

City of Los Angeles  
California



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area  
Neighborhood Development Council**

**General Board Meeting**

February 15, 2021

Minutes taken by Lonella Enix

Approved at Special Meeting held on February 19, 2021

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting held via Zoom was called to order by Lonella Enix at 6:28PM.

**Roll Call:** Kyle Brown, Ra'Shon Chavis, Sharon Davis, Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Elice Hennessee, Margaret Peters, Turner Roberts, Daniel Stewart.

**II. Administrative Reports**

**a. Secretary Report**

Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to adopt the January 2021 minute(s). Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Guynn, Peters, Stewart

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstained:** None

**Motion Passed**

**b. Treasurer Report**

Turner Roberts brought forth a motion to adopt the January 2021 **Monthly Expenditure Report**. Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstained:** Davis

**Motion Passed**

**III. Public Safety Update** – Due to the meeting starting late, Officers Roman and Cardenas provided their report to the community prior to the start of the meeting.

**IV. Government Representative Update**

- a. Council District 8 Field Deputy Isiais Benavides informed the Board that the City of Los Angeles will be increasing their tactics to close illegal cannabis dispensaries. Not only will LADWP turn off the utilities to the businesses but the city will start fencing off the properties.

## V. Speakers

- a. Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to write a letter to the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Department in regards to the Eddie's Liquor hearing expressing the want of the community to have such businesses offer healthy food options, and make a better effort to end loitering and decrease crime on their property. Sharon Davis seconded the motion. An issue with regard to Eddie's Liquor being located right outside of the ECSWANDC boundary and whether or not the Board had the right to address concerns was discussed. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, and Stewart

**Opposed:** Brown, Peters, and Roberts                      **Abstained:** Guynn

**Motion Passed**

- b. Representatives from Pathway to Tomorrow, Skid Row Housing Trust, and The WIN Project presented information regarding Manchester Commons, a 132-unit residential project proposed to be built at 1218 W. Manchester Blvd. Pathway to Tomorrow Executive Director Sarah Johnson requested that the ECSWANDC Board provide a letter of support for the project.

## VI. Committee Updates

- a. Election (Kyle Brown) Candidate filing postcard has been completed and is ready to be mailed.
- d. Planning & Land Use
  - iii. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to hire Oh Gee Apogee, LLC to help create the ECSWANDC economic development plan, Southwest Village Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, Stewart

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstained:** None

**Motion Passed**

## VII. New Business

- a. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to approve Gianna Judkins application to join the Board as an At-Large Representative. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, and Stewart.

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstained:** None

**Motion Passed**

- b. Michael Guynn brought forth a motion to table agenda items VII. b thru IX due to time. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, and Stewart.

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Ineligible:** Judkins

**Motion Passed**

VIII. **Adjournment**

Turner Roberts brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM, Michael Guynn seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Guynn, Hennessee, Peters, Roberts, and Stewart.

**Opposed:** None    **Abstained:** None    **Ineligible:** Judkins

**Motion Passed**