

**Items 1 – 3 (Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call)**

Chairperson Aaron Martin called meeting to order at 6:48 pm. Youth Representative Breon Hollie led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Martin appointed Ellen Pace to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Leonard Delpit. Ellen Pace took roll and a quorum was achieved with the presence of eight members – Aaron Martin, Lorraine Curry, Robert Campbell, Nina Adams, Ellen Pace, James Hadley, Breon Hollie, and Nitisha Frances. Leonard Delpit and Richarad Cabada were absent.

**Item 4 (Meeting Minutes)**

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

**Item 5 (Treasurer’s Report)**

Treasurer Lorraine Curry presented the March 2019 Monthly Expense Report (MER). James Hadley motioned for approval of MER (subject to audit) and Ellen Pace second the motion. The March 2019 MER was unanimously approved.

**Item 11 (Elected Officials Report to Community)**

**David Price**, Southwest Field Deputy for Mayor Eric Garcetti, introduced himself to Council and Stakeholders and left his contact information.

**Belem Lamas**, Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson Legislative Deputy, shared updates on Cannabis Regulation:

- Cannabis Dept pushing for approval of \$25 million for cannabis enforcement. To date 60 complaints have been submitted via Cannabis Dept website.
- Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson questions the lack enforcement for the leasing of commercial space to illegal shops.
- On March 14, 2019 The City Council passed ordinance for LADWP to shut off utilities for illegal cannabis shops.
- Budget timeline was distributed.
- Solicit interest in Board Members or Stakeholders becoming Budget Ambassadors for CD8.
- Jobs Update at next meeting.
- [Cannabis@lacity.org](mailto:Cannabis@lacity.org) – Resources is the site to submit complaints regarding Cannabis Shops.

**Aden Binyam**, Homelessness Policy Fellow, Marqueece Harris-Dawson CD8, shared updates:

- Bridge Home groundbreaking on April 1, 2019. Bridge Home will provide beds for 67 men, 33 women with HOPICS providing wraparound services.
- Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) has been assembled to target homeless encampments and connect homeless residents to services.

**Isaias Benavides**, Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson Field Deputy shared CD8 updates:

- Speed Hump Application starts up again on May 1, 2019.
- Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson Newsletter highlighting permanent supportive housing.

**Chief Dennis Cato**, LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> Division, **Public Safety Update**

- Uptick in violent crimes, 12 homicides (YTD 2019), 10 homicides (same period 2018)
- Harvard Park community remains quiet as a result of CSP
- There have been a number of shootings in the area with victim ages ranging from 28 to 40 years old. In the past it has been younger gang members.
- Increase in “social media banging.”

**Obiamaka Ude**, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) shared the following:

- Planning Dept. hosting joint workshops, Planning 101, on environmental regulations and urban ecology at LADWP Crenshaw Community Center on May 6, 2019 – 6 pm to 8pm.
- Leadership Academy Workshop for newly elected Board Members – “10 Things You Need to Know as Board Members – 2 in South Los Angeles
- June 18 – Watts Senior Center, 1657 E Century, Los Angeles, CA 90002
- June 22 – All Peoples Community Center, 822 E 20<sup>th</sup> St, Los Angeles, CA 90011
- New system, Corner Platform, for updating council member credentials.

**Item 7 (Discussion and Board Action for Candidates Forum)**

Robert Campbell made a motion and Robert Hadley second a motion to approve up to \$500 for ECCANDC Candidates Forum on May 29, 2019. Unanimously approved by Board Members.

Bernice Noflin, Stakeholder, inquired about the status of \$500 payment to Mt. Tabor MBC for use of facility for November 6, 2018 Homelessness Town Hall Meeting. Treasurer stated that she would look into it. Ellen Pace reported that Shawna Dungo, City Clerk’s Office, stated that she had not received it.

**Item 8 (Discussion and Board Action for Summer Night Lights and Community Festival)**

Robert Campbell made a motion and Natisha Francis second the motion to approve up to \$5000 for Summer Night Lights and Community Festival to be held on June 26, 2019 at Harvard Park. Unanimously approved by Board Members.

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**Item 9 (Bethel Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$2,500 DENIED)**

**Barbara Gates** resubmitted NPG with Item 8 completed. Given to Treasurer Lorraine Curry.

**Item 10 (Restoration Community Development NPG in the amount of \$2,500 DENIED)**

**Bernice Noflin** resubmitted NPG with Item 6B completed with an attachment of Budget Details. Ms. Noflin pointed out that \$5,000 was allocated for a NPG for Mt Tabor homelessness outreach program at the beginning of the fiscal year 2018-2019. Ms. Noflin expressed her concerns in regards to time it has taken to approved the NPG and the various changes in the amount of the grant without supporting documentation. Obiamaka Ude volunteered to work with Treasurer and Ms. Noflin in resolving this matter.

**Item 12 (Presentation by Mandar Apte – The Nonviolence Ambassador Certification Program)**

**Mr. Apte** discussed the program that is being conducted in the Harvard Park Community for enhance sensitive training for Harvard Park CSP including police office, GRYD, community leaders and residents. Chief Dennis Cato discussed his experience as a participant in the training and his vision for Harvard Park CSP officers and long term sustainability of the Harvard CSP.

**Item 13 (Bylaws Committee Recommendation to amend Bylaws reflecting boundary adjustment)**

**Breon Hollie** reported that there is no recommendation at this time because the Bylaws Committee did not meet because the Committee was not able to access South Los Angeles Animal Shelter on date of meeting (April 13, 2019).

**Item 14 (Public Comments)**

**Barbara Gates** stated that she attempted to attend ByLaws Committee Meeting but was told by Secretary Delpit upon her arrival that the meeting had ended. She stated that stakeholders are entitled to respect and ECCANDC needs to do better in regards to time and locations of meeting. She pointed out that today's meeting started late because the building was not accessible.

**Karen Hernandez, Korean Youth and Community Center (KYCC)**, reported that 21 trees had been planted along the Western Corner and 54<sup>th</sup> Street at the April 13, 2019 Tree Planting event and another event is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> on Western Avenue near Vernon Av. She also requested approval for use of our logo on KYCC flyer for this event. Council unanimously approved use of logo for flyer.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 22, 2019

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**Ronnie Han, La-Mas**

LA Backyard Project ADU accepting application beginning May 1, 2019 for Phase 1.  
[adu@mas.la](http://adu@mas.la) is website.

Dates for next meetings:

May 6, 2019 Budget & Finance Committee  
Venue – TBD

May 13, 2019 Special Board Meeting\*  
Venue – TBA

\*Regular Board Meeting date is Memorial Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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