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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

6:30pm to 9pm

DRAFT MINUTES



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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (2 minutes)

- a. Call to Order by Storm Hopkins at 6.38pm
- b. Certificate Presentation,
 - Eric Washington of Assembly District 64
- c. Seating and Swearing in of the new Board Members
 - Johanna Rodriguez, The Mayor’s Office
 - Assemblyman Mike Gipson, Assembly District 64
- d. Roll Call

Name	Teresa J.	Andre W.	Inishia W.	Joseph B.	Laisa Chica.	Gretrude D.	Adelina M.	Ronald P.	Huston H.	Ariel G.	Tamara W.	Michelle I.	Tenesha T.	Sophia H.
Present	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Absent														

Quorum was made at 6:38pm

II. FY2020/2021 REVIEW

- a. Rules and Elections, Storm Hopkins
- b. Budget and Finance, Tenesha Taylor
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2020/2021 meeting meetings for July 2020, August 2020, September 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, and June 2021.

Motion was tabled for a future Board meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATION AND ELECTION

a. Chairperson

Gibson Nyambura, DONE NEA presided over the election of officers starting with Chair.

Sophia Hopkins	Tenesha Taylor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laisa Chica Caldwell • Adeline McCloud • Sophia Hopkins • Michelle Irving • Joseph Banuelos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gertude Davis • Andre Wallace • Ronald Preyer • Tamara Williams • Inishia White • Huston Holley III • Tenesha Taylor • Ariel Gonzalez

b. Vice Chairperson

Sophia Hopkins	Gertrude Davis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelina McCloud • Laisa Chica Caldwell • Sophia Hopkins • Michlle Irving • Joseph Banuelos • Teresa Jasson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gertrude Davis • Andre Wallace • Ronald Preyer • Tamara Williams • Inishia White • Huston Holley • Tenesha Taylor • Ariel Gonzalez

c. Recording Secretary
 • Inishia White

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Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
No														N.

d. Communications Secretary
 • Huston Holley

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Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

e. Treasurer
 • Tamara Williams

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Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

f. Parliamentarian
 • Michelle Irving

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Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

IV. ELECTIONS OF FINANCIAL SIGNERS AND CARDHOLDERS

a. 2nd Signer – Tenesha Taylor

Name	Teresa J.	Andre W.	Inishia W.	Joseph B.	Laisa Chica.	Gretrude D.	Adelina M.	Ronald P.	Huston H.	Ariel G.	Tamara W.	Michelle I.	Tenesha T.	Sophia H.
Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

b. Alternate Signer – Inishia White

Name	Teresa J.	Andre W.	Inishia W.	Joseph B.	Laisa Chica.	Gretrude D.	Adelina M.	Ronald P.	Huston H.	Ariel G.	Tamara W.	Michelle I.	Tenesha T.	Sophia H.
Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

c. 1st Cardholder- Tamara Williams

d. 2nd Cardholder – Adelina McCloud

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Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No														

V. Discussion and Possible Action on setting logistics for the Watts Neighborhood Council Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Board Retreat, recommended dates Saturday August 7, 2021 or Saturday August 14, 2021 both from 10am -2pm. (5 minutes) (Tabled)

VI. FUNDING BUSINESS (15 minutes)

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve new business
 - i. Approve FY 21/22 Proposed Administrative Budget Packet.
 - ii. Approve FY 21/22 Proposed Inventory document.
 - iii. Approve June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for FY 20/21
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on old business
 - i. Autism Does Not Define Me NPG.
 - ii. Neighborhood Housing Services NPG
 - iii. Pollinator Art Community Mural Project CIP

VII. PRESENTATIONS (30 minutes total; 3-5 min per speaker)

A. ELECTED OFFICIALS (15 minutes)

- i. Los Angeles Mayor: Representative from Mayor Garcetti’s office.
- ii. Council District 15: Representative from Councilman Joe Buscaino’s office.
- iii. Assembly District 64: Representative from Assemblyman Mike Gipson’s office.
- iv. Congressional District 44: Representative from Nanette Diaz Barragán’s office

B. CITY AGENCIES(10 minutes)

- i. Los Angeles Police Department/CSP: Field Deputy Representative.
- ii. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate.

C. Community Organization(5 minutes)

- a. Public Safety: Representative from Watts Gang Task Force

VIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (2 minutes per speaker; 10 minutes)

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (25 minutes)

Committee members shall be nominated and ratified by the Board. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be composed of at least one (1), but no more than five (5) Board members and will include any interested Stakeholders. Committee chairs may be stakeholders or Board members. A committee chairperson is one who holds the organizational position within a group and has the responsibility of running meetings held by that group.

- a. Rules and Election Committee, to be chaired by the Vice-Chair (per bylaws) or any stakeholder
- b. Budget and Finance Committee, to be Chaired by Treasurer (per bylaws) or any stakeholder
- c. Outreach, Training and Membership Committee to be chaired by the Parliamentarian (per bylaws) or any stakeholder
- d. Faith based and Community Organizations Committee
- e. Education, Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee to be chaired by the Education Representative (per bylaws) or any stakeholder
- f. Transportation Committee
- g. Senior, Adults, Parents and Caregivers Committee
- h. Business, Commerce, Planning and Land Use Committee
- i. Environment and Health Care Committee
- j. Youth Committee
- k. Cannabis Committee
- l. Discussion and Possible Action on creating a Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee for the next 2 years to deep dive and connect the dots with public safety and community sustainability; if passed, Chair appointment to any stakeholder.

X. APPOINTMENTS (10 minutes)

- a. Budget Liaison
- b. Homeless Liaison
- c. Community Impact Statement(CIS) Fillers, up to 5
- d. South Los Angeles Area Neighborhood Council Representative

XI. FUTURE WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS/EVENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

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