

**Board Members**

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**City of Los Angeles  
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**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area  
Neighborhood Development Council  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2014**

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.**

There was NO quorum at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items #1-5 skipped. The meeting began with a presentation by LAPD’s South Bureau Traffic Division.

**2. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE**

**Senior Lead Officer Shay** addressed the stakeholders regarding car club challenges. He emphasized it’s a coordinated effort between command staff and the city attorney’s office. He asked for the Community’s patience as he explained the priority of resources allocated to South Bureau Traffic.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS at 6:31 p.m.**

Present: Lonella Enix, Michael Guynn, Brent Page, Margaret Peters, DeWanna Sharp (arrived at 6:17 p.m.), Priscilla Smith, and Dave Wallace

Absent: Thomasina Lawrence, Rashad Rucker, and Ed Smith

**3. COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 UPDATE BY DEPUTY CHANIRA GOODRIDGE**

Field Deputy Goodridge advised the CD8 wide clean-up effort was extended until the end of the month. The sidewalk repairs are still in progress. Stakeholders requested the repair list and updates be posted on the website.

**4. SPEAKERS**

**Sean Fleming** representative from Congresswoman Waters’ Office: provided an update/overview from a Federal perspective. Currently, Congresswoman Waters called a meeting with LAWA, CDC, and Homeland Security to address the Ebola crisis. The Harvard seniors were encouraged to form a group so that they could address their common concerns collectively. After several meetings with Congresswoman Waters and the property manager, Peter Barker, many resident concerns were addressed but some still linger. One of those being that Mr. Barker employs property management employees who do not speak English for a building of primarily English-only speaking residents.

**5. SECRETARY’S REPORT INCLUDING THE MINUTES**

Secretary Sharp advised September minutes not available.

**MOTION 1**

Wallace moved to table the Secretary’s report until the next meeting. Seconded by Guynn.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Wallace

No: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION 1- PASSED 7-0-0**

**6. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Peters submitted the August and September Treasurer’s report to the board for approval. There were no questions or requests made for changes.

**MOTION 2**

Guynn moved to accept both reports for August and September. Seconded by P. Smith.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Wallace

No: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION 2- PASSED 7-0-0**

**7. BUDGET ADVOCATE’S REPORT**

Budget Advocate Peters provided an overview and highlights about the Regional Budget Day. The panel was comprised of John Szabo, Librarian, Joy Atkinson, DONE Commissioner; Council Members Parks & Price. The scheduled LAPD representatives did not show. Each panel member provided informative presentations. Budget Advocate Peters remarked “great presentation by Councilmember Parks on the City’s budget.” Peters learned from Librarian Szabo’s presentation that monies received from parking tickets are allocated to the Libraries. Peters also advised all budget advocates meet with department heads including the Mayor to address allocation of funds and resources. Budget advocates meet every Tuesday.

**8. SIDEWALK 50/50 BOARD RESOLUTION**

Peters advised there is an effort to absolve the city of their responsibility. In response to a current lawsuit (Willis vs. City of LA) regarding an ADA violation (sidewalks not accessible) the city is proposing two options to address the buckling sidewalks. The options are the fix and release program or the 50/50 plan. Peters read her proposed resolution:

*We, Lonella Enix and Margaret Peters, declare that we are the Chair and Treasurer respectively of the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECSWANDC) and that on October 20, 2014, a Brown Act noticed meeting was held with a quorum of \_\_\_ board members present and that by a vote count of \_\_\_yes, \_\_\_no, \_\_\_abstentions, we endorsed the following motion:*

***Whereas 58% of the stakeholders in the ECSWANDC are property owners compared to 38% of Citywide residents,***

***Whereas the ECSWANDC has a higher population of veterans and seniors 65 years or older than any other area Citywide,***

***Whereas economically, the stakeholders of the ECSWANDC earn an average of 4,000 dollars less per capita each year than residents Citywide,***

***And whereas the ECSWANDC is primarily a tree lined, residential section of the City,***

*Let it be resolved that the ECSWANDC supports a fix and release plan, where the City would pay for the repair of the tree damaged sidewalks, after which the property owners would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of their sidewalks and any associated slip and fall liabilities. Let it also be resolved that in addition to the fix and release plan, the ECSWANDC supports the reestablishment of the 50/50 program where the cost of future repair would be split between the property owner and the City. Let it be further resolved that property owners be given the option to retain independent contractors for sidewalk repairs and that the Council and the Bureau of Street Services address the following concerns:*

- *Who will establish the priority for getting sidewalks repaired?*
- *What will be the factors determining the priority for repairs?*
- *Will there be financial assistance available for seniors and other lower income homeowners?*
- *Will there be waivers available for owner occupied homes in excess of 25 years?*

Now therefore, let it be resolved by the adoption of this resolution, that the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council has formally recommended the aforementioned sidewalk repair policy on behalf of the property owners within its boundaries.

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Lonella. Enix, Chair

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Date

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Margaret Peters, Treasurer

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Date

**MOTION 3**

Wallace moved to accept M. Peters Board Resolution as presented. In response to the stakeholders audible trepidations D. Sharp included a friendly amendment to include trees and stumps. Wallace amended the motion to include removal of trees, stumps, roots, and any other damage areas created by the planting of trees. Seconded by Guynn.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Wallace  
No: None  
Abstain: None

**MOTION 3- PASSED 7-0-0**

**MOTION 4**

Wallace moved to table agenda item 9A: Community Impact Statement. Seconded by Page.

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Wallace  
No: None  
Abstain: None

**MOTION 4- PASSED 7-0-0**

**MOTION 5**

Guynn moved to table agenda item #10 A-F and #11 A-E. Seconded by Wallace

Yes: Enix, Guynn, Page, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Wallace  
No: None  
Abstain: None

**MOTION 5- PASSED 7-0-0**

**9. Public Comments**

Stakeholders asked about the website updates. Chair Enix advised in the process of changing web service providers.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chair Enix received an electronic resignation from board member R. Rucker. She read the resignation. Rucker included his regrets. She announced the board now has 3 vacancies; she encouraged recruitment efforts to fulfill the vacancies.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by Secretary Sharp

Approved by the board on Monday, November 17, 2014