



Executive Committee

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Naomi Suber
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Empowerment Congress
Southwest Area
Neighborhood
Development Council

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

General Board Meeting Minutes

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Constituent Service Center

8475 S. Vermont Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90044

Monday

December 15, 2025

6:00pm - 8:00pm



Nechele Hammock
Organization Representative

Sha'De Chapman
Area 1 Residential
Representative

Stacey Maspero
Area 2 Residential
Representative

Daniel Fuller
Area 3 Residential
Representative

Lonella Enix
Area 4 Residential
Representative

Dominica
Robinson-Wilson
Area 5 Residential
Representative

Aaron Manson
Youth Representative

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Tunisia Johnson at 6:17 PM

II. BOARD ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent
Tunisia Johnson	x	
Dominica Robinson-Wilson	x	
Daniel Fuller	x	
Sha'De Chapman	x	
Naomi Suber	x	
Stacey Maspero		X
Lonella Enix(Joy)		
Rebecca Wysinger	x	
Ms.Joy	x	
Aaron		x

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Ishman Vapor’s Dispensary at 7320 S. Vermont Avenue
 - Fully legal and applying for an annual license
 - In office Monday-Saturday
 - Any suggestions to operate in the community?
- b. General Public Comment on 2 Concerns for community
 - Junk and eyesore conditions at 83rd & Normandie
 - Squatting in homes owned by Invitation Homes Company
 - Difficulty contacting the company and concerns about property values
- c. Bryan Guzman – Streetlight Concerns
 - Streetlights out from 76th & Normandie to Raymond and Budlong
 - 9-week backlog after submitting a service request
 - Safety concerns near Raymond Avenue Elementary due to darkness and speeding cars
- d. Lyn Williams – Tree Maintenance and Parking Concerns
 - Overgrown trees on 82nd & Western blocking sidewalks
 - Pedestrians forced into the street due to limited access
 - Cars blocking driveways and parking in red zones
- e. 6:32 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED

IV. ELECTED OFFICES/GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Public Safety
 - Joe Ferma District 13
 - Spark of Love Toy Drive: Accepting unwrapped toy donations until 2/1/2026
 - Christmas Tree Recycling Program: Runs 12/15/2025-2/12/2026 at 3 drop-off locations
 - Call Statistics: 11,200 calls (AVG 32/day) and 665 fires (2/day)
 - All fliers will be sent to Tunisia Johnson
- b. City Council Representative
 - No announcements
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
 - Erica is learning community priorities and emphasized that Neighborhood Councils are the voice of the community during budget season
 - City budget deficit improved from \$1B last fiscal year to \$200M; budget process is already underway

- NC Board can submit Requests for Action and Community Impact Statements to advocate for funding community needs
- Additional announcements:
 - a) Last fiscal year, 7 positions (out of ~30 total)
 - b) Erica currently supports 15 Neighborhood Councils (up from 7); asks for patience during the transition
 - c) Meetings are held monthly; residents are encouraged to continue sharing ideas
 - d) Approximately \$50,000 available to spend (includes \$10,000 rollover from last year plus current funds); initiatives will move forward once the board is fully seated

V. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to appoint to the following vacant seats for the remaining term ending June 2027:

- At-Large Area Representative Seat - Elice Hennessee, Leondra Anzaldua, Denise Washington, Jacqueline Sparrow.

Motion made to table the At-Large seat appointment to the January meeting to ensure all interested candidates are properly listed and given a fair opportunity to run.

Discussion: Bylaws require submission of an application and statement to the Secretary, and candidate names must appear on the agenda to be considered. Erica's recommendation is to wait to allow proper notice and inclusion of all candidates.

Motion by Dominica Robinson-Wilson; Seconded by Daniel Fuller. Motion passed.

- Faith-Based Representative Seat - Dr. James Reed
 - a) About Dr.Reed:
 - (1) Recognized for actively working in the community, serving as a conduit to support community needs
 - (2) Committed to listening, leveraging resources, and contributing to systemic changes for safer neighborhoods
 - b) Questions:
 - (1) Which church do you belong to? NSG Missionary Baptist Church, 1509 W. Manchester
 - (2) Do you live within the boundaries or just serve at the church? Serves at the church

Motion made to include Dr. Reed, along with the board, as the Faith-Based Representative.

Motion by Daniel Fuller; Seconded by Dominica Robinson-Wilson. Motion passed.

- Business Representative Seat - Lisa Tatum or Virgil E. Grant III
 - a) Lisa Tatum
 - (1) Former 3rd Area and Vermont Knolls representative with experience in advocacy, community events, and initiatives

- (2) Works in fashion/entertainment and runs a home-based Amazon business; focused on strengthening neighborhood connections and economic growth

Motion made to table the filling of the Business Representative seat until the January meeting to ensure all attendees are properly notified and have the opportunity to participate.

Motion by Joy; Seconded by Daniel Fuller. Motion passed.

- Organization Representative Seat - Nechele Hammock, Ashley Crisp
 - a) About Nechele Hammock:
 - (1) 17 years of organizational experience and 12 years in the community
 - (2) Advanced degree in Organizational Leadership; currently works in government and previously in aerospace
 - b) Ashley Crisp:
 - (1) Not here in person, but submitted her candidate statement

Motion made to table the filling of the Organization Representative seat until the January meeting.

Motion by Dominica Robinson-Wilson; Seconded by Rebecca Wysinger. Motion failed.

Discussion: Joy and Daniel Fuller noted they have not seen Ashley at the last couple of meetings.

Motion made to accept Nechele Hammock's application for the Organization Representative seat.

Motion by Joy; Seconded by Rebecca Wysinger. Motion passed.

- b. Discussion and possible action to support the Economic and Workforce Development Department's (EWDD) general community survey for the property at 1636 W. Manchester Avenue, intended to gather stakeholder input to guide future development and community benefits.
 - Terri Osborne – Planning Deputy
 - a) Email: terriosborne@lacity.org
 - b) Present Monday; currently on Council recess
 - c) Representing the Council Office
 - Project Overview
 - a) City-owned lot identified; final development plans not yet determined
 - b) Adjacent to liquor store and Ralphs
 - c) Council office planning to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for developers next month
 - d) Developers will be scored on a point system by Economic & Workforce Development (EWD) to select the development team
 - e) Timeline: RFP release next month, closing in February/March, EWD agreement with development team in June
 - Community Feedback / Vision
 - a) Used South LA Community Plan as a reference

- b) Potential uses for the site include:
 - (1) Retail, services, professional/administrative offices
 - (2) Entertainment/hospitality, public/semi-public, housing with retail, medical services
 - (3) Emphasis on businesses that contribute to tax revenue; aims to address neighborhood issues like sidewalks and tree maintenance
- Site Considerations
 - a) Publicly owned land typically prioritized for public housing if at least ½ acre
 - b) This site is slightly below ½ acre

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Every item on the Consent Calendar will be considered bundled and will be voted on as a single item. If a Board Member or Stakeholder has an objection to an item being on the Consent Calendar, they need to raise that objection to an item and ask to have that item or items considered separately. There will be no discussion or comment on the substance of any item unless it is removed from the Consent Calendar. Removed items will be moved to the end of the agenda for consideration, or earlier within the discretion of the Chair. The Consent Calendar includes:

- a. Discussion and possible motion to approve October 17, 2025, Regular ECSWANDC Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve ECSWANDC Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) for July 2025, August 2025, and September 2025.

Motion made to approve Consent Calendar items A and B.

Motion by Naomi Suber; Seconded by Daniel Fuller. Motion carried.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to approve an amount to not exceed \$2,000 for the replacement of equipment, as detailed in the attached Dog Waste Depot Invoice.
 - Joy noted the park allows dog waste stations but does not fund them; the board and park would share responsibility for upkeep and keys.
 - Equipment was originally installed around 2014–2015; some stations are now missing or broken.
 - Purpose: promote responsible dog ownership, encourage walking, improve park safety, and foster community.
 - A constituent request initiated this item; replacing equipment ensures accessibility and representation.

Motion made to approve the purchase of Dog Waste Depot equipment to replace missing and broken items at the St. Andrew Park dog waste stations, including 4 stations, keys, and bags, for an amount not to exceed \$400.

Motion by Joy; Seconded by Dominica Robinson-Wilson. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$400 for grassroots outreach to increase community participation at the Recreation and

Motion made to stop the meeting and table the remaining items.

Motion by Tunisia Johnson; Seconded by Daniel Fuller. Motion passed.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive
- b. Budget & Finance
- c. Planning and Land Use
- d. Outreach & Communications
- e. Bylaws & Procedures
- f. Neighborhood

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT at 8:02 PM

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