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VACANT, Youth Representative (2025)
Richard Williams, Business Representative (2025)
Jace Dawson, At-Large Representative (2027)
Angela Gilbert, At-Large Representative (2025)

**West Adams Neighborhood Council
Board regular meeting minutes
April 15, 2024**

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[7:59 am] Discussion Suspended While Invoice Located

[6:40 pm] Meeting called to order. Quintus Jett presiding.

[6:40 pm] The roll was called.

Present (10): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Connie Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Absent (4): Angela Gilbert, Brandy A. Robinson, Jennifer Walker, and Phillip Wiley

[6:41 pm] General Public Comment:

– Newbill, an education policy advisor for George McKenna. Introducing herself as a school board candidate.

[6:43 pm] Brandy A. Robinson arrived at the meeting

[6:44 pm] Brian Nelson Smiley & Genesee

The sidewalk doesn't have ADA compliant sidewalks.

There are Steel Plates in the street on Genesee and Adams. He has contacted the city but told they can't move them since they don't know who owns them. As a result the street wasn't repaved.

[6:46 pm] Johnathan Mitchell CD10 Rep -

– CD10 is working to get lights back on in our neighborhood. Ask that we report using 311 and send him the case number.

– Reports there has been an increase of RVs in the area due to new restrictions introducing in surrounding neighborhoods. – CD10 has introduced similar restrictions and working to connect RV owners with services as needed.

– Currently targeting the Clyde and Genesee and Adams areas.

– They were able to get RVs on Sycamore and Obama relocated.

– Trees are being trimmed in the area over the next few weeks – Johnathan asks if we see any trees blocking signage and traffic lights to please report it on 311.

– JM asks that we send him request for ADA compliant corners

[6:53 pm] Boardmember Meeks requested that Johnathan look into:

- Street Vendor Policing
- Illegal Valet Services operating on adams

[7:01 pm] On agenda item 4e , Richard Williams made a motion to "Approve the reimbursement of Board Member Angela Gilbert not to exceed \$250 in connection with expenses from the March 23, 2024 outreach event. (Vineyard Recreation Center's Spring Event)"

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Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:02 pm] On agenda item 4c , Tora Miller made a motion to "Approve the Feb 2024 MER"

[7:06 pm] Board Member Piatek explained to Board Members Meeks why his reimbursement took so long.

[7:09 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve the Feb 2024 MER"

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:10 pm] On agenda item 4D, Blake Lynch made a motion to "Approve the March 2024 MER"

[7:12 pm] Shower of Hope Banner -

The hold up was due to invoice without proper details.

The invoice was paid Today

[7:13 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve the March 2023 MER"

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:14 pm] LAFD Station 94 - Captain Balandis presented on Fire Service Day is coming up on May 11th from 10a -2p (targeting 400 - 500 people). Goal to connect the community with their local firefighters to foster relationships and fire safety.

-This years theme is Wellness

- Empowerment Congress West NC will be partnering with LAFD

- Station 94 is an Explorer Posts & they will be on site

- Will feature: a DJ, stretching/ yoga, food, and line dancing
 - MySafeLA CPR Classes and maybe a car show
 - LAFD Station 94 T-shirts for sale
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Board Member Miller is upset that with LAFDs large budget that they would come to us asking for money.

Captain Balandis rebutted that 90% of LAFD budget is spent on salary the other 10% supports all other LAFD program and vehicle maintenance.

[7:35 pm] On agenda item 4a, Brian Piatek made a motion to "Motion to approve the Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes for January 2024, February 2024, and March 2024."

[7:37 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to approve the Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes for January 2024, February 2024, and March 2024."

Ayes (11): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:39 pm] On agenda item 5A, Richard Williams made a motion to "Approve the Conditional use permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full-line alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an expanded full-service restaurant at 4919-4921 W. Adams Blvd 90016. Cento"

[7:42 pm] Board Member Tora Miller,
Would like us to hold new business more accountable to support the community?

[7:44 pm] Boardmember Dawson -
Concerned about more liquor in the neighborhood.

Wants to know if the committee actually vetted this opportunity.

Board Member Meeks said there was not a big discussion or vote in land use.

[7:45 pm] Board Member Thomas -

Would like for the land use committee to create a standardized list of questions. They also should take votes on projects before submitting.

[7:47 pm] Boardmember Dujon - We dont have enough power to enforce restrictions
Boardmember Williams - The state has taken away our power here. This is happening whether we like it or not. No point not passing it

[7:53 pm] Steven Meeks made a motion to "Table the discussion & vote of the Conditional use permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full-line alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an expanded full-service restaurant at 4919-4921 W. Adams Blvd 90016."

[7:55 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Table the discussion & vote of the Conditional use permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full-line alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an expanded full-service restaurant at 4919-4921 W. Adams Blvd 90016."

Ayes (6): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Steven Meeks, Tora Miller, Connye Thomas, and Juilio Valdez

Noes (5): Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, and Richard Williams

The motion passed.

[7:57 pm] Land Use to create a standard list of questions for new Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance provides business information.

[7:59 pm] On agenda item 5b, Richard Williams made a motion to "approve payment to UmeWorks for invoice #4575 in amount of \$131.50."

[8:00 pm] Community Stakeholder Jenny Simonson was approved as the cochair of Outreach

[8:06 pm] Coach Williams would like to know why the numbers of attendees are the meeting going down ?

[8:09 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "approve payment to UmeWorks for invoice #4575 in amount of \$131.50"

Ayes (9): Jace Dawson, Dorsay Dujon, Quintus Jett, Steven Meeks, Brian Piatek, Brandy A. Robinson, Connye Thomas, Juilio Valdez, and Richard Williams

Noes (2): Blake Lynch and Tora Miller

Ineligible (1): John Ma

The motion passed.

[8:12 pm] Steven Meeks left the meeting

[8:13 pm] Board Member Comment

Quintus Jett -

- WANC should work together more frequently

- Conflict of interest - In the event board members feel they have a conflict of interest in regards to WANC business they should reach out to the city attorney immediately. When a board member is recusing themselves they must make known to the board why they are recusing themselves.

[8:14 pm] Jace Dawson-

Let us know what and how you would like to work with us

Coach Williams - 300 people at the

We need to have meeting agendas, minutes.

People are not civically engaged.

[8:17 pm] Brian Piatek- Would like to see us do more around the blighted homes in the community especially those like the city owned property on Jefferson and Crenshaw

Connye Thomas - Wants WANC to do more connecting the community with events and resources things like the upcoming County Supervisor - Town April 17th

[8:20 pm] Meeting adjourned.

The neighborhood council counts abstentions as yes votes.