



WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Special Board Meeting Minutes May 30, 2006

The Watts Neighborhood Council (WNC) met for its Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Watts Office)/Watts Neighborhood Council Office @ 10221 Compton Ave., Suite 203, Los Angeles, CA 90002.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- a. A Quorum was present. At 7:36 pm, WNC Vice-Chairperson Maudine Clark called meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. **Board Members Present:** Arvella Grigsby, Florence Atkins, Henry Broomfield, Maudine Clark, Ola Mae Toler, Sharron Haynes, Steven Swartz, Alice Harris, Erma Glover, Jacquelyn Simms, Woody Fleming
- b. **Board Members Excused:** None
- c. **Board Members Absent:** Rev. Melvin Ashley, Gregory Brown, Cynthia "Sista" Mendenhall, Cheryl Breveard, Eleanor Hawkins, Joe Banuelos, Clifton Dunlap & Lydia Friend
- d. **DONE Staff Present:** Gabriela Quintana, Rosa Arcadia and Donyale Hall

3. BUSINESS

a. WNC Bylaw Adjustments:

The purpose of the meeting tonight was to Vote, For or Against, on the proposed changes to the Watts Neighborhood Council Bylaws. Below are the WNC Bylaws as stated and its proposed changes that require Board Action.

Article III Membership

Currently Stated:

- 3.3.1. Minority stakeholder shall be a minimum age of 14 years to vote in WNC board elections.

Proposed Changes:

- 3.3.1 Minor stakeholders shall be a minimum age of 14 years to vote in WNC board elections.

Article VII Elections

Currently Stated:

7.3 Terms of Office, Term Limits.

Except for initial terms of office as described in Section 7.3.1 and 7.3.2, members of the Board of Representatives shall serve terms of office of two years and Officers shall serve term of office of one year or until their successors take office. Terms of office begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Including initial terms, no member of the Board of Representatives shall serve more than 3 consecutive terms in any capacity as a member of the Board of Representatives. Including initial terms, no Officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in any one office.

Proposed Changes:

7.3 Terms of Office, Term Limits.

Except for initial terms of office as described in Section 7.3.1 and 7.3.2, members of the Board of Representatives shall serve terms of office of two years and Officers shall serve term of office of one year or until their successors take office. Terms of office begin within sixty [60] days after election has been certified. Including initial terms, no member of the Board of Representatives shall serve more than 3 consecutive terms in any capacity as a member of the Board of Representatives. Including initial terms, no Officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in any one office.

Article VIII Committees

Currently Stated:

8.1.1 Rules and Elections Committee

The Rules and Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chairperson and be comprised of 11 members. The Rules and Elections Committee shall propose standing rules as necessary.

The Rules and Elections Committee shall organize and administer WNC elections. The committee shall propose all election rules and procedures. The committee shall prepare all elections materials and shall provide them to the Outreach and Membership Committee for distribution.

Proposed Changes:

8.1.1 Rules and Elections Committee

The Rules and Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chairperson and the election committee members. The Rules and Elections Committee shall propose standing rules as necessary.

The Rules and Elections Committee shall work with the Independent Election Administrator [IEA] to organize and administer WNC elections. The committee shall propose all election rules and procedures. The committee shall prepare all elections materials and shall provide them to the Outreach and Membership Committee for distribution.

Item b: Hearing the Currently Stated Bylaws and then Hearing the Proposed Changes to the Bylaws, *Sweet Alice Harris made a Motion to accept the Proposed Bylaws [as indicated above] and 2nd by Henry Broomfield. Board Voted: Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried. Proposed Bylaw changes were accepted by the Board.*

Item c: Discussion about how the minutes will be delivered/received by Gabriela Quintana. It had been agreed that Ms. Quintana would accept the minutes by electronic mail and it should be in her email box no later than the morning of May 31, 2006. Ms. Haynes, Corresponding Secretary indicated the minutes would be sent by electronic mail.

4. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- a. MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next WNC Regular General Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, @ 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.