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## **EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

### **Board Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

**6:00PM – 8:00PM**

### **LOCATION**

**Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center -**

**1535 W 62nd St, Los Angeles, CA 90047**

**Meeting in Annex - W 61st St and S Halldale Ave**

**Zoom option also available**

**[web.zoom.3312682647](https://web.zoom.us/j/3312682647)**

**Meeting ID: 331 268 2647**

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- I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER - **President Janay Coplon**
- II. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM - **Vice President Dante Clark**
  - A. Call to Order – 6:13pm
  - B. Roll Call (present): Janay, Teresa, Ingrid, Daniel, Jamal, Reba, Mann, Pastor Kagle
  - C. Absent: Dante Clark
  - D. Excused – Area Rep 1
- III. AGENDA REVIEW & APPROVAL
  - A. Teresa moved for acceptance
  - B. Mann seconded
  - C. No debate
  - D. Motion carried
- IV. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES
  - A. The approval of the previous meeting minutes was postponed due to minutes not ready.
- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (2 minutes per speaker)
  - A. Paulina Velasco – LA Metro Vermont transit corridor – presented about the end of May 2024 workshop would be an interactive opportunity to give feedback on stations.
  - B. Marcell – Chesterfield square community block club presented an event on 6/29 11a-3p. They will collaborate with Play Street to take over the street (e.g.hip hop music, dancing, a DJ, and free food.)
  - C. Lauren Walters – Dept. of Public Health – presented a 6/02 event and a take action even for service area 6 on 6/11. She introduced a sun bug new initiative (e.g. healing centers that offer free community space as long as the events are for the community. They are open evenings and weekends. She mentioned a Day of dignity on 5/29 located at the Christ Temple - providing services and support for unsheltered neighbors.
  - D. Terrel Tilman – Southwest College – presented that there will be workshops for the community focusing on reentry and other resources for the community.
  - E. On 6/18, there will be a WLCAC Man's awareness event.
- VI. GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes per speaker)
  - A. Senior Lead Officer Gregory Sovick 77th Division
    - a. Just over the past month compared to last year mid-march to mid-April, there were 0 homicides, robberies were down 44%, adultery is down 49%, and property crime is down 40% overall for the year. We are doing better than last year. Reminder - summer months reflect that crime rises so be on the lookout for crimes of opportunity. Over 50% of residential burglaries are through open windows – about half of car robberies don't fall under FBI crimes because cars were left open.
    - b. There is new grant funding for community safety zones. There are local interventionists to protect community assets. Note there is a 77<sup>th</sup> collaboration with CD8 and LASAN to help clean up today.
    - c. There is an upcoming town hall on 6/16 from 5-7p at Fremont High School with a panel discussion.
    - d. On June 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a resource event and hiring event with free tables available for organizations and resources to share information.
  - B. LAFD Battalion13 - Chief Michael Flynn / Chief Joseph Angiuli
    - a. Presented LAFD – Presented a future event for 6/11. Educated the Board about Fire Safety Day and getting familiar with LAFD and fire safety. There were over 10 structure fires in this area – last week there were 2 incidents (e.g. lithium powered battery devices set off porch set fire and lack of

smoke detectors can lead to structure fire). There were two elders trapped inside the home and neighbors were safe but smoke detectors are still important. Note: EMS received over 2002 calls and 200 critical advance support responses.

C. City Council District 8 Representative – Gandhi Diaz

- a. Note: 6/04 there will be an event at 1122 W 24 St in partnership with Playhouse.
- b. Graffiti removal is continuing – submit request through 311.
- c. Roberto – Capital Projects for CD8.

D. Empower LA - Alfonso Manzo

- a. DONE – women empowerment event was a success.
- b. Sep 8 event at City Hall for Congress of Neighborhoods.
- c. Homelessness liaison – up to 3 reps don't have to be on board can be community members

VII. COMMUNITY UPDATES

A. Recap of Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center Spring Event

B. Western Our Way: Streets LA - Mark Wissa

- a. August 2023: Hired a consulting company for the pre-design phase, ending in November 2024.
- b. Implementing mobility enhancements along the street, including improved traffic signals and enhanced pedestrian and bike safety from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Century Blvd.
- c. 330 curb ramps are out of compliance and need to be updated to meet ADA standards.
- d. Neighborhood traffic circle at Gramercy and 82nd.
- e. HYVE at Western and 49th.
- f. Exploring bike boulevards to reduce car speeds on Denker at 57th and Western at 69th; planning curve improvements.
- g. Enhancing the bus rider experience with 25 new bus poles to be added.
- h. Aim to clear all environmental requirements from Western Avenue to Century Boulevard.
- i. Community engagement: Last workshop on March 26; next workshop scheduled for July. Planning for 5-8 pop-up events.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tabled - Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$600 for Mother's Day May 11th, outreach event with URU - Community Garden
- B. Tabled - Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$1000 contribution towards [Congress of Neighborhoods 2024](#) on Sept 28th, 2024
- C. Tabled for discussion - Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$1000 for [Play Street LA x Chesterfield Square](#) outreach event on June 29th
- D. Tabled for discussion - Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$1000 for Scope Juneteenth outreach event
- E. Tabled for discussion - Discussion and possible action to approve Branding Bee's media plan proposal
  - a. Discussed Digital media branding company
  - b. Discussed Merch
  - c. Discussed Public bus bench ad space free to use
- F. Tabled for discussion - Discussion and possible appointment of [Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison](#)

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - A. Tabled for discussion - BACs
  - B. Tabled for discussion - Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)
- X. COMMITTEES
  - A. Gramercy Block Club / CIS Update
  - B. SLAANC Update
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
  - A. Special Meeting date

**Next EC Central Regular Meeting –  
Monday 6/24/2024**

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