

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTH WEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
General Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Center  
8475 So. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90044**

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

The regular monthly Neighborhood Council meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brent D. Page at 6:03 PM Monday, October 16, 2017. The following board members answered present; Brent D. Page, Lois Nelson, TyRon Turner, Danielle Strickland, Michael Guynn, Marilyn Hayes, Ted Hope and Sandra Wilhite.

**Minutes were read from the Board Retreat September 16, 2017**, there were no additions or subtractions to the minutes as read. It was motioned by TyRon Turner and seconded by Danielle Strickland and the minutes were accepted as read. The vote was called for and all present voted in favor. The motion passed.

**II. Treasurer's Report & Approval**

Mr. Ted Hope reviewed monthly expenditure reports from August and September. Mr Hope explained why we had to re-issue a check in the amount of \$5,362. One of the vendors from the Jazz Festival lost the original check. Mr Hope reminded constituents about neighborhood purpose grant money and only one group had applied for funds community related events. It was motioned by Lois Nelson and seconded by TyRon Turner. The vote was called for and all present voted in favor. The motion passed.

Constituent asked Mr Hope about budget for elections and Brent Page asked Jasmine Duckworth to explain election budget to constituents.

**III. Presentation:**

**Anthony Gordon**, director from **St Andrews Park** spoke about Halloween event for kids at the park. Anthony also mentioned some of the issue that people complain about at the park. Constituents spoke about being intimidated about some of the negative activities that go on at the park. Mr Gordon suggested having LAPD do random walk throughs and intermingle with some of the park visitors.

Brent Page suggested getting St Andrew Park marquee fixed and that Mr Gordon should meet with Councilman Dawson or someone from his office to help solve some of the parks issues.

Constituents suggested the park do more activities for seniors in the neighborhood.

**Mark Johnson** from **City Lites** shared information about his up and coming community marathon and music festival.

**Olivia Linn** from **Hariett Buhai Center for Family Law** gave us information about free family law services for the community.

#### **IV. Legislative Update:**

Isais from Councilman Dawson's office agreed to work with director of St Andrews Park to help solve some of the issues they are having. We were also updated about up and coming cannabis laws next year in regard to illegally operating dispensaries in our community. From Isais's understanding only two of them are legal in our area. We were also updated about Congresswoman's town hall about airport noise.

Isais suggested that we continue to call for services like tree trimming, curb repairs, etc.

Constituents complained about homeowner using his property to store large appliances in the community. We were notified that the case might be headed to criminal court because of previous failed attempts to solve the problem.

Isais notified us about the Veterans Breakfast at Harvard Park November 4, 2017.

Finally, Isais informed us about the up and coming homeless count and the council office is looking for volunteers January 25, 2018.

#### **V. Outreach Committee:**

**Danielle Strickland** updated constituents about meeting on a monthly basis for six months and possibly doing a Local Live Day March 4, 2018. Danielle also mentioned the possibility of doing a Literacy Day for kids.

#### **Planning and Land Use:**

Mike Guynn spoke about meeting before the year is out to set goals for the up and coming year.

#### **Jazz Committee Update:**

This was tabled by Brent Page for further discussion.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:57PM**