

Board Members

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Margaret Peters, Treasurer
Thomasina Lawrence
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Ed Smith
Priscilla Smith
Dave Wallace

**City of Los Angeles
California**



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2014**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

Present: Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Thomasina Lawrence, Brent Page, Margaret Peters, DeWanna Sharp, Ed Smith (arrived at 6:16 p.m.), and Priscilla Smith

Absent: Rashad Rucker and Dave Wallace

2. COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 UPDATE BY DEPUTY CHANIRA GOODRIDGE

Field Deputy Goodridge reported that Council Member Parks is launching a Clean-Up LA Campaign. This effort is to discourage illegal dumping. He has partnered with Active Recycling who will allow anyone to dump one truck load for free at the Recycling center for 7 days beginning Friday, September 26.

The Emergency Management Department is promoting classes for South LA residents at the Crenshaw Christian Center. Maximum attendance is 100.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Senior Lead Officer Wunderlich reported: crime is decreasing. From September 9 -13 there were no grand theft auto (GTA) or 459's (vehicle burglaries)

There was an arrest in the area of 92nd/ Cimarron and Wilton/Gramercy all due to the efforts of active neighbors. Arrests were made along with seizure of funds (\$15k) and product (30 lbs. of marijuana) from the Marijuana Dispensary located 8417 S Vermont. LAPD Detectives are enforcing the LMACC code violations which allow them to seize property and close the dispensary.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT INCLUDING THE MINUTES

August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: A correction to record Thomasina Lawrence as being in attendance was recommended by Lawrence.

MOTION 1

Peters moved to accept the August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by E. Smith.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Peters, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: None

MOTION 1- PASSED 8-0-0

August 28, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes: A correction to record Thomasina Lawrence as being in attendance was recommended by Lawrence.

MOTION 2

Guynn moved to accept the August 28, 2014 Special Board Meeting minutes with the stated corrections. Seconded by Peters.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Peters, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: None

MOTION 2- PASSED 8-0-0

August 30, 2014 Retreat Minutes: There were no questions or request for changes made from the board.

MOTION 3

Sharp moved to accept the August 30, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Peters.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: Lawrence

MOTION 3- PASSED 7-0-1

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Peters reported that the August operations expenses totaled \$1419.39. She noted a correction to the fiscal budget allocation reported at the ECSWANDC Retreat. The allocation is \$37,000 versus the stated \$37,500. Peters asked that the board table any action until the October meeting where she will present hard copies of the reports for the months of July, August, and September.

6. BUDGET ADVOCATE'S REPORT

Budget Advocate Peters announced the Regional Budget Day Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 11. The event will be hosted in South LA and includes budget advocates from across the city along with the alternates and stakeholders. There are 7 budget advocates representing region 9 & 10. Requesting funds (\$150) to cover facility cost. Expenses from this event will be shared by all NC's.

MOTION 4

Sharp moved to fund the facility fee cost of \$150 for the Regional Budget Day Training. Seconded by E. Smith.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: Lawrence

MOTION 4- PASSED 7-0-1

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder, Norris Byrd reported that the buildings next to the Bank of America on Western Avenue have been torn down. She feels that it is a discredit to the community. She addressed the prolonged proposed Ralph Grocery upgrades and identified concerns with the LaSalle School. She asked the board to invite the school officials to a meeting to address the concerns. She has contacted the media.

Chair Enix advised that Former Mayor Richard Riordan is the owner of the property next to the Bank of America and that there was some doubt that he would continue with the plan to build a charter school due to funding issues. She continued to inform that the Health Care industry has interest in building a presence in South LA and may find interest in the property. Regarding LaSalle Elementary, the chair expressed awareness that they had

lost items during the asbestos remediation and that the school leadership has the option to come and speak before the board to ask for assistance or submit an NPG.

Regarding Ralph's Councilmember Parks' Field Deputy Goodridge advised that Ralphs repeatedly states renovations will begin by the end of 2014.

8. SPEAKERS

Rasha Patterson, representative from Scope, provided information and requested support of Proposition 47 (The Safe Neighborhood School Act Fund) on the November 3, 2014 ballot. If Prop 47 passes it will be retroactive for the past 30 years and the following 6 low level/nonviolent crimes (under the \$950 value) will automatically drop a person's felony status to misdemeanor:

1. Simple drug possession
2. Petty theft
3. Shoplifting
4. Writing/cashing a bad check
5. Fraud
6. Receipt of stolen goods

Felons are challenged with obtaining employment, housing, and educational grants. 1-3 Blacks and 1-6 Latino are incarcerated. Taxpayers pay \$62,000 per inmate per year. If Prop 47 passes, monies allocated to the penal system will be rerouted to the Safe Neighborhood School Act Fund. The Fund will allocate funds to address mental health (65%), K-12 at risk youth (25%), and trauma victims (10%). Scope will host training on the facts and how to talk about Prop 47 on September 25.

9. Fracking Letter

Chair asked the Board to determine if we wanted to support the Food & Water Watch (FWW) by singing on and sending city leadership the letter FWW provided asking the Mayor and City Council to support a moratorium on fracking within the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION 5

Sharp move to send notice to the Honorable Mayor Garcetti and City Council highlighting our support for the Fracking Moratorium requested by FWW. Seconded by Page.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Peters, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: None

MOTION 5- PASSED 8-0-0

10. Community Impact Statement – TABLED

11. Reimbursement of Treasurer Peters

In June, Treasurer Peters received a request for payment from ICDSOft (the company where the ECSWANDC registered their domain name and that hosts www.southwestnc.org). If not paid immediately, the website was in danger of being taken down. Because the board wouldn't have access to funding until July 1, 2014 Treasurer Peters paid IDCSoft \$61.00 out of her personal funds and is requesting reimbursement.

MOTION 6

Sharp moved to have an immediate reimbursement of \$61 to Treasurer Peters. Seconded by E. Smith

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Sharp, E. Smith, P. Smith,

No: None

Abstain: Peters

MOTION 6- PASSED 7-0-1

12. Facility overtime/extended hours- TABLED

13. Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Sharp

Approved by the board on Monday, November 17, 2014