



WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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General Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2006

The Watts Neighborhood Council (WNC) met for its monthly general meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at the Watts Senior Citizen, 1657 East Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90002.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- a. At 6:45 pm by Jacquelyn Simms. Prayer by Mrs. Smith.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. **Board Members Present:** Arvella Grigsby, Cheryl Breveard, Cynthia “ Sista” Mendenhall, Erma Glover, Florence Atkins, Henry Broomfield, Jacquelyn Simms, Lydia Friend, Maudine Clark, Ola Mae Toler, Sharron Haynes, Steven Swartz, Alice Harris, Gregory Brown, & Woody Fleming.
- b. **Board Members Excused:** None
- c. **Board Members Absent:** Rev. Melvin Ashley, Joe Banuelos, Eleanor Hawkins, & Clifton Dunlap
- d. **DONE Staff Present:** Gabriela Quintana
- e. **Guest Speakers:** Scott Tatro of Los Angeles World Airports, and Jonathan Hussain, USC Participation Researcher who is working on a project that involves the Neighborhood Councils.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes were read from the November 8, 2005 meeting and approved.

4. WNC BOARD REPORTS:

- a. **Treasure Report:** Board spent \$1364.33 for the month of November 2005 and \$2,339.99 for the month of December 2005. A quarterly report will be prepared and reported on February 14, 2006. The Board was asked to take action and approve the following expenditures: Monthly Expenses of \$700.00 for normal operations (Motion Moved/2nd Harris/Swartz), Black History Month Celebration 2006 expenses for \$1000.00 that would be held on Sunday, February 26, 2006 from 2p-5p (Motion Moved/2nd: Harris/Broomfield), and a request to request funding for the next fiscal quarter of \$12,500.00 (Motion Moved/2nd: Harris/Swartz). Board voted to accept Treasure Report as given. Motion Moved/2nd by Harris/Swartz. Motion carried. Treasure report approved.
- b. **Rules & Election Committee:** There will be a WNC Board Member Election to be held on May 20, 2006 at Markham Middle School from 10a-5p. Anyone wanted to be a candidate must met qualifications such as have attended 3 WNC general or committee meetings from June 2005 through May 2, 2006, signed in on roster and fill out a candidate form. Community forums for candidates will be held May 10, 2006 & May 17, 2006. Last day to submit candidate application will be May 5, 2006 @ 5pm and must fax application to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Motion to accept procedure and report by the Rules & Election Committee (Motion Moved/2nd by Broomfield/Harris). Report was approved.

5. BUSINESS

- a. The Usage of the WNC Name: The Chair made comments that people are using the name of the WNC without getting permission from the Board. She indicated that NO one has authority to use the WNC name without Board knowledge or getting approval first. There was further discussion.
- b. A Motion to have the Rules & Election Committee is charged with setting up language for Policy & Procedure for Usage of the WNC name was moved/2nd by Brevard/Harris.
- c. The WNC gave away toys to the community. People who donated to the toy giveaway were Henry Broomfield of Vision for Community Outreach, Jacquelyn Simms of Esna and Myran Cotton of Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office. The receipts of the toys were given to 112th Elementary Street School, each individual WNC Area Representatives were given toys to distribute to the community.
- d. WNC Health Representative, Steven Swartz, gave a report regarding an epidemic in our community, Hepatitis A, which is a virus that attacks the liver. He mentioned that people could contact Hepatitis A via human fecal matter. There are many illegal food carts in our community. A reason that it is prevalent in our community is because the carts have no running hot water and no place to wash their hands. A phone number to call when you notice a food cart is 213-250-8055 and ask to speak to the Department of Food for Food carts. Every time you see an illegal stand you call them. We need to complain. He suggested the WNC submit a letter to Councilwoman Janice Hahn to get to our Supervisor Burke to authorize overtime for the Health Department to come in and site, confiscate these carts. An Illegal cart doesn't have county health stickers. If they are legal the county health sticker will be showing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS were heard on agenda and non agenda items:

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- a. MOTION to adjourn the meeting; made by Jacquelyn Simms and Moved/2nd by Henry Broomfield. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next WNC Regular General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14, 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.