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**Minutes of the PMHCC General Meeting  
Saturday, March 13, 2021 | 10:00 AM  
Via Zoom Webinar**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE 10:07**

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell “The Chair”, called the meeting to order.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone took Roll Call attendance:

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell - PRESENT

Alison McBeth-Featherston - PRESENT

Tara Perry – Not present during roll call, joined at 10:53 AM

Tonia Knightner – PRESENT

MaryAnne MacDougall - PRESENT

Bishop Donnell Smith – Not present during roll call, joined at 10:14 AM

Kim Yergan – Not present during roll call, joined at 11:08 AM

Robbye Davis – PRESENT, but not during roll call

Derrick Solomon - PRESENT

Eleanor Smith - Excused Absence

Fern Rey - PRESENT

Michelle Dixon - PRESENT

Julia Smith - PRESENT

Pastor John Culpepper – ABSENT

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 10:15 AM**

**Action Item #1**

**Motion by Tonia Knightner to accept the February 13, 2021 General Meeting Minutes received from MaryAnne MacDougall.**

**Seconded by: Alison McBeth-Featherstone**

**KimMarie Johnson Rousell - YES**

**Alison McBeth-Featherstone - YES**

**MaryAnne MacDougall - YES**

**Tonia Knightner - YES**

**Robbye Davis – Not present during vote**

**Derrick Solomon - YES**

**Fern Rey - YES**

**Michelle Dixon - YES**

**Julia Smith - YES**

**Minutes adopted by roll call vote (8 yes, 0 no).**

### **Action Item #2**

**Motion by Tonia Knightner moves to accept the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting minutes received from MaryAnne MacDougall.**

**Seconded by: Alison McBeth-Featherstone**

**KimMarie Johnson Rousell - YES**

**Alison McBeth-Featherstone – YES**

**Tonia Knightner - YES**

**MaryAnne MacDougall - YES**

**Robbye Davis – Not present during vote**

**Derrick Solomon - YES**

**Fern Rey - YES**

**Michelle Dixon - YES**

**Julia Smith – YES**

**Minutes adopted by roll call vote.**

## **COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT & PMHCC REP REPORTS      10:14 AM**

### **Treasurer Report (January & February)**

Tonia Knightner, Treasurer sent the monthly expenditure report for January and February 2021. The only payment was rent.

### **Action Item #3**

**Motion by Tonia Knightner to accept the Treasurer report for January & February 2021.**

**Seconded by: Fern Rey**

**KimMarie Johnson Rousell - YES**

**Alison McBeth-Featherstone - YES**

**Tonia Knightner - YES**

**MaryAnne MacDougall – YES**

**Robbye Davis - NO**

**Derrick Solomon - YES**

**Fern Rey - YES**

**Michelle Dixon - YES**

**Julia Smith - YES**

**Bishop Donnell Smith - YES**

## **Treasurer Report adopted by roll call vote.**

### **LAPD Reports**

**SLO Andre Dixon, 77<sup>th</sup> Division:** Reported that there were 3 crimes in the area and gave an update about the March 31 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Nipsey Hussle passing and deployment. Brynhurst and Slauson will be fenced. He provided contact information: [31723@lapd.online](mailto:31723@lapd.online) | 323-387-9604

**SLO Gary Verge, 77<sup>th</sup> Division:** Reported that crime was down in the past month, but there were 11 stolen cars. Mostly Chevy's. He will not be at the April 10 meeting  
He provided his contact information: [27007@lapd.online](mailto:27007@lapd.online) | 323-387-9607

**SLO Paul Eveleth, Southwest Division:** He reported about an upcoming online Safe Streets meeting at 6pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. He gave an update about the vendor issues in the Leimert Park area and efforts to make the village less chaotic. Kenny's Liquor at 48<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> had several shootings.

A stakeholder asked about doing a permit for a farmers market. Dorothy.  
[PIRTLED@laccd.edu](mailto:PIRTLED@laccd.edu)

### **Council District 8 Representatives Report**

Dina Andrews, Senior Field Deputy provided the following updates

- Kenny's Liquor Store parking lot homicide
- Street vendors at Slauson & Crenshaw: DOT added painted lines and no parking tow away zones. LAPD will begin enforcing the area as well as LADOT parking so there will be parking in red zone
- Street Vendors: Need to be permitted and must follow bureau of street service rules
- City Council passed a motion to fence the alley. Access will be for property owners

### **Planning & Land Use Committee**

In the absence of Committee Chair, Shawn Davis, Dale Steiber gave a Committee Report update:

- 5300 Crenshaw updates
- Reported on meetings attended (e.g. united neighbors, livable ca, downtown crenshaw rising etc..)
- Affordable housing, parking and general commercial development for economic opportunities in community
- Request for Kristin Gordan to attend PLUM meetings.
- Announced next PLUM meeting

### **At-Large Rep & Legislative Reports**

Julia Smith, At-Large Rep & Legislative Committee Chair provided the following updates:

- Afiba Center update regarding its history & its closing
- Recycle LA
- Legislative Report AB71 (statewide solution to homelessness) and spoke in favor of it passing

### **Youth & Education Report**

Fern Rey, Youth & Education Rep gave an update about her plans to build on her committee. Letters were drafted to commercial businesses to inquire if they are interested in joining the committee. She announced that guest speaker Margarita Munoz from KYCC will be presenting.

### **Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report**

Dale Stieber announced she put the Bylaws report in the chat. She reported they met with Karen Hernandez about the timeline and is organizing a committee meeting for early April to plan the next step. She reported that this is a 7-person committee. Invited interested stakeholders to contact her.

### **Department of Neighborhood Council**

Karen Hernandez provided the following updates about the Neighborhood Council elections:

- Election update & how to get ballots (request opens March 26)
- Vote by mail ballot request period closes May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Fill out and send back by the election date of May 25 (must be postmarked)
- They are still in the process of certifying candidates
- City Clerk funding workshop: there will be trainings for Financial Officers and Community Events

The Chair announced that she spoke to the City Clerk and received the applications for stakeholders to send away for vote by mail ballots. She reported that candidates should not be in the office for stakeholders to pick up the applications. She asked for volunteers to staff the office between 6-8pm to fill out the forms to get the ballots. The forms can be mailed or faxed.

### **PRESENTATIONS 11:36 PM**

Lynn Moses spoke about the closing of the EDD office and the importance of the services:

- EDD office served over 5000 residents per month. In time it's been closed (4-5 years), the office could of served 265,000 people with various needed services
- Encouraged meeting attendance: April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM

Connie Thomas, stakeholder followed up on Lynn Moses presentation. She spoke to the urgency of the issue of the office closing and gave the history about the building. Letters were sent to Governor Newscom to intercede and reopen the office. She asked stakeholders to show their support by attending the April 9 meeting [ceeteela@yahoo.com](mailto:ceeteela@yahoo.com)

### **Action Item #3**

**Motion by MaryAnne MacDougall to extend the meeting 30 minutes**  
**Seconded Kim Yergan**  
**Motion passed by acclamation**

### **Koreatown Youth & Community Center 12:01 PM**

Margarita Munoz Outreach and Project Specialist for KYCC SLA Environmental Services Unit gave a visual presentation and reported that KYCCLA extends their services to South LA. She reported on the services they provide are tree planting, tree maintenance, community engagement, tree planting volunteer events, graffiti removal, beautification events and clean ups.

- Watertalks Survey: Awareness to water management. Survey closes March 30
- Free Trees to South LA (300 free trees and they will take care for 3-5 years)
- Encourage residents to adopt a tree as well as businesses

- KYCC Tree Ambassador Position: Hiring 4 people. Flexible program, 40 hours a month for 1 year. Ask be residents of South LA. [Margaritam@kyccla.org](mailto:Margaritam@kyccla.org) - 213-365-7400 x 5406
- They do not remove trees

### **Outsmarting Scammers Presentation 12:15 PM**

Guillermo Saade gave a visual presentation about financial fraud and outsmarting scammers. Discussion included the following topic:

- Who the targets are (older adults/seniors)
- Types of fraud
- What are the red flags
- How to combat financial fraud
- Resources if fraud occurs

### **NEW BUSINESS 12:30 PM**

There were discussions about the Ralphs closure at 3300 Slauson. It will be added to the Board Meeting agenda.

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS 12:46**

Project 43 announced a food giveaway 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month.

Tonia Knightner, Secretary announced that her non-profit “A New Life For You” is offering free tax services in partnership with California Bank & Trust. A flyer will be emailed to the community as free service.

Kim Yergan, Angeles Mesa Rep reported on the Downtown Crenshaw mall. She asked stakeholders to sign the petition in support of purchasing the mall.

The Chair announced that due to the time limits gathering content to add to the Board Meeting Agenda for March 16 meeting, it will be posted as a “Special” Meeting in order to meet the Brown Act notification deadline which will be 24 hours in advance instead of 72.

### **ADJOURNMENT 12:59 PM**

**Motion by Alison McBeth-Featherstone to adjourn  
Seconded by MaryAnne MacDougall**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.