

Empowerment Congress South West Area Neighborhood Development Council



A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Serving the Communities of: **West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, Morningside Circle and Vermont Knolls**

Our Purpose:

To promote more citizen participation in local government and make government more responsive to local needs

Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, August 18, 2014 6:00 PM

Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044

1. **Welcome / Roll Call** - (2 Minutes)
2. **Secretary's Report and Approval** – (D. Sharp - 4 Minutes)
3. **Treasurer's Report and Approval** – (M. Peters - 2 Minutes)
4. **Council District 8 Update by Deputy Chanira Goodridge** – (5 Minutes)
5. **Public Safety Update** - LAPD SLO's Wunderlich and Durant - (10 Minutes)
6. **New Business** - (10 Minutes – L. Enix)
 - A. **2014 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods (nccongressla.org) – SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, September 20th 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM. The Congress provides speakers and workshops on how the City of Los Angeles works, how to increase the quality of life within our communities and strengthen the skills of the neighborhood council board members. Stakeholders are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer to assist with organizing the Congress please e-mail cindycleghorn@mac.com.
 - B. **Discussion and Possible Vote**
 1. **Vermont Collaborative - Should ECSWANDC join?** (5 Minutes) In response to the violence in the Vermont/Manchester area that resulted in the L.A. Times article entitled "Death Alley" a collaborative was born with the intent of decreasing violence and raising the quality of life in the boundaries between Florence Ave to 120th St. and Van Ness Ave to the 110 Fwy. The collaborative includes representatives from law enforcement, Council Districts 8 & 9, County District 2, gang interventionist, property owners, clergy, many non-profits and more. There will be a three year effort to try and address issues affecting community members with the assistance of the over 60 Vermont Collaborative member organizations.
7. **Speakers** (45 minutes)
 - A. **Los Angeles Police Department regarding the Vermont Collaborative Event** – On September 13, 2014 the Vermont Collaborative will be hosting the Community Clean-Up and Graffiti Removal Day as their very first kick-off event. Not only will the day serve as a vehicle to clean allies, streets and paint buildings in 5 locations but also as an opportunity to introduce the Collaborative to the community along with its purpose. The speakers will be



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submitting a Neighborhood Purposes Grant requesting funding to assist in paying for food, beverages, t-shirts and work gloves for the over 500 expected participants. (5 Minutes)

- B. **Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County** – For their last community clean-up in South L.A for 2014, NHSLA has chosen to partner with the Vermont Collaborative by holding it on September 13th and have again chosen a block within the ECSWANDC boundaries. Nyasha Buchongo will be submitting a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to request funding for food and beverages to serve community volunteers breakfast and lunch. - (5 Minutes)
- C. **Betty Soibel of Food and Water Watch** – The Fracking Moratorium in Los Angeles, Twin Tunnels proposal (5 minutes)
- D. **Neighborhood Prosecutor Bethelwel Wilson** – We will be welcoming Bethelwel and learning about the re-boot of the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program and its purview. We have asked him to provide the community with an update on the progress of closing illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and what to do regarding Nuisance activities and behavior within our boundaries. (20 minutes)
- E. **Oscar Cordova** – Property and bar owner at 8910 S. Western Ave. would like to speak to the board about the renewal of his liquor license.

8. Old Business - (L. Enix - 15 Minutes)

A. Discussion and Possible Vote

- 1. Community Impact Statement Designee Appointments – Community Impact Statements are official positions adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City’s decision makers. The process was created specifically for Neighborhood Councils so they can publicly express support, opposition or suggestions about any matter pending before City Council, its committees, or City commissions. It is used to express the position of the NC **as a whole** and is not to be used to express personal opinions. Up to 5 board members can be appointed as designee’s.
- 2. Budget Advocates appointments
- 3. Board Retreat Re-schedule (August 30,2014) (2 Minutes)
 - a. Board Retreat Budget Request
- 4. Results of the Street Vending Survey
 - a. Possible creation & submission of Community Impact Statement in regards to CF 13-1493

9. Committee Updates (10 Minutes)

A. Executive Committee (L. Enix)

- 1. Meeting Dates

B. Outreach (L. Enix)

1. Discussion and Possible Vote

- a. **Veteran’s Day Event** November 8th 2014 at St. Andrews Park – The ECSWANDC has the honor of being the area with the largest concentration of Veterans in comparison to other communities within the City of Los Angeles. Stakeholders have asked us to lead an effort to plan and host a Veteran’s Day Parade and Event at St. Andrew’s Park.
- 2. Outreach Committee Meeting Dates

3. Community Coalition Art Festival update
4. National Night Out update

10. Public Comments - Each individual limited to 3 minutes (6 Minutes Total)

11. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting to be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments", the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code Section 54957.5)

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