



WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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General Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2006

The Watts Neighborhood Council (WNC) was scheduled for its General Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Watts Senior Citizen Center at 1657 E. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90002.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- a. Board Quorum was present. At 6:50 pm, Chairperson Jacquelyn Simms brought meeting to order. Prayer by Rev. Parham.

2. ROLL CALL:

a. Board Members Present:

- i. Florence Atkins
- ii. Maudine Clark
- iii. Ola Mae Toler
- iv. Jacquelyn Simms
- v. Arvella Grigsby
- vi. Lydia Friend
- vii. Sharron Haynes
- viii. Cynthia Mendenhall
- ix. Clifton Dunlap
- x. Gregory Brown
- xi. Cheryl Brevard
- xii. Henry Broomfield
- xiii. Erma Glover
- xiv. Alice Harris
- xv. Woody Fleming

b. Board Members Excused:

- i. Joe Banuelos

c. Board Members Absent:

- i. Rev. Melvin Ashley
- ii. Steven Swartz
- iii. Eleanor Hawkins

d. DONE Staff Present:

- i. Gabriela Quintana
- ii. Mark Lewis

e. Guest Presenters:

- i. Human Relations Commission (HRC)
 1. Elizabeth Macias
 2. Sheldon Cruz

f. Language Interpreter

- i. Was Present

3. BUSINESS

- a. Minutes for both September 12, 2006 and October 10, 2006 Watts Neighborhood General Board Meeting were approved unanimously. Motion to accept both WattsNC General Board Meeting by Grigsby, 2nd by Broomfield.
- b. Budget & Finance/Treasurer Report by Florence Atkins.
 - i. August 2006 expenditures were \$3,500, which includes Elections expenses.
 - ii. September 2006 expenditures were \$752.00.
 - iii. October 2006 expenditures were \$890.00.
 - iv. A board action is needed for \$6,250 for the Quarterly Budget. Motion to accept request from the Budget & Finance Committee for \$6,250 by Henry Broomfield, 2nd Clifton Dunlap. Had two abstentions by Alice Harris and Woody Fleming. Motion carried.
 - v. Rev. Cummings on behalf of We Care Ministries requested \$250.00 from the WattsNC. Motion to accept request for \$250.00 by Clifton Dunlap, 2nd by Cynthia Mendenhall. Motion carried.
 - vi. 109th Street Recreation Center requesting \$500.00 from the WattsNC. There was discussion regarding the amount. Ms. Simms indicated that per the Budget & Finance only \$250.00 could be given to any group and therefore their request for \$500.00 couldn't be honored but they could request \$250.00. 109th Street Recreation Center then changed their request to \$250.00. Although they were under the impression they could have received \$500.00. Motion to accept request for 109th Street Recreation Center to received \$250.00 by Gregory Brown, 2nd by Cynthia Mendenhall. Motion carried.
 - vii. Nickerson Garden Recreation Center request \$500.00 for a Holiday Celebration. There was a discussion regarding the amount. Ms. Simms indicated that as previously stated groups could only request \$250.00. Nickerson Garden Recreation Center was also under the impression they could have received \$500.00. Nickerson Gardens Recreation Center then changed their request to \$250.00. Motion to accept request for Nickerson Garden Recreation Center to received \$250.00 by Henry Broomfield, 2nd by Cheryl Brevard.
 - viii. Request for funding of \$1000 for the WattsNC Christmas Event held on December 12, 2006. Motion to accept request for \$1000.00 by Arvella Grigsby, 2nd Clifton Dunlap. Opposers: Alice Harris, Woody Fleming, & Lydia Friend. Motion Carried.
 - ix. Request for Area's 1 and 9 to utilize the remaining balance. No Motion presented or Vote entertained.
 - x. Area 3 Representative, Cynthia Mendenhall request \$500.00 for a Christmas Party. Motion to accept request for Area 3 to use \$500.00 for a Christmas Party by Henry Broomfield, 2nd by Maudine Clark. Motion carried.

- xi. Request for WattsNC Education Committee to use funds for refreshments in the amount of \$25.00 for Education Committee Meeting on November 20, 2006. Motion to accept request of \$25.00 by Arvella Grigsby, 2nd by Henry Broomfield. Motion carried.
- xii. Area 10 Representative Clifton Dunlap requested \$500.00 for a Christmas Event. Motion to accept request of \$500.00 for Area 10 Christmas Event by Gregory Brown, 2nd by Cynthia Mendenhall. Motion carried.
- c. There was discussion as to what is the ceiling amount for spending funding when request comes in from community organizations. Ms. Simms indicated by saying that \$250.00 is the limit. A discussion started about how other organizations have received more and more than once from the WattsNC. Ms. Simms explained that \$250.00 is the limit.
- d. Human Relations Commissions gave a report as the Final Decision Maker, regarding challenges received, for the WattsNC Board Election that was held on August 26, 2006. Elizabeth Macias indicated to the Board and the Community that this was a courtesy for her to read the report and they were not here to debate their findings. The HRC representatives indicated that there were a total of eight challenges received [“by the scheduled deadline” according to the report]. The report was read while additional comments were given that were not in the report. Being that this report is to be a....”fact-based decision regarding challenges pertaining to an election.”...., there were personal comments made to the Board and the community that had nothing to do with the report or its challenges nor had she discussed them with the entire WattsNC Board and/or the WattsNC Rules and Election Committee. For example, her comment regarding the Eye of the Brother Hood had nothing to do with or any indication of a challenge received by the HRC. Therefore, personal comments shouldn’t have been a part of the discussion. Discussion finally ended with community asking questions.

4. Board Member Reports were heard.

5. Public Comment was heard.

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Meeting was adjourned.

Next WNC Regular General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 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.