



Executive Committee

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Social Media Representative

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
April 20, 2026
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Dominica Robinson-Wilson.

II. BOARD ROLL CALL

Executive Board

- A. *Tunisia Johnson, President - absent*
- B. Dominica Robinson-Wilson, Vice-President
- C. *Daniel Fuller, Secretary - absent*
- D. Sha'De Chapman, Treasurer

Neighborhood Council

- E. Lonella Enix Area 4 Residential Representative
- F. Rebecca Wysinger, At-Large Representative
- G. Leonora Anzaldua, At-Large Representative
- H. *Virgil Grant III, Business Representative - absent*
- I. *James Reed, Faith-Based Representative - absent*
- J. Naomi Suber, Social Media Representative
- K. Nechele Hammock Organization Representative
- L. *Stacey Maspero Area 2 Residential Representative - absent*
- M. *Aaron Manson Youth Representative - absent*

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- A. Dr.Gina Davis
 - 1. Founder and ceo of my serenity sanctuary
 - 2. Self care wellness for black women and girls everywhere
 - 3. Selfcare summit sat sep 19 2026, passing out flyers
 - 4. Submitting an NPG
 - a) Bc this is a next budget year they wouldnt be able to accept or consider it so come back again after june for that budget year

IV. ELECTED OFFICES/GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Public Safety

- 1. One of top 5 busiest stations in Los Angeles officer roman sanchez fire station 57 on vermint by lawn miller elementary
- 2. Fire service day saturday 5/9 2 local fire stations with presentations and pancake breakfast with static displays
 - a) Good for youth and those interested in careers
 - b) Firstation 65 watts and 94 baldwin holls 10-4pm
 - (1) Fire station 94 on 4470 coliseum street
 - c) They setup earlier
 - d) The car show is a separate event, but they show up so its a real lively event
 - (1) They show up and
- 3. Homeless encampment is a very slow process and they also have their

hands in this to help

4. What is the law for a building caught on fire and the owner allows it to stay that way
 - a) Goes to legal ,legal packet, notice
 - b) Goes to building safety and goes to vacant building dept (diff dept) then the city attorney
 - c) Once it goes to city attorney, it kind of slows there

B. City Council Representative

1. Jermaine Kelly Council President's Office

- a) Metro

- (1) meeting this thurs for metro: in person townhall thurs april 23 here at this building
 - (2) Learn about trans related things in the area directly from staff
 - (3) Other community members in attendance \
 - (4) World cup
 - (5) I-105 express lanes
 - (6) Vermont
 - (7) rail to rail
 - (8) Care based approach to homelessness
 - (9) 5:30-8:30pm

- b) 87th and la salle met with DOT

- (1) All 15 council districts pick 2 locations for speed humps (he dk what 2 locations were chosen)
 - (2) Area around schools automatically on the list
 - (3) They're only gonna do the first 100 on priority list, that location is on the 400s in the list
 - (a) 2 year process for that 100 list
 - (b) He asked if it can be expedited and they said no
 - (4) What is the criteria? He dk, they gave him vague info
 - (5) Severe accident on 94th and la salle where cars knocked into houses
 - (6) Are traffic studies being done?
 - (7) Doing 100 schools in next 2 years
 - (8) As a board we should be the ones who can prioritize
 - (9) Who can we write a letter to in the DOT and he can support us on that...we will email him he will make sure it gets sent to necessary person
 - (10) Letter from board with specific questions, if they get no response then he can back us up
 - (11) The bumps are already allocated for those locations and its already on the list so it's nothing they can do right now moving forward
 - (12) Donuts issue on 94th and la salle

- (a) Ticket was closed without any communication submitted via 311
 - (b) They dispatch then close out the ticket
 - (c) Email Jermaine and the 88 digit service request number and he will ask questions and advocate even attach pictures
- c) 83rd and western vacant lot nuisance
 - (1) Advocated for a major cleanup and it was clean for a good week
 - (2) He is going after the property owner
 - (3) Next tues 4/28 is the next court date, he is supposed to have it all cleaned up by next court date
 - (4) He will keep us updated on what happens at the court
- d) This week tues and friday
 - (1) Homeless encampment removals
 - (2) Depending on how much stuff is out there, they may not finish
 - (3) If they don't get to it this week, it on priority list
 - (4) Current 4 locations
 - (a) 1900 w 41st pl
 - (b) 1926 w jeff blv
 - (c) 22nd & congress
 - (d) 1800 w adams blvd
 - (5) Based on pictures, they prioritize based on how bad they are
 - (6) Collective group effort, its a process
 - (7) They schedule in advance so that all departments are aligned in availability
 - (8) Picking more severe locations as they prioritize
 - (9) They do the locations that are not as bad as well, its just not priorities
 - (10) This week is the southwest week
 - (11) Due to lack of funding in the budget, this is how they choose area by area first
 - (12) So they call in 311 and then what? What is the time frame? Solid month to month and half from time of reporting (with email pics) he gives it to homeless deputy and he determines based on pictures and they send someone out in person THEN they determine the level of priority
 - (13) Some places are moveable so do they get ticketed?
 - (a) Motor homes and rvs are a diff situation
 - (14) Those locations are in the north so when will southwest come up

- (15) Have the homeless deputy come to the next meeting
- (16) In between the next meeting
- (17) brayan.lopez@lacity.org
- (18) If they don't clean this up and they go the court, he'll get a bench warning meaning he will be arrested, this is for that lot
- e) Myla311 competition in march, this is ranking from highest to least
 - (1) North
 - (2) Central
 - (3) Southeast
 - (4) Park mesa
 - (5) West
 - (6) southwest
- 2. Anthony anderson council rep for lacc crcd gap
 - a) Illegal dumpings hobart western 96 and 98, but trash comes right back
 - (1) They are like sanitation backup
 - (2) 81st and vermont biggest thing was vendor right outside and now its just 1 encampment so they are trying to give them services to get them out
 - b) Sister dreamer day on juneteeth 76th steer from 76 to grammecy
 - (1) Biggest soul train line in history is what they want
 - (2) 76th street and western, its a sculpture garden
 - c) Mothers day event 5/7 call and register or drive to the location or busses you can get on
 - (1) Get a meal, in inglewood its just a save the date flier they need a headcount
 - d) Florence and western vacant lot but they began to clear it out, they have to worry about the vegetation and trash but at least it is started where the cleaners used to be
 - (1) Who owns that? Dk but
 - e) 85th cimron where the state office is, and strip mall right by the car wash they always dump there, next block south...what should they do?
 - f) 79th and normadie they always dump, the sheriffs said they have designated places where some people can dump
 - (1) So who is right and where is the communication and transparency g) General construction materials
- 3. Erica
 - a) Supports 11 other councils as well
 - b) As of March she had supported 15 council
 - c) West adams council meets on same day as this
 - d) Her communication has been laggy due to the volume of her

- council support
- e) April 20th the mayor puts out budget proposal
 - (1) There is an existing council file for us to emphasize our priorities via a letter like community impact statement for whatever our needs are
 - (2) The city council approves the budget but it goes through a handful of people and reviews but there is time to write that letter
- f) Events
 - (1) YDD LA youth export 5/30 9-1 LAttc
 - (2) LA youth conference 6/6 8-4pm
 - (a) 5 youth, from this area specifically 2 youth
 - (b) Get the word out there for 14-17 years old
 - (c) Learn about the council system and learn about resources they offer
 - (d) Deadline is this friday
 - (3) Budget day by budget advocated sat 6/27
 - (a) Registration not open yet

V. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Discussion and possible motion to approve the board retreat presenter, Dr. Thela Thatch, date, time, and location.

1. Proessort
2. Focused on JEDI pov,
3. Breaks down in modules
4. Has 5 Saturdays available they can choose from starting at 9am, interactive. Choose your dates
 - a) 5/2
 - b) 5/23
 - c) 5/30
 - d) 6/6
 - e) 6/13
5. They are voting to approve the retreat, her as the presenter, then a date, time and location.
6. The expenditure is going to be on the next
7. What are we trying to get out eh retreat at this point
 - a) Its standard practice to have a retreat
 - b) Erica: what is considered (date, time, location) ALSO what areas to hit on during the retreat
 - (1) Example: communication, conflict resolution, etc
8. Move that we have a special meeting before next meeting focused on this
9. Dr. Thatch said Part of the retreat is a time to discuss what you want to accomplish under the guidance under a consultant, what you want the board to look like, etc

10. According to the brown act, you can only talk about what is on the agenda but at the retreat, you are able to discuss a lot more
 11. Joy said it goes beyond: what are next year's goals, what is next year's budget, working through the kinks of what can come into fruition beyond just on paper
 12. Nichele and joy both agree that the board has been stagnant and not really accomplished much this year
 13. Organizational psychologist Dr.Gina
 - a) Have to think about what you want to accomplish, so know What you want to do
 - b) The training will be the how you get that done by Dr. Thela
 14. What is the last day NC can submit payment before fiscal year end
 15. 5/20 event forms, 6/1 check payment request (npg too) 6/20 last day to use bank cards
 16. **Move that we plan a special meeting at a time to discuss such when all members are present to discuss. Second by nichele. All in favor, motion carries.**
- B. **Discussion and possible motion to approve AppleOne services in the amount of \$76.80.**
1. Motion to approve the apple one services. Motion by
 2. Resend the motion, move to next month's agenda.
 3. Shade treasurer
- C. **Discussion and possible motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to LAAWPPI for the Joy Atkinson (Commissioner of BONC) scholarship fund.**
1. Council people can do stuff we cant
 2. If we can do it, we need an ok from the city clerk
 3. Ask them to send us an email saying the donation is allowed
 4. Don't want to send it and it's another thing they deny so we can find out upfront
 5. Erica said that councils can't make donations
- D. **Discussion and possible motion to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including special board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 707.**
1. Earlier they approved for teleconferencing rules and capabilities, handful of changes but just reaffirming this is what the board wants
 2. Approve a CIS, no council file since its a sente bill
 - a) City council had to take action on it so there may be a file
 3. Didn't they approve 5 people to submit cis
 - a) From the minutes they checked that there is not anyone
 4. Need to appoint up to 5 people to upload
 5. RIGHT NOW they need to decide on what's in the bold
 6. There are some details
 - a) If fully virtual : cameras on but erica will share the specifics
 - b) If they vote yes, do they have to appoint CIS filers first?

7. She fill find sb707 and the council file
 8. I move that we approve the rules a=estb by sb707 authorized as stated.
Second by nicheles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 9. Special meeting 24hr, regale 72hrs in advance
 10. To notify board members defer to bylaws
- E. Discuss and possibly approve a mock-up and purchase of four aluminum signs, in an amount not to exceed \$250, to be placed on each refurbished doggie waste station at St. Andrews Recreation Center to market ECSWANDC.**
1. They approved in december
 2. Need to place signs letting people know that
 3. It's a part of the city clerk approving so shade can purchase equipment
 4. Not going to cost that much but dont have a quote yet because they threw it on them a couple days ago
 5. City clerk asked for
 - a) Were they authorized to give equipment
 - b) Have staff install it
 - c) What makes the equipment outreach (putting signs)
 - d) Address of the park
 6. Contacted park director to supply info to anna at city clerk office it was done on friday and she will confirm that tmr
 7. Once this is approved, shade will ask them to increase the daily limit from 500 to 2000 so they can purchase the equipment and signs. If this isn't approved they can't purchase the equipment
 8. Dominica said they don't have
 - a) Approval from city clerk & Approval from park
 - b) Joy said they approved the doggy waste station equipment now we are just talking about approving signs because they are just asking for supplemental information
 - c) Currently the previous board they provided doggy waste stations but they are now blighted so now that they are trying to refurbish them - this
 - d) I move that we approve the purchase of the signs for the doggy waste station in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Motion by
Seconded by naomi. All in favor, leonora abstained. Motion carries.

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 March 16, 2026, Regular ECSWANDC Board Meeting Minutes and March 2026 MER to consent calendar.

1. Don't have the MERs
2. Approving minutes based on necessary corrections
3. Secretary is responsible for posting of the minutes
4. Daniel is trying his best
5. Trying to improv
6. Is there a board member who can help daniel or takeover secretary for future want to make sure minutes are getting to the board 72 hours in advance
7. Leonora move that mers is removed to discuss
 - a) Adjustment
 - (1) Not a vital or hybrid, it was in person
 - (2) Can we move the discussion of both meeting minutes to the special meeting since they have both minutes. Motion retracted.
 - (3) They need spacial meeting minutes, feb, and march general meeting minutes
 - b) Motion that we table this to a special meeting being planned in the next couple of weeks. Second by leonra. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c) Add on that we revisit another board member being the secretary (thinks that we can decide on who can be the secretary at the retreat so they no longer have these issues with the minutes)

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

Discussion and possible motion to approve the following committees chairs:

Item tabled for future meeting

- A. **Budget & Finance**
- B. **Planning and Land Use**
- C. **Outreach & Communications**
- D. **Bylaws & Procedures**
- E. **Neighborhood**

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **President**

B. Vice President

C. Secretary

D. Treasurer

1. Budget 51,000
2. Nothing outstanding
3. Have until 6/20 is last day to use bank card
4. 6/1 last day for check payment
5. May 20/ June 1 /June 20
6. Rollover 10,000...dk what they'll do this year
7. Can they ask city council to keep more than 10k, and since it is election year can Erica help us with the process to secure these rollover funds
 - a) Erica says easiest way is a community impact statement
 - b) Past 2 years they been allowed to follover full amount but not sure this year because they don't know what city council is going to approve
 - c) In the special meeting they can also discuss
8. What about npgs and community orgs that can come and request funds, what is the timeline for that
 - a) Send the council the info
 - b) The funding that they spend is for outreach...not just benefit the community but also make the body successful
9. The location of people
10. Vermont to vanness and florence to 108th on city side, not right paperwork, sometimes it fell on the council not doing a proper event form (denied because it wasn't done the way the city needs it), needs to benefit this specific community
 - a) Community says that there should be workshops on how to request these things
 - b) They can have a booth there as well, basically buy a table

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

- A. **Executive:**
- B. **Budget & Finance:**
- C. **Planning & Land Use:**
- D. **Outreach & Communications:**
- E. **Bylaws & Procedures:**
- F. **Neighborhood:**

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. n/a

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Requested that community impact statement be on the agenda
 - 1. Loernora drafted a CIS for the pretextual stops, want to
 - a) Supposed to come in council on 24th
 - 2. Come to find lleronarea about the community gardens and if anyone wants any kale trees

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Budget hearing this friday 24th and 27th pretextual stops 5/26th
- B. CIS re impactful to move money (says dr.Thela)
 - 1. It gets an influence of board and from community
 - 2. Successful in getting cis for homeless event in van nuys
 - a) Go to sherman oaks and other councils to model their CIS so that they can get more funds
 - b) Do their best to attach it to a community org

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

NEXT ECSWANDC GBM

Monday 5/18/2026

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