

City of Los Angeles  
California



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area  
Neighborhood Development Council**

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

August 16, 2021

**Minutes taken by ShaRon Davis**

**Approved at General Board meeting held on November 15, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting held via Zoom was called to order at 6:22 p.m. by President Lonella Enix

**II. Roll Call**

Vanessa Baily, RaShon Chavis, Sharon Davis, Lonella Enix, Nia Myers Franklin, Elice Hennessee, Jacob Henry, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**III. Administrative Motions (Discussion and Possible Action)**

**a. Approve Minutes**

Suggestion: Edits in terms of structure but not information. Is it okay with the board for Lonella and ShaRon to make it "pretty" off-line? RaShon brought forth a motion to adopt the minutes for July 19, 2021, with structural edits to be made offline by Lonella Enix and ShaRon Davis. Roderick Sowell Jr. seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Nia Myers Franklin, Elie Hennessee, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** passed

**b. Approve Monthly Expenditure Reports**

RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to table the **Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)** until our next meeting because the MER was not submitted to the Board. Roderick Sowell Jr. seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** passed

c. Adjust the 2021-2022 Budget Fiscal Year of \$17,500.

i. The Los Angeles City Clerk confirmed that ECSWANDC will rollover \$17,500 from the 2020-2021 budget. \$10,000 automatically rolled over and \$7500 approved by the City Council to be used to fund the Southwest Village Plan and/or 2022 Jazz at St. Andrews Music Festival. ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to approve the roll over funds from the 2020/2021 fiscal year of \$17,500 with \$10,000 going into outreach via the Jazz Festival and \$7500 going into the community improvement project (southwest village plan) seconded by RaShon Chavis. Lonella Enix called for a vote. No unreadiness.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

ii. Lonella Enix suggested that the board designate payments to Constant Contact and Public Storage as being recurring in the 2021-2022 budget. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to approve the Constant Contact and Public Storage payments to be recurring. Motion seconded by Timothy Henry. Lonella Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

#### IV. Public Safety Update

#### V. Government Representatives/Organization Presentations

Isaias Benavides CD\* Senior Field Deputy ([Isaias.benavides@lacity.org](mailto:Isaias.benavides@lacity.org)) and Jasmine Descenclos, CD8 Justice & Community Safety Deputy ([jasmine.descenclos@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.descenclos@lacity.org)) will join the meeting shortly. The South LA Strong Initiative engages the community by offering outdoor activities after a year and a half of the staying at home due to the pandemic. Councilmember Harris-Dawson's Office utilized additional funding to partner with local non-profits to share organized classes in gardening, yoga, creative arts, dance, and soccer to the youth in the community through the parks.

CD8 still has 50 backpacks leftover from a donation provided by ADAP that ECSWANC can help disperse to the community.

CD8 has contracted Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and the Gang Alternatives Program creating CD8 Clean Crews to assist in getting and keeping CD8 clean. The Clean Crews will address illegal dumping, graffiti, weed abatement, and power washing and will be in addition to the activities of the Los Angeles Sanitation Dept. (LASAN). LASAN cleans/picks up illegal dumping on the same day as trash pick-up. CRCD Clean Crew has been designated to work within the ECSWANDC community Stakeholders should continue to report sanitation issues by submitting a service request

through 3-1-1 or MyLA311. Service requests that aren't addressed by the deadline provided should be sent to Jasmine Descenclos ([jasmine.descenclos@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.descenclos@lacity.org)).

Community Intervention Workers from the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) continue to engage community members living in encampments to get them housed. Councilmember Harris-Dawson's stance is not to displace individuals living in encampments unless they can be housed. People in RVs are less likely to give up their RV to go into a shelter. The encampment on 87<sup>th</sup> was reduced because we offered people a place to go. There are families in the RVs. We need to have the appropriate housing. MC 8502 there is a moratorium due to COVID. MC 4118 strictly for people living on sidewalks allows us to clean up the area. The Motel voucher works with the RVs.

RaShon – The RV encampment Manchester in front of St. Andrews who is responsible for stopping the RVs from hanging out. How do we address that situation? Has it been addressed? The best way to move people is to offer them a place to go. People in RVs are less likely to give up their RV to go into a shelter. The encampment on 87<sup>th</sup> was reduced because we offered people a place to go. There are families in the RVs. We need to have the appropriate housing. MC 8502 there is a moratorium due to COVID. MC 4118 strictly for people living on sidewalks allows us to clean up the area. The Motel voucher works with the RVs.

RaShon - I'd like to contact you regarding the codes and moratoriums. One of the things that you were able to do was "if appropriate housing was offered and denied police could enforce." This does not apply to RVs. Once 8502 resumes we can ask LAPD to enforce.

Lonella: Before 8502 was suspended there was an issue with towing RVs because there was only one contractor to move the RV and nowhere to tow the RV. LAPD had three tow yards decrease to one tow yard for the entire city. There is a map associated with 8502 which tells where RVs can be parked. Typically, industrial areas away from residences and schools. We can't take any cars away. Once 8502 is restored we can tell them to move. It is important to continue to build temporary homeless facilities for the homeless. Come up with solutions about expanding resources for temporary housing. One recently opened on Western and Jefferson.

ShaRon- Has property been identified where RVs can park? Not in CD8, CD9 has two or three safe parking. We cannot commandeer buildings and parking lots; property owners need to volunteer.

Attendee question: RVs on Grammercy – where are RVs allowed. Can they park in a residential area? They are limited to non-residential areas. However, enforcement of 8502 is not being enforced due to COVID. Building and Safety can be notified about RVs that have electrical lines running to people's homes.

Elice -Is there vacant city, county or state-owned properties that can be used to park RVs for families. CD11 wanted to use some of the parking lots along the beach. If you have locations in mind that can be used, please let me know. Can we get a list of the properties that the city owns? Request from City Planning and/or Building and Safety. Elice will request and cc, Isaias, and Jasmine. Isaias can't answer for County and State.

VI. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None**

VII. **Committee/Liaison/SLAANC Updates**

a. Standing Committee Updates

- i. Timothy Henry, Budget, and Finance received his card. No payments have been made. Public Storage and Wendy Moore were not paid.
- ii. Bylaws and Procedures – no updates
- iii. Outreach and Communications – no updates
- iv. Planning and Land Use – The contract to hire the consultant firm, Oh GEE Apogee, should be done within the next month. The Southwest Village Plan is a community improvement plan. At the next meeting the PLUM Committee will create working groups: Industry clusters, workforce development, Western, Outreach/Advertising/Marketing. The PLUM Committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:15 PM.

b. Ad Hoc Committee Creation

i. Houselessness Committee

Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to create a Houselessness Committee. Seconded by RaShon Chavis. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

- ii. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to approve the creation of the 2022 Jazz at Saint Andrews Festival Committee. Seconded by Timothy Henry. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

c. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Update

Presenters at upcoming meetings Council members: Price, Harris-Dawson, Ridley-Thomas

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Tim Henry brought forward a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Luis Nunez, Social Media Representative. Seconded by ShaRon Davis. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

- b. Appointments

- i. Call for candidates – marketing campaign to fill vacant board positions (At-Large Rep., Organization Rep., Social Media Rep.) Is there someone who would like to lead the effort?
- ii. Who made these motions, who seconded them? Opposed? Abstained? Passed? (item will be re-agendized on future agenda due to missing information)  
Elice Hennessee as the Budget Representative. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates. Elice Hennessee appointed as our Budget representative. No one opposed.
- iii. RaShon Chavis appointed as the Houselessness Committee Chair. No one opposed. The committee will meet first Wednesday of the month.
- iv. Tim will serve as the Vice Chair of the Houselessness Committee
- v. ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to approve the nomination of Lonella Enix as the Chair of the 2022 Jazz at St. Andrews Music Festival. Seconded by RaShon Chavis. President Enix called for a vote.

- c. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to table Community Impact Statements to appoint six members with access to CIS (Community Impact Statement) Who seconded? (agenda item to be re-agendized on future agenda due to missing seconder)

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion passed**

- d. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to table Submit Community Impact Statements for Council Files 21-0002-S18 (SB9), 21-0002-S21 (SB10). Timothy Henry seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

- e. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to fund, at a cost not to exceed \$200, the cost to print flyers and purchase envelopes, and stamps to be used to market the ECSWANDC to faith-based organizations within the ECSWANDC boundaries. Seconded by Timothy Henry.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

- f. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to approve funding to have business cards printed for the ECSWANDC Board an amount not to exceed \$500. Second by Timothy Henry. President Enix called for a vote.

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

**Motion:** Passed

## IX. Announcements/Suggested Agenda Items

Budget Day August 21. Come and share what is important to you.

September 11 is our first retreat. Councilmember Harris-Dawson and a representative from Holly Mitchell's office will be present.

## X. Adjournment

RaShon brought forward a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Elice Hennessee. President Enix called for a vote

**In favor:** Vanessa Bailey, RaShon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Lonella Enix, Elice Hennessee, Nia Myers Franklin, Timothy Henry, Roderick Sowell Jr.

**Opposed:** none

**Abstained:** none

Meeting adjourned.

**Motion:** Passed