss the purpose and next plan of action. The meeting was primarily a meeting of formation and clarity as to the responsibility as a member of that committee. Next Meeting is schedule on October 22, 2005 at 9:00 am at DWP.
 2. Update that BONC (Board of Neighborhood Council) has new commissioners.

3. Update of Educational Issues confronting the community.

d. **Committee Reports**

- i. **Business & Finance Committee**: It is a recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee that the former WNC Treasurer, Ms. Angela Brown, be sent a letter requesting her to appear at the next Budget & Finance Committee, so she could explain and discuss questions/discrepancies regarding last fiscal expenditures. There was further discussion, that should Ms. Brown not show up and clear this matter by answering question, all information would then be submitted to DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) for further review and action. Maudine Clark made a MOTION to accept the recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee to send the former WNC Treasurer a letter to appear; 2nd by Steven Swartz. **WNC Board Member Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried.**
- ii. **Rules and Election Committee**: The League of Women Voters will no longer be handling the election for Neighborhood Councils. It is the recommendation from the Rules and Election Committee to postpone the election of the two vacant seats for Youth Representative and Area 7.

5. BUSINESS

- a. **WNC Board to Vote Regarding Letter of Support for Rodney L. Sheppard**. Jacquelyn Simms made a MOTION to give a letter of support to RSS Development (Rodney L. Sheppard); 2nd Arvella Grigsby. **WNC Board Vote: 11 yes, 2 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried.**
- b. **WNC Board to Vote on filling Vacant Board Seat – Recreation, Culture, & The Arts**. The WNC Board only received one applicant for filling the Recreation, Culture, & The Arts seat for 2005-2006. Woody Fleming was that applicant and no other submission were submitted. Henry Broomfield made a MOTION to ratify & accept Woody Fleming to fill in the vacancy of Recreation, Culture, and the Arts; 2nd by Alice Harris. **WNC Board Vote: 12 yes, 1 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain. Motion Carried. Woody Fleming was invited to take his seat with the WNC Board.**

6. PRESENTATIONS/GUEST SPEAKERS:

- a. Xavier Reyes, LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District): Mr. Reyes invited all stakeholders to the Site Selection South Region Elementary School #7 Community Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at

6:30pm at Charles Drew Middle School Auditorium. Mr. Reyes indicated that new school sites are being proposed in the area. The meeting on September 22, 2005 will give more details.

- b. Walter Beaumont, CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency): Mr. Beaumont gave an update on projects in the Watts Redevelopment Area.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items or Non Agenda Items:

- a. Ann Cavitt, Simon Rodia Track Homes Togetherness Block Club, request a letter of Support from the WNC Board. Per Chair, the Board will vote on this matter at the next meeting. Per Ann Cavitt, letter of support is needed by October 15, 2005.
- b. Samika Bowick of the Keck Foundation wanted to invite everyone to their Community Meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2005 from 5pm-730pm at the Robert Pitt Center.

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Jacquelyn Simms made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Maudine Clark. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. **WNC Board Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 5 absent, 0 abstain.**

Next Regular General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, @ 6:30 pm @ Watts Senior Citizen Center 1657 East Century Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90002.

Minutes prepared by: Sharron Haynes, Watts Neighborhood Council Corresponding Secretary and Education Representative.