

City of Los Angeles  
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**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** <date>

**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 Bailey, RaShon Chavis, Sharon Davis, Lonella Enix, Nia Myers Franklin, Elice Hennessee, 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. Lonella 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** until our next meeting. Roderick Sowell Jr. seconded the motion. 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

**Motion:** passed

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

- i. \$17,500 allowed to roll over. It can be spent on the Jazz Festival and the Southwest village plan. Suggestion \$10,00 toward the Jazz Festival \$7,500 toward the southwest village plan.

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. Constant Contact and Public Storage payments to be recurring. 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 (Notes taken before the meeting was called to order)**

Officer Roman – Crime Stats. Year to Date: 1 homicide, last year 1 homicide this year, under on rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglary, and theft of motor vehicles. Shootings near Western and Manchester. Victim transported himself to the hospital Cedar Sinai. Victim did not want him to contact LAPD. The victim was shot in the foot. No witnesses. The other shooting, a male. Did not see or know that he had been shot until he felt it. 31 years old. Seated in his vehicle gunshot to the thigh Transported to Harbor UCLA shot near Manchester and Denker. He stopped to urinate in the parking lot and was shot in the leg. No evidence of shooting. No witness. Senior lead officers are doing security at the movies at the park. Contact made with the sheriff's department re: Jesse Owens Park. County jurisdiction surrounded by LAPD. We will communicate with the contact frequently. Discussing plans to see what can be done about the activity there. Anything related to traffic please forward to Officer Miles. Officer Roman will email information to be posted online.

Officer Cardenas - homicide 76 Western near the ARCO station, no arrests. Along the corridor of Western on the south end of 83<sup>rd</sup> to Manchester, street robberies. 11 crimes whole area, one week before there were 9 crimes. We have been assisting with Movie Nights at St. Andrews Park. Vermont square 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Picnic at the park 48<sup>th</sup> Budlong. August 28<sup>th</sup> street market 12 p.m.– 4 p.m. Nipsey Huddle event Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> Slauson and Crenshaw. No issues, no shootings.

Comments: Joy – Hood Days coming. There has been issues on the county side with shootings over the past week. Century and Van Ness. Do you prepare for “Hood” days?

Officer Roman – The Gang unit is deployed during this period. 500 guns were collected from the street. Now nearly 800 guns collected. Everyone confronted had a gun. Officers - after collecting guns are consumed with processing. Parks and Recs division may be dissolved. Captain Torres is very proactive. Sightings and ideas can be shared with Captain Torres.

Ms. Napoleon – There was an accident. Two SUVs one was left on my street, and it was not removed until I went to the CPAC meeting street. Ms. Napoleon contacted local authorities. The car remained on her street for two weeks. Once she attended CPAC meeting and told the officers at the meeting, the car was removed.

Officer Roman – when vehicles are left abandoned over 72 hours contact DOT if not removed ask for a supervisor. Delegation is required. Different entities are responsible for different tasks. Attention is divided amongst many areas. Pressure needs to be put on the Department of Transportation. Contact supervisor when necessary. Officer Roman will forward the information to Joy – South Traffic. Low number of officers responding to radio calls. Anything related to traffic needs to go to DOT.

Comment Elice – I recently had a burglary at my house. Compliment. 911 was called and responded quickly and caught the people burglarizing in the act. Officers communicated via text and telephone calls. I was allowed to come to the precinct and pick up an item belonging to me. Thank you for a great job. I am grateful. Officer Roman will forward a comment sheet that can be completed by citizens and placed in officer files.

## **V. Government Representatives/Organization Presentations**

Isaias Benavides, CD8 Senior Field Deputy and Jasmine Desenclos CD8 Justice & Community Safety Deputy. will join the meeting shortly. Recap South LA Strong initiative. Hired and partnered with local instructors who brought programs to students. 50 backpacks provided. Donated by ADAP. Back packs available for young children. Let us know if you know of anyone who needs a backpack. CDA launched new clean teams. A crew was dedicated to each neighborhood council. Monday through Friday – illegal dumping, graffiti, and power washing CRCD will serve in ECSWADNC. Use 311 to report. Send a service request to Jasmin or CD 8. This will help us keep our corridors clean on a regular basis. First quarter will be treated as a trial. Keep an eye out for the crew and provide feedback. Launching Community Intervention Workers to work with Homeless Operations team. Importance: We can't have law enforcement at ever encampment, not enough officers. Needs can be addressed without officers. Increase in crime around encampments. Chairperson for homeless is invited to meet the team.

Questions: How long lead time before we report to 311 when nothing is happening. Illegal dumping pick ups go out on the day that trash is picked up. When you report you will be told when pick up will occur. If it doesn't happen contact 311. You are asked to wait 72 hours. Sometimes tickets are closed before the work is done for various reasons. Report to 311. Having the ticket number is very important. It allows for tracking.

The addition of CRDC should not change the process? No. Its supplemental. We are behind and the crews have a lot to do to achieve standard operations. We want the crews on the main corridors.

Can you explain the state CD8 was in before the intervention -2015 CD8 ranked last in 311 requests submitted? Decisions concerning who is helped is based on 311 requests. It is important to use 311 frequently. Since 2016 CD8 is in the top 3 of services requested. Using CD8 and sharing ticket number provides leverage.

Elice - What services are included CRCD? How were you able to advocate and get the supplemental services? Weed abatement, illegal dumping, and power washing. We were able to get the supplemental services through allocation.

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, owners need to volunteer.

Mrs. Napoleon: 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 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 should be done within the next month. The Southwest Village Plan is a community improvement plan. Working groups: Industry clusters, workforce development, Western, Outreach/Advertising/Marketing. Meets last Wednesday of the month.

b. Ad Hoc Committee Creation

i. Houselessness Committee

Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to create a Houselessness Committee. Seconded by RaShon Chavis.

**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. 2022 Jazz Saint Andrews Recreation Center

RaShon brought forth a motion to create a Ad Hoc Jazz Festival Committee. 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

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 brought forward a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Luis Nunez, Social Media Representative. Seconded by ShaRon Davis.

**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. 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 nominated Lonella Enix to serve as the Chair of the 2022 Jazz Festival at the Saint Andrews Recreation Center. Seconded by RaShon Chavis.

- c. RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to table Community Impact Statements to appoint six members with access to CIS (Community Impact Statement and to table Submit Community Impact Statements for Council Files 21-0002-S18 (SB9), 21-0002-S21 (SB10)

**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

- d. Funding cost of materials to market the ECSWANDC to the Faith-Based community in an amount not to exceed \$200 (printing, envelopes, and stamps). RaShon Chavis brought forth a motion to approve the funding for printing, envelopes, and stamps for flyers to go out the worship centers in the community

**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. Funding the purchase of business cards for the ECSWANDC Board in an amount not to exceed \$500. RaShon brought forth a motion to approve the funding for business cards for the ECSWANDC Board not to exceed \$500. 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

## **IX. Announcements/Suggested Agenda Items**

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

September 11 is our first retreat. Council member Harris 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