

City of Los Angeles  
California



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area  
Neighborhood Development Council

General Board Meeting

March 15, 2021

Minutes taken by Lonella Enix

Approved at General Board meeting held on May 17, 2021

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

The meeting held via Zoom was called to order by Lonella Enix at 6:40PM.

**Roll Call:** Kyle Brown, Ra'Shon Chavis, Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Elice Hennessee, Gianna Judkins, Margaret Peters, and Turner Roberts.

II. **Public Safety Update**

- a. Dept. of Neighborhood Councils Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate informed the ECSWANDC Board that funding trash bag to give to the Senior Lead Officers would not be approved by the City Clerk because it would be considered a department to department transfer of funds.

LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> Street Station Capt. Al Neal joined Senior Lead Officers Janette Roman and Ruben Cardenas to update. Capt. Neal suggested the ECSWANDC Board contact Inglewood Police Dept. Chief Ridins and L.A. County Sheriff Capt. Dwayne Allen to discuss efforts to address cross boundary incident within the community.

SLO Cardenas informed the community about catalytic converter shields. Potential catalytic converter thieves tend to avoid vehicles with shields because they would take too long to cut off.

III. **Government Update**

- a. Council District 8 Field Deputy Isaias Benavides ([isaias.benavides@lacity.org](mailto:isaias.benavides@lacity.org)) updated the board and stakeholders on the Unarmed Response Teams, \$6m dollars going towards homeless prevention in CD8, Project Home Key (temp. housing from 3-5 years), and Project Room Key.

IV. **Speakers**

Representatives from the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HopicS) shared information regarding their purpose. HopicS is a non-profit funded primarily by DHS, Federal, County, and City funds. HopicS has multi-disciplinary teams that engage and provide

navigation services to unhoused individuals and families. It is the lead homeless organization in SPA (Service Planning Area) 6. Its brick and mortar provide wraparound services.

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## V. Administrative Motions

- a. Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to adopt the February 19, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Turner Roberts seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- b. Margaret Peters brought forth a motion to table the discussion and possible action on the February 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report. Due to a family emergency, Treasurer Peters was unable to provide the report in time for the meeting. Ra'Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

## VI. New Business

- a. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to give President Enix the authority to provide the Coalition for Responsible Community Development direction as to which ECSWANDC areas are to be cleaned regarding the approved motion to hire CRCD and fund their services with \$6000 in encumbrance funds. Kyle Brown seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- a. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File #21-0223 Youth Development Department / Youth Development Task Force. The CIS should include a request for a report back to neighborhood councils on the departments progress and the Task Force should include resources for marginalized youth. Kyle Brown seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

- c. Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File #20-0780 Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU/Systemwide Mental Assistance Response Team (SMART) Expansion. <Enter name of seconder> seconded

the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

## VIII. Committee/Liaison Updates

### a. Budget & Finance

- ii. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to approve funding, up to and including \$100 a month, on social media marketing and boosts to market ESCWANDC. Mike Guynn seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

### b. Election & Outreach

- i. Kyle Brown brought forth a motion to approve funding, up to and including \$5000, for printing, USPS door-to-door Direct Mail Marketing, and/or Walking Man services, and/or newspaper ad costs to promote the ECSWANDC election. Elice Hennessee seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

### d. Planning & Land Use Management

Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File #09-0969-S3 Comprehensive Fee Update. Margaret Peters seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**

## X. Adjournment

Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. Margaret Peters. President Enix called for a vote.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion: Passed**