

# Watts Neighborhood Council

Special Board Meeting July 26, 2005 @ 6:45pm

Watts Civic Center- Councilwoman Janice Hahn's Conference Room

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Meeting Facilitator was Ron Macias of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Purpose of Meeting was to orientate the New Board Members & re-orientate the incumbent members.

## **WNC Board Members Present:**

1. Erma Glover
2. Florence Atkins
3. Gregory Brown
4. Henry Broomfield
5. Jacquelyn Simms
6. Joe Banuelos
7. Lydia Friend, New Board Member
8. Maudine Clark
9. Ola Mae Toler
10. Sharron Haynes, New Board Member
11. Steven Swartz, New Board Member

## **WNC Board Members Excused Absence:**

1. Cheryl Brevard, New Board Member

## **WNC Board Members Not Present:**

1. Alice "Sweet" Harris
2. Arvella Grigsby
3. Clifton Dunlap
4. Cynthia "Sista" Mendenhall
5. Demaria Perry
6. Eleanor Hawkins
7. Linda Hawkins
8. Rev. Melvin Ashley

## **Watts Neighborhood Stakeholders Present:**

Pastor Stuart  
Carolyn Brown  
James Smith

Every WNC Board Member present received a Large White Binder with information that would aid them in their task as a Neighborhood Council Board Member.

Mr. Macias went through the entire book and highlighted the most important parts and advised that we could read later for detailed information. Q & A followed by more detailed discussion regarding the Orientation Manual.

Comments Made:

1. Different aspects of WNC that are covered in the Orientation Binder were Bylaws, Funding Procedures and The Brown Act.
2. The Neighborhood Council's (NC's) are independent but are governed by city entity
3. NC's are the Voice of the Community
4. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was created to assist NC's
5. WNC handles its own complaints & grievances.
6. Per Jackie Simms & later reiterated by Ron Macias, all impact statements submitted to the LA City Council must have board approved
7. All decisions must be done in the open with proper notification
8. Agenda's must be posted with information of who, what, where, and when on it.
9. A statement was made that we ought to reinstate the Agenda Setting Meeting. This information was per Jackie Simms who said she had spoken with Maudine Clark.
10. The NC's are no longer required to fill out a Form 700.
11. If a request comes up that the public wants to see public records of the WNC they have 10 days to respond.
12. Discussion about letter of support. The WNC Board needs to take action.
13. The WNC board has parking passes downtown when attending a meeting on city business.
14. Jackie indicated that a mailing address for each board member is needed. She indicated to give this information to Mr. Broomfield. Ms. Haynes indicated that she would need that list as well.

Mr. Ron Macias ended meeting at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sharron Haynes, Education Rep & Corresponding Secretary

Light refreshments: Sandwiches, Salad & Bottled Water were served.