GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 13, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION
Angeles Mesa Elementary School
2611 West 52nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Serving the Communities of Hyde Park, Angeles Mesa, and View Heights
Las Comunidades de Hyde Park, Angeles Mesa y View Heights

- GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016
- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:10 AM WITH MOSLEY PRESIDING
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOMENT OF SILENCE

Roll Call

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Year End Review
Council District Eight Town Hall Series
August 13, 2016

SAFE AND THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS
- $15 million for Van Ness and Algin Sutton Recreation Centers
- 1,950,000 pounds of trash collected
- Clean and Safe Streets Campaign
- South LA Day of Action
- CleanStat Program

SAFE AND THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

ECONOMIC VITALITY & QUALITY JOBS
- Community Economic Development Forums
- Job Fair(s)
- Targeted Local Hire Initiative

EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION
- Metro and Walsh Shea Construction
- SLATE-Z Designation
- Temporary Parking on Crenshaw
- Tree/Landscaping Commitment
- Street Lighting

TAKING ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS
- $2 Billion Strategic Plan
- $1.2 Billion General Obligation Bond
- Homeless Connect Day

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVENESS
- DWP Governance Reforms
- $59 Million for 7,000 LAPD Body Cameras
- Sidewalk Repair Program

# of Monthly Service Requests

Sources of Service Requests Jan 1, 2016 - Aug 1, 2016
- Call
- E-mail
- Mobile App
- Total = 33,852
Exiting Members: Ted Thomas, President; Kim Moore, Treasurer; Wesley Smith, Jr., Business Rep; Winter Walker, Angeles Mesa Rep; Lady Cage Barile, Hyde Park Rep and Makeba Stallings, View Heights Rep

New Members: Chandra Mosley, President; Alicia Gipson, Treasurer, Alison McBeth Featherstone, Business Rep; Brandon Bush, Angeles Mesa Rep, Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Rep, Carol Derby, View Heights Rep and Michelle Dixon, Non Profit Rep

**Accolade of Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson**

“This is one of the neighborhood councils that we are very proud of in the City and especially here in South LA. One of the things I’m most proud of when I sit in that horseshoe downtown is I can say without fear of contradiction that the 8th Council District has the most active, the most dynamic and the most engaged neighborhood council of any council district anywhere in the City of Los Angeles. This is one of them. Some of you remember that the City instituted the NC system and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment "DONE" in the year 2000. Those of you who have been around know that we had Empowerment Congress Neighborhoods as earlier as 1993, a long time before the City caught up and implemented the NC system and so you all are a part of that legacy and I think we have to never let anybody forget where NCs started and where they are the best.

I just want to remind everybody and I know folks do this already, but I don't think it's ever too many reminders to give people lots of love and appreciation when they do this work, especially when you disagree with them and are mad with them about something. It's really important to recognize the work and the time—the work that they are doing and the time that they are taking out from their schedule. So again, as much love as we can give them in support because they are part of the glue that holds the community together and they are part of what makes this City run. This City does not have nearly the staff or the infrastructure that it would need to actually take care of what is going on in every part of it. So it is structures like neighborhood councils, small businesses and the non-profit organizations that help get that work done.

**Oath Given to new Board members by Councilman:** I pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity and pride I will encourage other points of view even when they differ from my own, I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion, I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it to my neighbors and neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles. I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.

**The Review:** (Note: This review has been condensed/paraphrased with only highlights and the full audio is available upon request)

Last year July 1, 2015, when I was sworn in as the new City Council member succeeding Council Member and Chief Bernard Parks we set out to get some very basic things done. We thought that what needed to happen is our neighborhood and our community really needed to catch up from a lot of the deficits that were created by the big budget deficit that we had.

**Trash:** Almost 2 million lbs. of trash was collected. If you see a big pile of trash in any alley anywhere in the district call us immediately so we can get that trash removed within days. We had in some of our alleys automobiles that were covered in trash where they found dead livestock. It was a mess but we have been able to get in front of that and we want to make sure we stay in front of it.

**Swimming Pools:** We have $15 million for the Van Ness and Elgin Sutton pools. The Van Ness Park pool has been closed for 10-yrs. and not fully funded to be reopened. When we got in office we were able to get money to make sure that this project gets started so within the next 2-yrs. that pool is opened and ready to go.

**Use of 311:** The 311 phone line and app to request city services were used the least in our district. I'm proud to report that I think we were on track for about less than 8k calls a year and now we are well in excess of 15,000 calls a year and the cases are actually getting resolved.

**Economic Vitality and Quality Jobs:** We've done two community economic development forums with small businesses and a couple of jobs fairs. We are trying to get the City focused on targeting local hire. The City in this budget year ... there are an additional 5,000 positions in the city some are technical...but a lot of them are entry level. We were able to work out a deal with the union that represents city workers to make 1,100 of those jobs to be local hire that means you have an advantage if you live in the city. You can get the job without passing the civil service exam to start. You will have 2-yrs. while you are on the job to take the test and pass it and if you pass it within the 2-years you can continue as a civil service employee.
**EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION:** Walsh Shea and the MTA Board make a lot promises and then when it comes time do the work they—I thought if you put something in writing and you sign it that you were done—you could move on to the next thing but that is not the way it works with MTA at all. We have staff people just tracking their day-to-day activities to make sure they are going to do... Also we were able to be a part of a group of people that helped win the Barack Obama's Promise Zone designation for all of our communities that are along rail lines including the Crenshaw Line. So that means that when people apply for grants from the housing and urban development, health and human services, the commerce department and federal department that folks have an advantage (I think it's a 20 point advantage over other entities that are applying) so we need to make sure we take advantage of that because LA is the only city that has two promise zones one in Hollywood and one here in South LA, which I think should have been the first one. We worked very hard on temporary parking and we fight for permanent parking structures and are in the process of getting commitments in addition to the street lighting, trees, landscaping and sidewalk replacement especially along Crenshaw Blvd.

**HOMELESSNESS:** It has gotten to the point now where it's affecting every part of the city and it is not just a downtown or a South LA thing. In our first year and budget we were able to get $138 million for homeless services. That was a vast increase of what they had before. We were able to finish the strategic plan along with the county. In CA counties are responsible for mental health, social services, jobs and all of that; cities are responsible for housing and transportation basically. We were successful in the LA City Council in getting all of our council colleagues and the Mayor to agree and support a $1.5 billion bond for homeless housing. In November everybody will have the opportunity to take a vote on whether or not they think there should be an investment of about (for the average person in the City of LA about $17.00 a year per household to invest in) $1.2 billion homeless and affordable housing.

- DWP - Independent from city council board will manage the city’s utility.
- Sidewalk Repair - $31 million set aside annually for sidewalk repairs w/ADA compliant facilities and residential areas being the priority
- Body Cams - LA will be the first city to have body cams but we first have to rectify officers turning off car cams
- Crime - 100 more officers have been assigned to this area. The number of guns removed from probationer homes in the district is alarming.
- Gang Intervention Organization - Is important as they can zero in on intelligence quicker
- Tree trimming - Developers planted too many trees, which the City maintained until funds for services were cut by Reagan and now the City is responsible for these fast growing trees. CD8 has more and taller palm trees than any other district in the city and only 4 crews are on staff. The city wants to indemnify us for 35-yrs. and then make it our responsibility.
- Housing Bond - The first priority is going to city owned vacant buildings or lots and the city will lease to operators who will manage
- Sober living homes are managed by the county who make the restrictions but you can come to us and we will work with the county to make sure facility is adequate.

**Senior Lead Officers Report:** Burglaries are down to less than half from last year. Robberies are taking place against people who are alone especially if on your phone. Snatching and grabbing is ongoing. So be mindful of your surroundings. There are no commonalities of suspects who are being arrested. After 8-yrs. this is my last meeting with you all. I am going to work with the bomb and K-9 unit but my email will remain the same. I will provide the new officers information.

**View Heights Boundary Expansion, Ted Thomas and former PMHCC President**

These boundaries are for the whole Park Mesa Heights Community Council according to in the bylaws: Vernon to 76th on Crenshaw from Van Ness to La Brea from Van Ness to 76th St., from Florence to West Bl. on the eastside of the street to 64th and Inglewood set in and it goes from 64th to the boundary line then Van Ness to La Brea.

The View Heights boundaries are from West Bl. to the county line, the existing boundary under the NC is from West Bl. to La Brea and from 64th not Slauson but to the county line, when you get to Deane, Rampart and Keniston it ends at Slauson and Alviso, Verdun and Edgewood goes cross Slauson. Buckler is not the county line it goes past Buckler and its about 6-12 houses on the other side of Buckler on 61st all the way up then it goes down to La Brea on 62nd Pl. and this is how View Heights was established since the beginning in 2002.

I talked to the original NC President and the City is telling us that the original group established these boundaries and it's in the bylaws and have been in bylaws ever since.

This new group said they wanted it from Alviso to Buckler but they left so many individuals out. So instead of excluding people we included everyone in that area that the NC was certified to do. We went to the civil engineer to see how the maps should have been and we want to know why it was changed from what was certified?
**Action of City Council on 10/15/15:** An application relative to naming a community View Heights located within the boundaries of Slauson Ave to the south; Alviso Ave to the West; 64th St. to the North and Buckler Ave to the East.

**Directions Error:** The directions are wrong so the new petition seeks to do two things: correct and extend the boundaries.

The directions excluding the expansion read: Slauson Ave to the North; Alviso Ave to the East; 64th St. to the South; Buckler Ave to the West which is being corrected through the petition process.

The new petition filed to correct the directions and to include the boundaries certified by the Neighborhood Council in 2002 reads: The Eastern boundary runs long West Bl. from 64th St., in the south to the City of LA boundary in the north. The northern boundary runs along the boundary between the City of LA and the County of LA from West Bl. west to Angeles Vista Bl. The western boundary runs from Angeles Vista Bl. south along the boundary between the City of LA and the County of LA to Fair Pl. place continuing south to 64th St. The southern boundary runs from Fair Pl. along 64th St. east to West Bl.

Request for Letter of support by the Park Mesa Heights Community Council per John Dean, Vice President of the 59th Place Block Club request to append to minutes of August 13, 2016

**Boundary Map**

**PRO (FOR) Expansion Testimony**

1. The City admitted they forgot to include View Heights when the neighborhood council was certified with three communities, i.e., Angeles Mesa, Hyde Park and View Heights.
2. Stakeholders of over 40-yrs. in community testified their original Deed reads View Heights.
3. Stakeholders want rightful recognition to receive city services and to be included.
4. Original boundary lines were established in 2002 by the Park Mesa Heights Community Council.

**CON (AGAINST) Expansion Testimony**

1. Members of the block club contacted the LA City Council and asked what the process would be in order to get the name View Heights recognized and placed in the city records.
2. We take care of each other and smaller communities are attached together more.
3. Disappointed to find out that 500 people signed a petition to join our community without reaching out and finding out whether or not we even shared the same common goals and interests.
4. The areas look different not that they are better but just different.

**Block Clubs**

59th Place Block Club
58th Place & 59th Street Block Club
MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 12:15P

- Velma Stevens moved to extend the meeting until 12:15p.
- Nedra Journigan 2nd the motion to extend the meeting until 12:15p

VOTE
Yes | Entire Board
No | 0
Abstain | 0
Motion adopted – YES

Unity Fest Stakeholder’s Appreciation Day – It’s a festival where we ask different types of vendors, i.e., City, non-profits to come out and give community brochures on the services and goods that they provide. It is all free for attendees and participants. We provide entertainment and an award ceremony. Bring family and looking for volunteers from 10a – 3p on August 27, 2016 at Van Ness Park; Contact: Khalid Al-Alim; Phone: 323-907-4681; a2000ausar@yahoo.com
Flyers are going out this week.

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Trevor Candler – Congratulations to new board. Board members are elected officials who act as a group not individuals with three (3) sets of rules to follow: Bylaws, Brown Act and Roberts Rules. I’ve made available to your secretary a presentation on common mistakes made relating to Roberts Rules.

Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles (http://cbmla.org) is hosting a banquet at the Doubletree Hotel in Carson on the 19th to benefit young men.

Board Comment | Announcements:
If interested in becoming a PMHCC Budget Rep attend the upcoming board meeting on August 16, 2016
If interested in becoming a PMHCC Faith Based Rep attend the upcoming board meeting on August 16, 2016
Senior's Morning Mixer 3rd Friday of month on August 13, 2016 at the Angeles Mesa Library
Eleanor Smith wants to say thank you to all of the hospitality participants.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:15p

Chandra Mosley, President
Robin R. Cole, Secretary