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**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

Serving the communities of:

Gramercy Park/West Park Terrace,

Manchester Square, Vermont Knolls

**General Board and
Community Meeting Agenda**

Monday, September 20, 2021

@6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Online

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, ECSWANDC MEETING'S WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Administrative Motions (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. Approval of August 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes (2 minutes)
- b. Approval of September 2021 Retreat Minutes (2 minutes)
- c. Approval of July and August 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) (4 minutes)

- IV. **Public Safety Update** (15 minutes)
 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Janette Roman (37546@lapd.online) (323) 387-9603
 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ruben Cardenas (35197@lapd.online) (424) 364-9046
- V. **Government Representatives/Organization Presentations** (15 minutes)
 - a. **Council District 8 – Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson**
 Isaias Benavides, Senior Field Deputy (isaias.benavides@lacity.org)
 Jasmine Desenclos, Justice & Community Safety Deputy (jasmine.desenclos@lacity.org)
- VI. **General Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items**
- VII. **New Business** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Kyle Brown’s resignation from the ECSWANDC Board. (5 minutes)
 - b. Applications to join the ECSWANDC Board (15 minutes)
 - i. Jeryl Bryant - At-Large Representative.
 - ii. Cordie Williams – Residential Rep. (Area 3)
 - c. Cordie Williams’ application to join the ECSWANDC Board as the Residential Representative for Area 3.
 - d. **Presentation:** Ashish Pamula of Pathways to Your Future, an organization focused on helping the houseless find housing and become productive citizens. (10 minutes)
 - e. Board members mandatory training through Cornerstone: Anti-Bias Learning for Employees (5 minutes)
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - a. Choosing a date and time for the next Retreat (part 2) (5 minutes)
- IX. **Committee/Liaison/Alliance Updates**
 - a. **Standing Committees** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Budget and Finance (Timothy Henry, Chair) (5 minutes)
 - 1. Adjust budget to move \$2000 from Outreach line item to the Community Improvement line item. Change the Community Improvement line item to state, “Southwest Village Plan \$10,000.”
 - ii. Planning and Land Use (Elice Hennessee, Chair) (10 minutes)
 - 1. Changing the name from PLUM to PLUMB, Planning, Land Use Management and Beautification.
 - 2. Mandatory on-line Planning Training PLUM Committee members
 - iii. Creating a Bylaws and Procedures Committee
 - b. **Ad-Hoc Committees** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Houseless Committee (Ra’Shon Chavis, Chair) (5 minutes)
 - ii. Creating an Educating Committee (10 minutes)
 - 1. Appointing and affirming Nia Mayers-Franklin Education Committee Chair
 - a. Day and time of Education Committee meetings
 - c. **Alliance Updates**
 - i. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) - (Enix & Hennessey, delegates) (5 minutes)
 - ii. Budget Advocacy (Elice Hennessey, Budget Advocacy) (5 minutes)
- X. **Announcements** (10 minutes)
 - a. Congress of Neighborhood Councils “Rising Together Through Challenging Times” Sept. 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM. Register at neighborhoodcongress.la
 - b. Incidents of harassment and discrimination can be reported through the online portal MyVoiceLA.org.
- XI. **Adjournment**

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