



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council Forum

April 20, 2015

Welcome & Call to Order: 6:10PM (L. Enix)

Roll Call: Present: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Peters, Sharp, Smith, E. and Wallace
Absent: Page, and Smith, P.

Discussion/Input:

What project should we tackle with a \$20,000 budget (\$15,000 from CM Parks grant & \$5,000 from budget)?

I. Suggestions:

- a) Trees- maintenance of existing trees and planting new trees along the business corridor.
- b) Flags on light poles marketing the ECSWANDC and informing people they are within its boundaries.
- c) Solar powered compacting trash cans installed along business corridors.
- d) Signs posted within the ECSWANDC boundaries promoting residents calling 3-1-1
- e) Installing planters along Western Ave.
- f) Purchase and have installed street signs with the ECSWANDC neighborhood names printed on them (West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, Vermont Knolls & Morningside Circle).
- g) Purchase and install doggie waste stations including bags at St. Andrews Park.
- h) Use the circle on Gramercy & 76th street to promote beautiful and appropriate drought resistant landscaping by improving the landscaping.
- i) Sponsor Garden Design
- j) Create a community garden and farmers market.
- k) Improve the median on 98th street between Western Ave. & Normandie Ave.
- l) Get the city to clean-up and maintain Century Blvd. between Normandie Ave. & Western Ave. (Contact Mary Jones in Mark Ridley-Thomas' office & Marqueece Harris-Dawson's office.
- m) Sponsor tree root pruning & trunk grinding.
- n) Clean up Vermont Ave. corridor (contact Chair Karen Lawrence of EC Southeast Area Neighborhood Council to inquire about possible collaboration)
- o) Veterans Memorial at St. Andrews Park

Public Comment:

Ashley Allen requested to join the board. Provided the board information regarding her background and interest.

Sharon Watson asked the board to provide a resolution indicating they never received information from the charter school on 103rd and Western Ave. regarding their impending build.

Adjournment: 7:54pm (by unanimous vote)