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Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council

Serving the communities of:
Gramercy Park, Manchester Square, Morningside Circle,
Vermont Knolls, and West Park Terrace

Special Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00PM

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89773961585?pwd=NG44UVhkOFc1VEJWa0Y1eHh1WWZkdz09>

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call Comments (2 min.)**
 - a. Call to Order by President Lonella Enix
 - b. Roll call

- II. **Administrative Motions** – (Discussion & Possible Action) (8 min.)
 - a. **Secretary Report** (Dr. Turner Roberts, Secretary) - Review of Monthly Minutes for March 2021.
 - b. **Treasurer Report** (Margaret Peters, Treasurer) - Review of the February and March 2021 **Monthly Expenditure Reports**.
- III. **Public Safety Update** – (15 min) LAPD Senior Lead Officer Janette Rowan (37546@lapd.online)
- IV. **Government Representative Update** – (20 min.)
 - a. Council District 8 Field Deputy Isaias Benavides (isaias.benaides@lacity.org)
- V. **New Business** (Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a. Hiring and funding Scientists for Social Progress to create capacity maps for the Southwest economic development plan. The geographical maps would provide information on existing businesses, areas within the community with funding opportunities from governmental entities, organizations, and more. Not to exceed \$2500.
 - b. Submitting a Community Impact Statement on Council File #21-0381, Charter Section 217/Hearings/Kroger Company/Ralphs Grocery Company/Food 4 Less/Store Closures/Premium Hazard Pay for On-Site Grocery and drug Retail Workers Ordinance [Click here for motion](#)
 - c. Submitting a Community Impact Statement on Council File #19-1235, AB 857/California Law/Municipal Bank of Los Angeles (MBLA/Establishment/Public Bank License [Click here for motion](#)
 - d. Submitting a Community Impact Statement on Council File #20-0197 Social Housing/International Models/Construction/Government-Owned Properties/Funding Sources [Click here for motion](#)
- VI. **Old Business** (Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a. Hiring the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) to clean the business corridors within ECSWANDC boundaries using encumbered funds approved to hire CRCD from the 2019/2020 budget year. Total amount not to exceed \$5000. This would be a change from the previous board approval to **contract** CRCD for a 6-month basis in an amount not to exceed \$6000 for the same purpose. The City Clerk's NC Funding Dept. was unable to create a contract before the end of the 2020/2021 budget year putting the encumbered funds in danger of being swept and triggering the need to re-evaluate the circumstances by which CRCD is hired.
- VII. **Committee/Liaison Updates** (Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a. Elections & Outreach
 - i. Discuss and vote on hiring Potter's Printing to print the election marketing/ECSWANDC promotional postcards to be delivered to each ECSWANDC residence. Invoice not to exceed \$2500.
 - ii. Discuss and vote on paying the USPS up to and including \$3500 for Every Day Direct Mail postage for the election postcards.
 - b. Homeless
 - c. Planning & Land Use Management

- i. Discuss and vote on approving the support letter for the Manchester Commons project.
- ii. Update on the contract with consultant Oh Gee Apogee, LLC.
- iii. Discuss creating an internship program for students to assist with the Southwest Economic Development Plan.

VIII. **Public Comments/Announcements/Future Agenda Requests** – Items *not* on the current agenda

*(Dial *9 to comment)*

IX. **Adjournment**

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