

City of Los Angeles  
California



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area  
Neighborhood Development Council**

**General Board Meeting**

May 17, 2021

Minutes taken by Lonella Enix

Approved at General Board meeting held on **June 21, 2021**

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

The meeting held via Zoom was called to order by Lonella Enix at 6:12 PM.

**Roll Call:** Kyle Brown, Ra'Shon Chavis, Sharon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Gianna Judkins and Margaret Peters.

**II. Administrative Reports**

**a. Secretary Report**

Sharon Davis brought forth a motion to adopt the March 2021 minute(s) as presented. Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

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

**Motion: Passed**

**b. Treasurer Report**

Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to adopt the February, March, and April 2021 **Monthly Expenditure Report** as presented. Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

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

**Motion: Passed**

**V. Old Business**

a. Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to hire the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) to clean specified areas along the business corridors, and/or alleys in an amount not to exceed \$5000 from the 2019-2020 encumbered funds. Gianna Judkins seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

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

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. New Business**

a. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to recommend leasing office space, #207, at the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center as well as use of the first-floor meeting space, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference space, restrooms on the first and second floors, and the kitchenette space located on the first floor beginning on June 30, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022. Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

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

**Motion: Passed**

b. Sharon Davis brought forth a motion to hire Scientists for Social Progress to create a

geo-spatial capacity map of the ECSWANDC area at an amount not to exceed \$2500. Margaret Peters seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- c. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to hire Moore Business Results to build a page on the southwestnc.org website specifically for the Southwest Village Plan (SVP) in an amount not to exceed \$500. Sharon Davis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- d. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to fund the purchase and cost of installation of an outdoor message board to be placed in front of the City of Los Angeles Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center, to provide a specified space to post ECSWANDC information, including agendas as mandated by the Brown act in an amount not to exceed \$4000.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- d. Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to request Councilmember Harris-Dawson bring before the Los Angeles City Council a request to allow the ECSWANDC rollover all left over/unused/uncommitted funds from the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget to the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget to help fund the 2022 Jazz at St. Andrews Festival and/or any costs associated with outreach for the ECSWANDC Southwest Village Economic Development Plan in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

## VII. Committee Updates

### c. Planning & Land Use

- i. The developers of the Manchester Commons residential project requested a letter of support from the ECSWANDC Board. Though most of the project was supported by the board and attending stakeholders, most also felt the external aesthetics of the building lacked an elevated level of design and beauty they could not support. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to provide the developers of the Manchester Common project a letter of partial support from the ECSWANDC Board with the caveat that full support was contingent upon the external aesthetics of the building being enhanced to meet the standards and expectations of the ECSWANDC Board and stakeholders. Gianna Judkins seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- iii. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to approve allowing the PLUM Committee Chair to create and design an internship program for college level students to assist with the creation of the Southwest Village Economic Development Plan as well as outreach. Sharon Davis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

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

Re-agendize the Slow Streets Program to discuss and possibility act on having some designated within the ECSWANDC boundaries.

VII. **Adjournment**

Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Margaret Peters seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Brown, Chavis, Davis, Enix, Hennessee, Judkins, and Peters

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**