

Danielle Strickland (Chair/RA5R)
Brent Page (Vice-Chair)
Turner Roberts (Secretary/RA4R)
Jason Franklin (Treasurer/Org. Rep.)
Lonella Enix (Social Media Rep.)
Juree Rambo (Res. Area 1 Rep.)
Daniel Stewart (Res. Area 2 Rep.)
Kyle Brown (Res. Area 3 Rep.)
Kawika Smith (Youth Rep)
Mike Guynn (Organizational Rep)
TyRon Turner (Business Rep)
Margaret Peters (At-Large Rep)

**City of Los Angeles
California**



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

General Board Meeting Minutes

October 2019

St. Andrews Recreation Center
8701 S. St. Andrews Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90047

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM on Monday, October 21, 2019.

Present: Lonella Enix, Jason Franklin, Mike Guynn, Brent Page, Juree Rambo, Kawika Smith, Danielle Strickland, Tyron Turner.

Absent: Kyle Brown, Dr. Turner Roberts & Daniel Stewart.

Speaker: Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer discussed AB413, in which he was lead author. AB413 eliminates the term “at risk” and replaces it with “at promise” in the Penal & Education Code when referring to our youth. The Assemblymember shared that the change in the lexicon will help our youth to be defined by their potential and not by their mistakes. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law.

The Assemblymember also shared details of AB1454 in which he again was the lead author and Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law. \$50M in grants has been made available to non-profits within our communities to provide Trauma Informed Care as opposed to arrest, detention and incarceration.

- III. **Secretary Report** – Due to the absence of Secretary Roberts, Lonella Enix made a motion to table:
- A review of September General Board Meeting minutes;
 - Discussion on amending the July 15th General Board Minutes, item 6, to reflect that Danielle Strickland was approved as Education Committee Chair and Kawika Smith as Vice-Chair, and Danielle Strickland as the Park and Recreation Committee Chair;
 - Discussion on amending the September 4th Special Board Meeting minutes, item J, to reflect “Appoint SLAANC Delegate”.

Brent Page seconded the motion. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Rambo, Smith, Strickland and Turner.

Against:

Abstain:

- IV. **Treasurer Report** – Lonella Enix made a motion to approve the September 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented by Treasurer Franklin. Mike Guynn seconded the motion. Chair

Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Rambo, Smith and Strickland.

Against:

Abstain: Turner

V. **Residential Area Representative Update**

Area 1 Representative Juree Rambo shared that 78th Street Block Club held a success block party and informed the board and stakeholders about a potential residential development on the corner of Florence Ave. and Van Ness Ave seeking HHH Funds from the City of Los Angeles. Several stakeholders expressed concern about the height of the development that would infringe of the privacy of neighbors south of the alley, lack of planned parking, entrance to the parking lot through the alley, and how the development would negatively affect traffic at that corner. A stakeholder informed the board about a petition he started to stop the development.

Area 5 Representative Danielle Strickland shared that there was a person killed near La Salle Elementary School.

VI. **Committee/Liaison/Delegate Updates – (Discussion and Possible Action)**

a. **Budget & Finance Committee** (Chair Jason Franklin)

Naomi McSwain of the Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center presented a Neighborhood Purpose Grant requesting \$1205 in funding for a basketball goal. Mike Guynn made a motion to table the request pending submission of a quote that didn't include using Amazon Prime pricing. Brent Page seconded the motion. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Rambo, Strickland and Turner.

Against:

Abstain:

Ineligible: Smith

Irene Ratliff of Street Meet presented updates to her previously submitted and tabled Neighborhood Purpose Grant requesting \$2600 in funding for a Family Agri Arts Community Cultural event to be held in December of 2020. She was referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

b. **Education Committee** (Chair Danielle Strickland)

The Education Committee meeting was held on Saturday, September 19th. They began to create a strategic plan on how to better local schools. The Committee decided to focus on elementary schools, specifically LaSalle, though they decided to also identify other schools.

c. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee** (Chair Tyron Turner)

The next PLUM meeting is slated to be on November 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM

d. and e. **Policy Committee Chair and SLAANC Delegate** Lonella Enix made a motion to table the Policy Committee and SLAANC Delegate update until the November 2019 General Board meeting out of concern for time. Mike Guynn seconded. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Rambo, Smith, Strickland and Turner.

Against:

Abstain:

VII. **Government Update**

Council District 8 Field Deputy Isaias Benavides

- Sidewalk repair rebate program opened up in October 2019.
- All 100 beds of the newly opened Bridge Home located on 56th and St. Andrews Pl. have been filled.
- In 2021 LADWP will begin replacing the water pipes under Western Ave. from Slauson Ave. to Imperial Hwy. It will be a 3-year project.
- Deep Green Housing & Community Development purchased the land on the southeast corner of Florence Ave. and Van Ness Ave. with the intention of building a \$20M, 56-unit, 4 residential floor over on-grade parking residential development for formerly homeless senior citizens residing within Service Planning Area 6. (SPA 6 Map (http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cardio/docs/2012-08-01%20SPA%20Map%20with%20cities_all.pdf)

Department of Neighborhood Council's General Manager Raquel Beltran introduced herself to the board and stakeholders providing an insight into background and some of her goals for the department. Some of those goals are to strengthen the DONE's relationship with Neighborhood Councils, improve NC engagement and strategies, improve the DONE's relationships with other City of Los Angeles departments and survey experiences with the NC System. Her hope is to visit all NC Board Meeting's by February having already attended 22%.

DONE's Director of Outreach Thomas Soong announced that the DONE is asking each Neighborhood Council to designate 2 Census Liaisons to be trained as Census Goodwill Ambassadors. The Liaisons don't have to be board members and will need to attend trainings. Thomas will also research where the orphan area stands (an area not included within a Neighborhood Council boundaries).

VIII. **Public Safety Update** - absent

IX. **New Business** (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. Margaret Peters application to become the ECSWANDC At-Large Representative. Jason Franklin made a motion to approve Margaret Peters application to join the board as an At-Large Representative. Brent Page seconded the motion. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Rambo, Smith, Strickland and Turner.

Against:

Abstain:

Mike Guynn made a motion to defer all other New Business, (IX b, c, d, e, f, and g) until the next Board Meeting. Kawika Smith seconded the motion. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion was passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Guynn, Page, Peters, Rambo, Smith, Strickland and Turner.

Against:

Abstain:

XIII. Closing Comments & Motion to Adjourn

Lonella Enix made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Mike Gynn seconded the motion. Chair Strickland called for a vote. Motion passed.

In Favor: Enix, Franklin, Gynn, Page, Peters, Rambo, Smith, Strickland.

Against:

Abstain:

<p>Minutes taken and submitted to the board for adoption by Lonella Enix. Minutes adopted by the ECSWANDC board at their General Board meeting on November 18, 2019</p>
