

City of Los Angeles
California



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

**General Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020**

Minutes taken by Turner Roberts
Approved at General Board meeting held on January 18, 2021

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting held via Zoom was called to order at 6:24PM by President Lonella Enix.

Roll Call: Kyle Brown, Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Elice Hennessee, Margaret Peters, Turner Roberts, Daniel Stewart.

II. Administrative Reports

a. Secretary Report

Michael Guynn brought forth a motion to adopt the October 2020 General Board Meeting minute(s). Margaret Peters seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

b. Treasurer Report

Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to adopt the October 2020 **Monthly Expenditure Report**. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

III. Public Safety Update

Captain Al Neal of the LAPD 77th Street Station briefed the Board and Stakeholders on the increase in violent crime. Senior Lead Officer Janette Rowan is assigned to Basic Car Area 12A73. Officer Rowan's contact information is 37546@lapd.online and (323) 387-9603. Officer Cardenas is assigned to Basic Car Area 12A53 and is currently assigned to other duties.

IV. Government Update

Isaias Benavides, CD8 Field Deputy (isaias.benavides@lacity.org)

The homeless encampment located on Western Ave. north of Century Blvd. has become significantly smaller. The area will continue to be cleaned up every Monday. The Los Angeles Convention Center will be used as a temporary homeless shelter. Bethel AME Church has hired a developer to build 53 housing units on its property. The Christmas Tree Lighting event will take place on Friday, November 20th at Century Blvd. and Broadway.

David Price, Office of the Mayor – Southwest and Senior Area Representative
(david.price@lacity.org)

The LADWP Utility Grant of application period has been extended.

V. **New Business**

- a. Michael Guynn brought forth a motion to remove Jason Franklin from the ECSWANDC Board due to missing more than 3 consecutive Governing Board Meetings and not responding to numerous attempts to contact him by telephone, text, and emails. . Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

- b. President Enix appointed Kyle Brown to be Election Chair.

VI. **Old Business**

- a. Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to reimburse Lonella Enix, out of 2020-2021 funds, for her \$45 payment to Constant Contact on behalf of the ECSWANDC in June of 2020. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

- b. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to end the ECSWANDC contract with Extra Space Storage (due to their refusal to change the contract out of the name of Lonella Enix and into the name of the City of Los Angeles) and enter a contract with Public Storage for a 5x10 unit not to exceed \$1200 in 6 months. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart.

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

VII. **Committee/Liaison Updates**

b. Outreach

- i. Kyle Brown committed to designing promotional magnets.
- ii. Board application has been updated by President Lonella Enix.

VIII. **Future Agenda Requests/Public Comments**

Thomas Song, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Director of Outreach and Communications (thomas.soon@lacity.org)

Region 9 Candidate Filing begins on January 16, 2021. ECSWANDC Election Day is May 18, 2021. Stakeholders will be able to vote by mail or deliver ballot to a drop box.

IX. **Adjournment**

Michael Guynn brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Margaret Peters seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In favor: Brown, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

Opposed: None **Abstained:** None

Motion passed.