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 panting 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)