



## APPROVED GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2014

### 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

There was NO quorum at 6:00 p.m. so the chair announced: we will have an informational meeting. Agenda items # 1-3 skipped. Began with an informational announcement about the 2014 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods. Chair Enix, encouraged the stakeholders to attend the upcoming Saturday, September 20, 2014 day of workshops and opportunities to network with city leaders, other neighborhood council board members and stakeholders.

### 2. COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 UPDATE BY DEPUTY CHANIRA GOODRIDGE

Field Deputy Goodridge advised there is steady progress with the sidewalk repair program. Regarding St. Andrews Park, still working on the baseball diamond and the bleachers are being updated. There is a plan to re-open St. Andrews Park in stages.

Regarding the LAX Soundproofing project, Scott Tatro, Airport Environmental Manager advised the program is complete. However, soundproofing is still being completed in the surrounding cities of El Segundo, Inglewood, and within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles. Additionally, Mr. Tatro advised that they keep re-drawing the contour line and are continuously measuring various locations which may allow for future mitigation of other homes. Currently, LAX processes 1900 flights a day and 67 million passengers annually. Mr. Tatro encouraged the stakeholders to report noise complaints to (424) 646-6473.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY

LAPD SLO's Wunderlich and Durant not present.

#### ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS at 6:14 p.m.

Present: Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Thomasina Lawrence, Brent Page, Margaret Peters, Rashad Rucker (arrived at 6:17), DeWanna Sharp, Ed Smith (arrived at 6:14 p.m.), and Priscilla Smith (arrived at 6:22 p.m.)

Absent: Dave Wallace

### 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT INCLUDING THE MINUTES

Immediate past Secretary Lawrence has not yet submitted the May 19, 2014 minutes. Secretary Sharp presented the July 21, 2014 minutes to the board for approval. There were no questions or requests for changes made from the board. Sharp recommended one correction that the title Board Meeting be corrected to read Board Minutes.



#### Board Members

Lonella Enix, Ch

Michael Guynn  
Co-Chair

Margaret Peter  
Treasurer

DeWanna Sharp  
Secretary

Thomasina  
Lawrence  
Renter's Rep

Brent Page  
Renter's Rep

Rashad Rucker  
Organizational  
Rep

Priscilla Smith  
Homeowner's R

Ed Smith  
Business Rep

Dave Wallace  
Member-At-Larj

**MOTION 1**

Peters moved to accept the July 21, 2014 minutes with the stated correction. Seconded by Guynn.  
Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Peters, Sharp, Ed Smith  
No: none  
Abstain: none

**MOTION 1- PASSED 7-0-0**

5. **TREASURER’S REORT**

Treasurer Peters submitted the July 2014 Treasurer’s report to the board for approval. There were no questions or requests made for changes.

**MOTION 2**

Guynn moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as documented. Seconded by E Smith.  
Yes: Enix, Guynn, Lawrence, Page, Peters, Sharp, Ed Smith  
No: none  
Abstain: Rucker

**MOTION 2- PASSED 7-0-1**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Vermont Collaborative-**

Chair Enix informed the board about the Vermont Collaborative. It was formed in response to the LA Times article entitled “Death Alley” referring to the above average violence in the area surrounding Vermont Ave between Manchester and Imperial Hwy. The members are comprised of LAPD, representatives from Councilmen Parks and Price’s offices, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ office and various clergy, not for profit organizations, property owners and associations that have some sort of stake within the area. Their mission is to decrease violence and increase the quality of life for the residents within the boundaries of Florence Ave to 120<sup>th</sup> St and the 110 FWY to Van Ness Ave. An invitation was extended by LAPD Captain Whittingham for the ECSWANDC board to join the Collaborative and the effort.

**MOTION 3**

Rucker moved that ECSWANDC become a member of the Vermont Collaborative. Seconded by Guynn.  
Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Ed Smith  
No: None  
Abstain: Lawrence, Rucker, P. Smith

**MOTION 3- PASSED 6-0-3**

7. **SPEAKERS**

**Nyasha Buchongo**, representative from Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County, requested support for the upcoming Manchester Square Neighborhood Pride Day on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – noon at 7726 La Salle Avenue. A Neighborhood Purpose Grant request to fund food and beverages to follow.

**Betty Soibel**, representative from Food and Water Watch, described fracking. She explained the impact on the environment, our communities, and our health as well as the threat to our existing

ground water. There is a zoning ordinance to prohibit hydraulic fracturing (fracking), extreme drilling techniques, and waste disposal wells that will be before the L.A. City Council in September. Chair Enix will follow up with the City Council's agenda and provide additional information as well as seek board participation with crafting a community impact statement. The board will also discuss signing the letter at the next board meeting.

**Bethelwel Wilson**, Neighborhood Prosecutor, coordinates and collaborates with the senior lead officers from LAPD's 77<sup>th</sup> Division to address the quality of life issues such as illegal dumping, encampments, abatement, and blight. He is the liaison between LAPD, community, and neighborhood councils. Report problems and concerns to Mr. Wilson at (213) 978-2226. Reports regarding illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensaries or nuisance behaviors can be e-mailed to [atty.medicalmarijuana@lacity.org](mailto:atty.medicalmarijuana@lacity.org)

**Oscar Cordova**, the 6<sup>th</sup> owner of the sports bar located at 8910 S Western Avenue, allowed Kevin Franklin, an ABC Investigator to present on his behalf. Mr. Franklin requested support to obtain a new liquor license. Mr. Cordova's previous business partnership dissolved and the liquor license became invalid. He needs to obtain a public convenience approval from Councilmember Parks and would like to gain support from the ECSWANDC. Councilmember Parks will not give a public convenience approval.

The board and stakeholder's raised concerns regarding the hours of operation, security, parking, noise, and beautification of the façade. Chair Enix advised Mr. Cordova and Mr. Franklin to present a formal request and include how he plans to address the board and stakeholder's concerns.

8. Adjournment at 7:49

Minutes prepared by Secretary Sharp

Approved by the Board on Monday, September 15, 2014