

City of Los Angeles
California



**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

**General Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021**

Minutes taken by ShaRon Davis

Approved at General Board meeting held on November 15, 2021

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

II. Roll Call

Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

III. Administrative Motions (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Approval of August 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes

ShaRon Davis made a motion to table the August 2021 minutes because they are not complete. Seconded Ra'Shon Chavis. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none **Abstained:** none

Motion: passed

b. Approval of September 2021 Retreat Minutes

ShaRon Davis made a motion to table the September 2021 Retreat minutes because they are not complete. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none **Abstained:** none

Motion: passed

c. Approval of July and August 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's)

ShaRon Davis made a motion to approve the July 2021 MER. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice

Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

Timothy Henry made a motion to approve the August 2021 MER. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

IV. Public Safety Update (none)

V. Government Representatives/Organization Presentations

Jasmine Descenclos, Justice and Community Safety Deputy CD8
jasmine.descenclos@lacity.org. We are down two staff members this week. They answer the telephones, specifically 311.

CD8 dedicated funds to support the Clean and Safe Neighborhood. Cleaning focus is on the main Corridors. Ms. Descenclos will send a map to share which areas are on the main corridors. If there is an area that needs to be cleaned, you can contact Jasmine Descenclos directly via email or telephone so that the areas can be cleaned. Send a picture via email. We are working with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LASA), Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS), Senior Lead Officers (SLOs). We meet weekly.

Comprehensive clean-ups for encampments MC 4118

If you are interested in hosting a Community Clean Up let Jasmine Descenclos know. Her office can provide canopies and clean up supplies.

There is an opportunity to apply for funds to improve Western Avenue from Slauson to Century. Vision Zero will provide more information. Reach out to block clubs, community organizations and churches. Deadline is March 2022.

Strong South LA – This is the community program that supported the summer activities at St. Andrews Park. Strong South LA will also support fall activities. Upcoming is a Halloween Themed activity at St. Andrews Park.

Our office is working on a list of sidewalk repair requests, and tree trimming requests.

Questions

Lonella Enix - Why stop at century. The boarder of CD8 is 108th. We request that cleaning projects go all the way to 108th.

Elice Hennessee – If there are trees in the neighborhood with overgrown roots, we were told to

contact Angel Valeriano, Constituent Services Manager is this correct? Yes, but you can cc me jasmine.desenclos@lacity.org and I will follow-up.

Elice Hennessee - Will Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects be escalated? Yes, there are many sidewalks needing repairs. Contact Angel and cc me so that I can follow up.

Roderick Sowell, Jr.– Are we able to see the list where constituents are placed to know when our streets will be repaired? I will ask Angel Valeriano, Constituent Services Manager. angel.caleriano@lacity.org.

Attendee Question – How detail and how specific should we be when contributing to the Western Avenue Improvement project. Lonella Enix suggests that we Go Big!

What's the name of the organization running the parks program? LA Strong.

Attendee Question: What all does the improvement entail? Currently it is a blank canvas.

Attendee Question: Can someone clean the area where the street vendors are stationed? Jasmine responded yes. Let Jasmine know where cleaning is needed.

Lonella Enix – I want to witness the next steam clean. Please let me know when the next steam clean will happen.

Attendee Question: Can we include signs that recommend speeds around the schools. Jasmine asked, “have you made requests for speed bumps?” We were asked to provide a list of people who have requested speed bumps. If there has been a request for speed bumps, please email me. What street do you live on 75th between Van Ness and Cimmaron in front of 74th Street School

Lonella Enix – what's the email address to send a request for the speed bump? No response

VI. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Attendee I am the founder of the Social Equity Owners Association, and the Association of Cannabis how can I get on the agenda to present? Lonella Enix provided her email and telephone number.

Attendee Ultimate Restoration Unlimited (URU) we presented on water talks. We have received funding. I would like to present at this meeting. Lonella Enix asked URU to email/call her to be placed on the agenda.

VII. New Business

- a. Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to accept Kyle Brown's resignation from the Board. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. President Enix called for a vote

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

b. Applications to join the ECSWANDC Board

- i. ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to approve Jeryl Bryant's application to join the ECSWANDC Board as an At-Large Representative. Seconded Elice Hennessee. President Enix called for a vote

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none **Abstained:** none

Motion: none

- ii. Ra'Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to approve Cordie Williams Moss' application to join the ECSWANDC Board as the Residential Rep. for Area 3. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none **Abstained:** none

Motion: passed

- c. **Presentation:** Ashish Pamula of Pathways to Your Future, (<https://www.ptyf.org/>) an organization focused on helping the houseless find housing and become productive citizens.

Pathways to Your Future helps the homeless find a place to stay. We are launching the Samaritan ap@samaritan.city an app that allows you to voluntarily contribute to the needs of the homeless. Contributions can be financial and/or time.

Question:

Elice Hennessee – is it possible to designate funds contributed to a specific area? Funds will support the homeless in South Central Los Angeles.

Lonella Enix – Is it possible to designate funds to the homeless within the southwest area neighborhood council boundaries that we represent? I will put the addresses to the areas being served and we will see if they fall within the southwest area neighborhood council boundaries.

- d. **Board members mandatory training through Cornerstone: Anti-Bias Learning for Employees**

All board members are required to complete the Anti-Bias training on Cornerstone.

Mario Hernandez said that a new roster needs to be submitted containing the names of the new board members and this will create the training modules for new members.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Choosing a date and time for the next Retreat (part 2)

Mario Hernandez mario.hernandez@lacity.org– would like to host a Board Training that will cover how neighborhood council work, review the Brown Act, provide information on city departments, differentiate policies from laws, explain committees and their authority, review the CIS, Bylaws, data, and Agenda postings. Mario is available October 23rd and October 30th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to hold an ECSWANDC Board Training on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021, from 9:00 AM. To 1:00 PM. Ra’Shon Chavis seconded the motion. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra’Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: none

IX. Committee/Liaison/Alliance Updates

- a. **Standing Committees** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- i. **Budget and Finance** (Timothy Henry, Chair)

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.”

ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to adjust the budget and move \$2000 from the Outreach line item to the Community Improvement line item to increase the Southwest Village Plan budget to \$10,000. Seconded by Ra’Shon Chavis. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra’Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

- ii. **Planning and Land Use** (Elice Hennessee, Chair)

1. **Change the name from PLUM to PLUMB, Planning, Land Use Management and Beautification.**

Elice Hennessee brought forth a motion to update the Planning and Land Use Management Committee name to Planning, Land Use Management and Beautification. Seconded Roderick Sowell, Jr. Lonella Enix called for

a vote.

Mario Hernandez, Representative reminded us that this action requires a Bylaws amendment.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

2. Mandatory on-line Training PLUM Committee members

Please email Lonella Enix if you plan to join the PLUMB committee. There is a mandatory training.

iii. Creating a Bylaws and Procedures Committee

ShaRon Davis brought forth a motion to create a Bylaws and Procedures Committee. Seconded by Ra'Shon Chavis. Lonella Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra'Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

b. Ad-Hoc Committees (Discussion and Possible)

i. Houseless Committee (Ra'Shon Chavis, Chair)

The next Houseless committee meeting is October 20th 6:30 PM.

ii. Create an Education Committee

Sharon Davis motioned to create an Education Committee. Seconded Ra'Shon Chavis

1. Appointing and affirming Nia Mayers-Franklin Education Committee Chair
2. Establish day and Time of Education Committee meeting

Elice Hennessee motioned to affirm Lonella Enix appointment of Nia Mayers Franklin as Education Committee Chairperson. **Seconded?**

The Education Committee will meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

c. Alliance Updates

i. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Lonella Enix,

Elice Hennessee, delegates)

Next SLAANC meeting October 21, 2021, Councilmember Mark Ridley Thomas will present.

ii. Budget Advocacy (Elice Hennessee, Budget Advocacy)

If you have any ideas concerning where money should be spent let Elice Hennessee know so that she can provide it to the Councilmembers. The money comes from the state and the federal government. A lot of the money is from the Recovery Act. This fund was created to rebuild communities because of COVID 19.

Jeryl asked if some of that money can be used to help people pay their rent and their mortgage?

Attendee Question – How do we get our hands on the money? Elice Hennessee responded that the money is accessible to non-profit organizations and smaller organizations and that we may be able to get some of that money for our southwest village project.

X. Announcements

- a. Congress of Neighborhood Councils “Rising Together Through Challenging Times” September 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM. Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods. Register at neighborhoodcongress.la. Learn how the neighborhood council works.
- b. Incidents of harassment and discrimination can be reported through the online portal MyvoiceLA.org
- c. Faith Based Representative

Blood Drive at Crenshaw Christian Center. Information is available on the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council Facebook page.

New Antioch Church of God in Christ is hosting a food giveaway this Saturday September 25th, 2021, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

XI. Adjournment

Ra’Shon Chavis brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Seconded by ShaRon Davis. President Enix called for a vote.

In Favor: Vanessa Bailey, Ra’Shon Chavis, ShaRon Davis, Timothy Henry, Elice Hennessee, Nia Mayers Franklin, and Lonella Enix

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

Motion: passed

