



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



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West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, and Vermont Knolls

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General Board & Community Regular DRAFT Minutes

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave. #207
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Monday, March 18, 2024,
6:00pm - 8:00pm

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All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

1) CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL: Empowerment Congress Southwest Area

Neighborhood Development Council, Marcello Robinson, called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Present: Marcello Robinson

Valencia Marlowe

Vanessa Bailey

Nelson Clifton Williams, Jr.

Valencia Marlowe

Ashlye Durrell

Tracey Davis

Tunisia Johnson

Nia Mayers Franklin

Absent: Timothy Henry

Ashley Crisp

Late Entry: RaShon Chavis – 6:39PM

Dominica Robbins - ?

Daniel Fuller - ?

Early Departure: N/A

Courtesy Seats: N/A

2) GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- Public Safety – LAFD Mike Flynn
 - I. Spoke about increased electrical fires (cords being crossed into each other), space heaters need auto sensors, encouraged people to take the CERT program. The question was asked by Nia Mayers Franklin for the fire fighter Mike to share how long the CERT training is where he shared it is 3 days and for ages (he believed) 12 years and up.
- City Council & County Representative
 - I. Commissioner, Joy Atkinson spoke on commonality of the neighborhood councils, having meetings more frequently, she mentioned that there are 15 councils...their Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month for the community and the 3rd Monday of the month at city hall. She gave her email address joyatkinson.bonc@gmail.com should anyone need to contact her.
 - II. AK reminded everyone of 311.
 - III. Commissioner Atkinson gave a compliment to the Outreach draft.
 - IV. Tunisia Johnson suggested that there be a Retreat #2.
- Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - I. Department update on the Exhaustive Efforts (EE) Status and Work Plan for the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECSWANDC).

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed for 2 minutes.
 - Donald (Don) Fields shared his disappointment in the fact that the funds are still being withheld.
 - Shaqueta Prince wondered if zoom meetings would be possible.
 - Paul Lee shared his concerns about the street take overs.
 - Dorothy Napoleon she had come to the previous Board meeting & no one showed up and she shared that the agendas for the meetings should be made available earlier; not the day of the meeting.

- Husband and wife asked about trees touching the power line, fire fighter said they should call 311 to report as well any drooping lines and that would fall under DWP.
- Mr. Williams asked about group CERT training.
- Dorothy Napoleon asked about ways of having the Outreach Committee getting the word out to the community.
- AK addressed the question of having the meeting via zoom, stated we don't have capacity to do zoom at this site. AK mentioned every council has a zoom account but our zoom account is not paid up.
- Patricia Abair of the West 78th Place Neighborhood Block Club spoke about re-engaging block clubs and neighborhoods.
- Marcello mentioned that the Vermont Knolls Block Club said they'd help with the outreach to the surrounding communities.
- Alice Grant with the LaSalle Block Club said she was a "good noisy neighbor"
- Marcello mentioned item G = 501C, NPG submission deadline is June 1st.
- It was mentioned about having speed bumps in the neighborhoods where AK brought up the community Impact Statement.
- Donald Fields asked a NPG question and stated he doesn't feel as though the Boards time is being used wisely.
- Dorothy Napoleon asked what is Board planning to do with the funds.

2) NEW BUSINESS

a) Roberts Rules of Order & Parliamentary Procedure Review – (Vice President Chavis)
 Tabled

b) Presentation by Natoma Keir – (Treasurer Johnson)

Tunisia Johnson introduced Natoma Keir who shared her presentation on New Social Contract for 5 years and addressing conflicts.

c) Discussion and possible motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 8, February 3, February 26, March 4, 2024 Special Meetings of the ECSWANDC. (Secretary Marlowe)

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- d) Discussion and possible motion to approve any and all outstanding Public Storage, Constant Contact receipts and invoices – (Treasurer Johnson) Per Treasurer Johnson, she doesn't have the invoices.

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- e) Discussion and possible motion to approve draft of ECSWANDC Outreach committee plan for remaining FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. (Outreach/Social Chair Fuller)

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- f) Discussion and Possible Action to file a board resolution to authorize the use of teleconferencing for the ECSWANDC **committee meetings only**, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to the ECSWANDC are necessary to increase public participation and maintain the health and safety of the community and board members. (President Robinson) **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED!**

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- g) Discussion and possible motion to approve distribution and application hearing dates for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. (President Robinson)

Tunisia Johnson MOVES SECONDED. Ashlye Durrell

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- h) Discussion and possible motion to approve letter to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners with updates on progress and challenges regarding Exhaustive Efforts Status and Work Plan. (President Robinson)

Ra Shon Chavis **MOVES SECONDED.** Dominica Robbins

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- i) Motion to fill ECSWANDC Plum Committee Chair and Committee Member positions in accordance with Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council Bylaws. (President Robinson) **Tabled**

- j) **INSERT NAME MOVES INSERT MOVEMENT. SECONDED. INSERT RESULT**

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible motion to approve the ECSWANDC Online Outreach Proposal submitted by Moore Business Results.

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4) Adjournment: Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council, Marcello Robinson, adjourned the meeting to order at 8:04PM.

5) Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items Request.

6) ADJOURNMENT

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