EMPOWERMENT
CONGRESS SOUTHWEST AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes
Monday August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM
St. Andrews Recreation Center Community Room
8701 South St. Andrews Place
Los Angeles, CA 90047

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Opening Comments
The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Danielle Strickland (Chair) followed by roll call. The following answered present for roll call: Jason Franklin, Arturo Flores, TyRon Turner, Brent Page, Turner Roberts, Daniella Strickland, Juree Rambo, Kyle Brown and Kawika Smith.

II. Public Comments
Brent Page, Area 1 Representative stated that Area 1 block club meets every first Saturday at St. Andrews Recreation Center in the community room at 1PM.

III. Minutes Report & Approval – Secretary Dr. Turner Roberts asked that the minutes be accepted as read. It was motioned by Jason Franklin and seconded by Arturo Flores. All present voted and the motioned passed.

IV. Treasurer’s Report & Approval –
Due to the recent positioning of the Treasure, Jason Franklin, the report was asked to be tabled until next month’s meeting. It was motioned by Brent Page and seconded by Turner Roberts. All present voted and the motion passed. Tabled until September’s Board meeting.
V. **Public Safety Updates.**
Police Department / Law Enforcement Sensitive. (A few minutes late), Officers Martin and Cardenas reported. Coffee and donuts with officers from 77th. Street Department at 1463 W. Manchester Burger King (free to the public), 7-9AM Thursday August 22, 2019. You can contact officer Ruben Cardenas @ 424-369-9046; 323-786-5494; 877-ASK-LAPD; 911-TEXT MESSAGE.

VI. **Government Update**

**Council District 8 Representative Isaiah Benavidez** reported, a New Bridge Home is now open at 60th street and St Andrews Place.

Every 2nd Thursday of each month @ 6-9PM 2 77th Street Division, walk through.

Cannabis shops; there is a lack of enforcement in the City due to lack of personnel. However, 5 shops on Western Ave have been shut down. Normandie Ave and 79th street to Manchester Ave. is being resurfaced this Saturday and Sunday. On 59th street and St. Andrews Place, there is a homeless shelter opening in September for people that have been identified in our area with needs that will be housed for three years and up to five years thanks HHH.

VII. **New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)**

a. Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of $9,700. 00 for (FAACC) Irene Ratiff. See June and July’s minutes for more details. The Board’s funding amount TBD at later date. The matter was motioned to be tabled until September’s Board meeting. It was motioned by Arturo Flores and seconded by TyRon Turner that this matter be tabled until September meeting. All present voted in favor of tableting the matter. The motion passed.

b. Refer to August 19, 2019 Agenda; request did not pass. It was motioned to table the matter until September’s Board meeting. 5 votes = yes to table the matter. That motion passed.

c. Turner Roberts volunteered to be the Preparedness Officer. It was motioned by Arturo Flores and seconded by TyRon Turner to appoint Turner Roberts to said position. All present voted in favor of. Turner Roberts was appointed.

d. The Date was suggested by Ms. Byrd; June 28, 2020. It was motioned by Brent Page and seconded by Arturo Flores. All presented voted and the motion passed.

e. Arturo Flores stated $100.00 per month be placed in the account for Social Media.

f. TyRon Turner reports that the 7/11 corporation is planning to open it store at 83rd street and Western Ave with 3 vendor stores and convince stores.

g. Brent Page reported on the vacant lot on 86th street and western next to Bank of America. The report is that retail space will occupy the first floor and rental
apartment will occupy the upper floors are in the works. Page also states the Block Club parties are being planned for the future.

h. Chair Danielle Strickland is updating; our elementary school are failing in our area. They are ranked #10 out of a ranking of 10! We need to place special attention on the matter.

VIII. **Public Comments / Announcements** not on the agenda.
Mr. Carl Davis (213) 215-7439 is interested in assisting on the Preparedness Office for the Mayor. Mr. Jabarah Henry is requesting at Motorcycle Cop @ the stop sign at 89th street and St. Andrews to enforce the stop sign. He is also that the Park Dept. place filters on the water fountains in the Park. The homeowner at 7844 So. Hobart Blvd. is asking for attention be place on the alley rear between 76th street and 79th street. K.J. Clark Budget Advocate (31) 508-3248 E-mail: AdvocateKJClark@gmail.com; [www.Facebook.com/LABudgetAdvocates](http://www.facebook.com/LABudgetAdvocates); https://twitter.com/Budget Advocates; Website: [www.ncbala.com](http://www.ncbala.com); 200 N. Spring St. 20th Floor L.A.,CA 90012

IX. **Adjournment**
Call @ 8:00PM by Board Chair.