



**Executive Board**

Brent Page (Chair)  
Lois Nelson (Vice-Chair)  
Dr. Turner Roberts (Secretary)  
Ted Hope (Treasurer)  
Danielle Strickland (Social Media Coordinator)

Michael Guynn (Organizational Rep)  
Lynette Johnson (Renters Rep.)  
Robert Mallard (Youth Rep.)  
Daniel Stewart (At-Large Rep)  
Tyron Turner (Business Rep)  
Sandra Wilhite (Homeowners Rep.)  
Marilyn Hayes (Organizational Rep)

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTHWEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
General Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday April 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Center  
Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90044

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

The regular monthly Neighborhood Council meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brent D. Page at 6:00 PM Monday April 17, 2017.

Roll Call of Board Members followed immediately conducted by Chairperson Brent D. Page. The following Board Members answered present, Marilyn Hayes, Sandra Wilhite, TyRon Turner, Daniel Stewart, Roberts Mallard, Lynette Johnson, Michael Guynn, Danielle Strickland, Ted Hope, Turner Roberts, Lois Nelson, Brent Page.

**II. Minutes were read from the General Board Meeting Agenda for Monday March 20, 2017**

There were no addendum's or dedendum's to the minutes as read. It was motioned by Sandra Wilhite and seconded by Lois Nelson that the minutes be approved as read. The vote was called for and all present were in favor of accepting the minutes as read. The motioned passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report & Approval**

Treasurer Ted Hope presented the presentation and reports. However, it was cited that there was an incorrect date noted on the treasures report and a correction was called for and agreed to for the next general board meeting. (The date read February and should have read March 2017). The Treasure presented the Polo Shirt presentation for the Board Members City of Los Angeles' Logo to appear on the Polo Shirts, however, due to the

lack of time the General Board Meeting has been cut short by 15 minutes, the matter before the Board was tabled until the next Board meeting. The motion was called for by Turner Roberts; Lois Nelson called for the motion to be tabled until the next Board meeting and seconded by Sandra Wilhite. The vote was called for and all present voted to table the matter until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

#### **IV. Public Comments / Announcements for items not on the Agenda**

Public comments/speaker cards were collected and collated for speaker comments. Mrs. Byrd commented on the Charter School on Western Avenue south of Century Boulevard that there was not a crossing guard for the students during their physical education class. Student walked from the school campus to Jesse Owens (County) Park north of Century Boulevard. Mrs. Byrd further stated that there needs to be City of Los Angeles Department Transportation, Traffic Control Officer(s) in front of the school at dismissal/end of the school day due to the traffic buildup. Vehicles parked/stopped in front of the school to pick up student present a hazard to students/motorist alike. The number 2 lane south bound on western Avenue backs up 20 cars deep spilling on to Century Boulevard. Mrs. Byrd also stated that the City has made improvements to the park on Avalon Boulevard at Gage Avenue and asked the questions of why her area parks are still in a need of some repairs? Plus Mrs. Byrd left photos with the Board's Chairperson to substantiate her claim. Other concerned citizen spoke on the amount of medical marijuana dispensaries within a half mile diameter of the intersection of Manchester Boulevard and Western Avenue has not improved rather appear to have increased/worsened.

Mrs. Sylvia Cotton provided some unknown/informative welcomed information on the homelessness housing shortage. Mrs. Cotton explained in the area of Menlo Avenue near Manchester Boulevard the housing shorting will be remedied on the vacant parcel of land using metal cargo shipping containers for single family dwellings, to the surprise of and shock of the constituency attending the Board meeting. Mrs. Cotton further stated her concern for the over grow vegetation, weeds and debris on the City's property near LaSalle Avenue and Manchester Boulevard and when will it be addressed?

Mrs. Christina Runa a regular user of the website Next-door, expressed concerns over St. Andrews Recreation Center and its lack of activities for senior citizens. A need for movie nights for the community. A Mr. Mike expressed concerns about the one-way in and one way-out of Ralphs supermarket on Manchester Boulevard and Western Avenue despite the emergency exit doors in the supermarket.

#### **V. Government Representatives**

**Field Reprehensive:** Mr. Jared Farrell is the temporary replacement for Mr. Anthony Anderson, however, Mr. Anthony Anderson has returned to work and Mr. Jared Farrell continues to aid and assist the community. Street sweeping was a huge concern for the community that the City's Sanitation Department took note and have address these

concerns by incorporating regular neighborhood street sweeping on to parts of the Western Avenue. The same effort of street sweeping on Vermont Avenue streets are being address as stated by the official making the report. Also mentioned was the area of Gage Avenue and Western Avenue that the over grown weeds, high vegetation and debris have been cut down and removed from the area. A special note was mentioned that the Garr Family is hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon for the communities Mothers, Mother's Day at the Crenshaw Christion Center Church May 13, 2017, note please RSVP with the CCC. Note that the next Coffee with the Councilman will take place with Councilman Harris-Dawson in the Vermont Avenue/Adams Boulevard area at St. Agnes Church.

**VI. Public Safety** – Los Angele Police Department; LAPD'S 77<sup>th</sup>. Division's Carnival is back April 21-23, 2017, noon to 11PM Friday, noon to 12AM Saturday and noon to 10PM Sunday night. Tickets are on sale in advance at the stations.

**VII. New Business**

- i. There is a need for a homelessness committee representatives. It was motioned by Turner Roberts and second by Danielle Strickland that an Ad Hoc Committee be established. Lynette Johnson and TyRon Turner were the Board's representatives for the said committee; so, the Homelessness Committee was unanimously voted on to select Lynette Johnson and TyRon Turner as the Board's Ad Hoc Chairperson. All present voted in favor to do so.
- ii. St. Andrews Park was revisited in that the suggestions that a Juneteenth celebration be considered annually and the events be added to the parks calendars that Mrs. Christina Runa suggestions. Also, an advisory board needs to reimplemented to the St. Andrews Recreation Center was suggested.
- iii. A Memorial Day Celebration at the Constituent Service Center for May 27, 2017. Representative of the Board, Veteran's Chairperson Turner Roberts requested \$1,500.00 by provided for this event. Due to lack of time the motion to table this request until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motioned to table this request was motioned by Lois Nelson and seconded Michael Guynn. All present voted to table the measure. The motion passed.

**VIII. Old Business** –Treasurer Ted Hope prepared and presented his report on the Polo Shirts for the Board members. After evaluation and study of the treasures report the Board decided that the best bargain and quality would be to purchase the Polo Shirts from "Quick Draw" T-Shirt Company. The motion to do so was presented by Sandra Wilhite and seconded by Danielle Strickland. All eligible voted in favor of "Quick Draw"! The motion passed.

**IX. Committee Updates – Discussion and Possible Action**

a) Committee Chairs report(s) on committee meetings dates, time and locations.

- i. Outreach committee Chair, Danielle Strickland, meetings every 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday 6-7PM @ 8475 South Vermont Ave. L.A., CA. 90044
- ii. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Chair, Mike Guynn see Mr. Guynn for report.
- iii. Veterans Committee & 2017 Jazz at St. Andrews Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Turner Roberts see Dr. T. Roberts for reports.
- iv. SLAANC Sandra Wilhite reported please see Mrs. Sandra Wilhite for her reports.
- v. City Homeless Liaison Lynette Johnson reported please see Mrs. Lynette Johnson for her reports.
- vi. LAX Airport Rep. Brent Page; LAX meet May 13, 2017 @ 1 World Way Administrative Building just before terminal #1 Southwest Airlines.

**X. Adjournment @ 7:46PM by Board Chairperson Brent Page!**