

**ECSWANDC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2012 6:30 PM**

I. Called to Order

Meeting was called to order, by chair Mrs. Cotton.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance; Norris Byrd, Doris Spates, John Reese, Sylvia Cotton, Thomasina Lawrence, Dorothy Napoleon, Kokayi Jitahidi, Priscilla Smith.

Introduction Public Officials/ Representatives

II. Community Reports

1. Cesar Ruiz, Council District 8 Field Deputy

Informed the council and members that New District lines were confirmed. Mr. Ruiz stated the following areas were not included in our district: Carlton Square, the North side of USC and Exposition Park. Due to these lines being changed funds were lost in our district. However, we did gain Imperial Hwy to Central Avenue. The vote was 13 to 2, Councilman Bernard Parks and Councilwoman Jan Perry opposed the re-drawing lines of the opposing maps.

Vacant lots across from the Constitution Center: Mrs. Cotton asked what was Councilman Parks doing about the vacant lots across the street at 84th and Vermont Avenue in our area. The lots are still in court; the courts have had the case since 1992 attempting to acquire the lots by imminent domain; status pending. Mrs. Cotton asked for an answer. Mr. Ruiz stated a pending disposition should be heard between January and February. Mrs. Cotton requested "privity" to attend the meetings. Mrs. Cotton also requested an up-date on the status of the vacant lots on Vermont Avenue.

Tennant / Builders Meeting on 103 and Western on the development of the 64 (1) bedroom units; 43 underground parking spaces and a community room were discussed. Because this is a 20 million project the terms must to be fair and acceptable to the

stake holders that reside in this community. A question arose is there a soil-contamination review to take place?

St. Andrews Park Walking Track Development has been delayed, due to a lack of funds available. Mrs. Cotton, stated this was the second time this has happened with this redevelopment project, and she asked for an explanation. Mr. Ruiz stated the project was to start in April; however, the contract had to go out for bid again because we are under a new district. This is another 3 year project.

2. Tim Wunderlich, Senior Lead Officer 77th Division was not present. However, the following representative was on hand.
3. Department of Transportation
Officer Leon Raggett was present to answer any traffic and transportation questions. Board member Mrs. Napoleon asks about cars parked in the ally, why nothing is being done? One reason is that gated allies are considered private property. Other questions were addressed and a 24 hour 7 day a week telephone was given for any questions (213) 485-4184 and press #2.
4. Permit parking was inquired about. For information on permit parking go to LADOT.org to have a street permitted. Commercial Vehicles and ordinances were discussed; commercial vehicles with commercial plates and commercial signage cannot be parked on residential streets. A discussion on street services and speed bumps were mentioned.

III. General Public Comments

1. Ronnie Boston with the Southern California Gas Company spoke on a Project that benefits the homeowner. Weatherization Program a free service to the community. For more information call (310) 503-8118.
2. Catherine Collins of the 103rd Manhattan Homeowners Association appeal goes before the City Council on July 24, 20012.
3. Thomasina Lawrence, secretary stated that a letter was sent to Planetaide.org regarding clothing collection containers placed on various coroners that are marked with graffiti.
4. A proposed DWP Increase for service was announced.

5. Mrs. Byrd, Board members announced that Von's Food Drive was to take place, Mrs. Byrd asked for volunteers, and stakeholders to bring to her home can goods and food to take to Von's market on behalf of our community so we would be a part of the food give-away. Mrs. Byrd will personally deliver the contributions to Von's market deadline is July 24, 2012. Mrs. Byrd will take photos and submit to the board; food drop off is Mrs. Byrd's home.
6. Food Distribution center will take place on 109th and Denker at Washington Prep High School. Children will be fed 2 times a day.
7. Plan Use Land Use – Presented by Board member Kokayi. It was stated that there is an intense request for buildings in this area.

New Business

1. Board Members

Mrs. Angela Herbs and Mrs. French received certificates for their commitment and service to the ECSWANDC board.

- IV. Approval & Review of June 18, 2012 meeting minutes, the minutes were tabled by Mrs. Cotton to be read at the August meeting.
- V. Notice of the Zone Ordinance - Appeal Plum Ordinance. A letter was drafted by Kokayi regarding the ordinance was read and approved doing the meeting to be sent to the City Council.
- VI. Planning Land Use Committee Report
 - a) Chair - Kokayi Jitahidi distributed information and gave an up-date on illegal operations in our area.
 - b) Medical Marijuana Dispensaries a list of several sites were given by Kokayi that were not official sites that are approved and are operating in the community. 7404 South Western Avenue, 7509 South Western Avenue, 8411 South Vermont Avenue, 2593 West Manchester Avenue, 2157 ½ West Century Blvd., 9107 South Western Avenue, 1011 4th Place, 2107 West Manchester, 9224 South Vermont Avenue.
- VII. Treasurer Report

- 5.5 Neighborhood Purpose Grants; there are three request for grants to be reviewed at the August meeting. 1) DGFL 2) Al Wooten Center 3) Challengers Boys & Girls Club. Sly Rogers Alumni of the Club spoke to the audience and shared what the organization offers the community.
- 5.6 Up-coming event – August 25th Park Mesa High at Van Ness Park.
- 5.7 Impact statements from our board and a request for Ms. Cotton to speak to the L.A. City Council on our behalf were approved.

By Mrs. Napoleon

New Funds

2012-2013 next fiscal year's funds will be \$37,000; it is the goal of this board to spend money in our community making a positive difference within our community.

VI. Community Report

- Announcement from KoKayi chair of the PLUM Committee report - City Planning regarding city overlay plan for our area.
- It is the PLUM Committee's goal to make sure the request of the residential stakeholders is initiated and preserved. KoKayi suggested we conduct a Town Hall meeting. We as stakeholders must come to the PLUM meetings. Discussion on quality of living, cost of homes will be discussed. There was a fast-food band in our area, and lobbyist is fighting against the community plan. In July we will provide a letter listing our priorities and consideration to hold a stakeholders meeting tentative meeting is planned for.
- CPIO – Community Planning Ordinance, development in our community is unique and should be protected at all cost. 2nd Monday at 5:00 PM a possible meeting will be scheduled.

VII. New Business Discussion and possible Board Actions

5.1 Mrs. Cotton final logo was approved, Kokayi had on a t-shirt with the new logo for ECSWANC.

5.2 Upcoming Neighborhood Council Election Process and Outreach. will be in October. We are looking for new board members and encourage all interested parties to apply.

- Our election will take place on October 13 or October 20th, 2012. Prior to this time we will have outreach to all stakeholders.
- We are Region 9 Southwest Area Neighborhood Council.
- South Los Angeles and 17 Neighborhood Council in South Los Angeles will have their election on October 13th or 20th on a Saturday.

- 5.8 How Housing is defined: The Community Care Facilities Agency in the West Valley has imposed on our rights as property owners regarding multiple occupants in a residence. Janet Kelly, a representative spoke on behalf of the proposed ordinance that is before the City Council. She stated the approval of this ordinance, first of all will cost the City of Los Angeles over four billion dollars in community affordable housing, secondly, they believe the ordinance is illegal. Thirdly, this will create contained poverty pockets in less desired areas of Los Angeles, which will impact the Southwest, Southeast and South Central communities. South Los Angeles has over 8,000 of the homeless population and 91 % goes without shelter, including veterans and seniors. Ms. Kelly asked that the stakeholders of this community voice their support against this proposed ordinance.

VIII. Public Comments (2 minutes)

IX. Adjournment (1 minute) Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Minutes recorded by:

Thomasina Lawrence, Secretary

E-mailed to the board July 16, 2012