

Empowerment Congress Southwest Neighborhood Development Council
Monthly Meeting held April 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm.

Roll Call: Sylvia Cotton
Norris Byrd
Dorothy Napoleon
Priscilla Smith
Kokayi Jitahidit
Doris Spates
John Reese

Community Reports:

From the Office of Councilman Bernard Parks, Cesar Ruiz, Field Deputy, Council District 8 was our first speaker:

- 1) His updates included reports on how St. Andrews will be upgraded:
 - a) Track and field equipment, scoreboards, practice tennis courts, and workout equipment will all be updated or installed.
- 2) Ralph's Grocery Store on Western and Manchester will begin remodeling this year or later next year.
- 3) Redistricting – Its' implementation is based on whether the Mayor vetoes or signs off on the plan come July 1, 2012. The loss of Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, and USC are at stake for the Eight District.
- 4) The Urban Forestry Department will plant some 300 trees, for the Southwest Area 50 trees will be planted south of Manchester.
- 5) There will be a Youth Technology Fair, April 28, 2012 at St. Andrews Park
- 6) 8th Annual Walk All Over Cancer April 28,2012 in Jesse Owens Park.

Senior Lead Officers Tim Wunderlich of the 77th Division and Officer Durant presented crime stats from 4/8/12 – 4/14/12 for our council area. They stated that there were no murders but a variety of street robberies, assaults, and burglaries reflected on maps of the areas.

Arthi Varma from the Los Angeles City Planning Department spoke on the Status of South Los Angeles Community Plan, which she states that they will have long range concrete plans for fall 2012. Dialog was exchanged regarding the structure on 103rd and Western with no clear resolve, and other issues centered around what to do regarding neighbors with too many cars parked on the block.

Public comments: Bobbi Holmes, a 30 year resident addressed the board and stakeholders regarding voting Sunday, April 29, 2012, at 3551 Voyager St. # 105 for delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Unfinished Business: Changing of the Bylaws language from election to reflect selection process was the next order of business. Ms. Napoleon motioned for selection process, Ms. Spates seconded, all board members were in favor, 7 yeas, and 0 nays.

New Business: Discussion and possible board action to determine a second signatory for P-card and financial documents. The bylaws state at least one other individual other than the treasurer is designated by the board. The matter was discussed and all agreed to have a second signatory; Priscilla Smith assumed the role of second signatory.

The board agreed to accept Tomasina Lawrence as secretary for the completion of the 2010-2012 term.

Members from the 84th PI Block Club agreed to assist with the establishment of a public safety committee to collaborate with the South Central and South East NDC's in forming one Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. Kokayi and Ms. Napoleon will represent for Southwest NDC. Ms. Napoleon motioned, seconded by Kokayi.

Encumbering \$2500 to \$3500 to cover the cost of outreach and the town selection process in September was increased to \$12000 after discussion and technical support from DONE official. A motion was placed by Ms. Napoleon and seconded by Kokayi, 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Discussion was held on becoming a fiscal sponsor of the South Los Angeles People's Convention for an expenditure of \$1000.00. As a sponsor the ECSWANDC will be listed on all official convention materials. Ms. Byrd motioned, Ms. Napoleon seconded, 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstained due to conflict of interest.

After discussion to create a committee to hire a company for website logo design, Ms. Cotton volunteered to head the committee.

The Board granted two Purpose Grants:

John Reese motioned that \$5000 be granted to LaSalle Elementary School for a billboard, Ms. Spate seconded, 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Ms. Smith motioned that \$5000 be granted to Jeopardy for their youth program, Ms. Spate seconded, 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Correction: Unfinished business, the motion placed was incorrectly stated, it has now been revised.

Correction: The name of the school was previously omitted regarding the Board awarding two purpose grants.