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Committees: *Community* – Chair
Brenda Robinson, Andrea Canty, Yelba
Castellon, Josyel Castellon, Alternate,
Jon Tieucl
Policy – Chair Brett Shears,, Christine
Lee, Becky Rhodes, David Tool,
Alternate Julie Burg and Brandon
Floyd.

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Area Representatives:
Christine E. Lee, Area 1
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Brandon Floyd, Area 2

Vacant, Area 2

Julie Burg, Area 3

Vacant, Area 3

At Large Representatives:

Brett Shears

Jon Tieucl

Brenda Robinson

Community Interest Positions:

David Tool, USC Rep.

Becky Rhodes, Business Rep.

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016

AGENDA

6:30 p.m.

MLK Park Recreation Center (Western Ave. and 39th St.)

3916 S. Western Ave. LA CA 90062

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call of Present Board Members** – Eddie North-Hager, Julie Burg, Jon Tieucl, Brett Shears, Andrea Canty, Josyel Castellon and Brenda Robinson, Yelba Castellon. 7:30 call to order.
- 3. Announcements:**
 - a. Jacqueline Hamilton for Karen Bass – Let us know your opinion on your community, on the topic of the day, on what you care about. Let us know if someone should get a special recognition. Legislation on child slavery, pregnant services in prison, child welfare reform.
 - b. Andrea and Jon's 10th anniversary is celebrated today.
 - c. Joy Atkinson – DONE – Allotment increased to \$42,000. Perhaps you should hire a treasurer to do the books. EmpowermentCongress.org to find out more about the upcoming event. Jan. 16 at USC. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - d. Fredy Torres from CD 8 Marquees Harris Dawson – evaluating first six months. Strengthening relationships

with neighborhood council. Preparing for King Parade. Jan. 18, 11 a.m. Adding a Freedom Fair at Leimert Park Village. 311 report – Non-emergency reports. We want residents to make more 311 requests. Doubled the number of request. (some cell phone companies don't connect to 311?!) We want to be No. 1 in the city. Let's do a field trip and put in requests. Second phase of clean streets – close dispensary. Systematic clean up for three weeks – but we need one that is consistent. 311 will put pressure on city departments to clean up the district. THANKS to the NANDC for helping and collaborating with us. Andrea asks about the strategic plan – Fredy said he will have handouts for the next meeting. She would like to work with the city to create a more sustainable relationship. What about trees? The tree trimming is only on emergency basis. Difficult. Have a small amount of money (\$33,000) for the district. Send him email to suggest tree trimming. Eddie emphasizes the increase in violent crime in the neighborhood. Fredy says call 911 more often. Then call our office. Fredy.Torres@lacity.org. Maryann Curtis – Solidarity Hall – Notes the drains are clogged on the street and causing flooding. Submit requests to Fredy to unclog the drain. Send us a list.

4. Public Comment–

- a. **Jaqueline Hamilton** – asks that the parking lot by Hoover and 23rd Is always closed. Would like it to be on the agenda. Audience member – last vote was there but no parking so made it difficult.
- b. **Maryann Curtis** – Marxist Capitalism 101 Jan. 25. Homeless count Jan. 28 . Andrea is going to help along with David Tool and Leslie Evans.

5. Elections:

- a. **For Clarence Moore** – Molly Lynn Taylor – independent elections admin. Candidate registration – March 6. June 18 voting. Online voting May 28. Registration is now open. Location? Budget? Outreach? Election event? Committee sign

up? Independent elections chair? Asked to put icons, email, etc on Website and help with Facebook/social media outreach. Print is also important – please have at meetings/ community centers. 311 swarm – network and do elections opportunity. Andrea- how do we get a election chair? Department will hire – Contact Clarence. Location will likely be at Lauren Miller Park.

- b. Shears moves and Jon seconds to spend \$2,000 to hire an elections administrator that will come the Election Allocation (leaving \$1,000). Brett notes that the city curates who will get hired. 9-0
- c. Canty notes that Clarence recommends \$10,000 to promote the election. \$2000 for June 18, \$2000 for 311 Swarm, \$5000 for event in the park. Josyel motions to move \$7,000 from Spring into Health into Elections Outreach budget. Jon Seconds. Brett notes we need print, direct mailers (could be \$6,000). Josyel points out that election committee should make a budget. Door hangers? \$1,500 to \$20,000. Bus Benches – great rate. 2 (Eddie and Brandon)—6-1 (Julie). Josyel motions to zero out Spring into Health \$8,000 - Brandon seconds. 9-0.
- d. Election team – Sean Tait and Julieanne Burg volunteered with Julie, Brandon, Brendan, Jonseyl, Andrea and Brett meeting at Community House - 6:30 Thursday Jan. 14 at USC Community House. Need to send to NCsupport and Wendy.

6. **Approval/Discussion of board minutes** for December. FROM David Tool: I think it is moot and could be deleted since Becky questioned the task and she is now departed anyway. I abstained initially because I thought I was not authorized to vote on this action related to myself; then someone said it was OK and I agreed to vote positively for the motion. I believe Jon also agreed to be on the committee. Brenda noted some typo corrections as well. Jon notes he thinks its in the minutes. Brett moves and Jon Seconds. 9-0.

7. **Board Vacancies:**

- a. Area 2 Rep.(approximately Arlington to the 110 fwy and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Jefferson Blvd. Ana Carrion is unanimously approve. Jon moved and Brett seconds. Ana served on the board in

the past. Glad to have her back. Translation services should be available but funds are frozen.

- b. Treasurer is vacant. Julie Burg has volunteer. Working on transition.
- c. Area 3 Rep. (approximately Vermont Ave. to 110 fwy and Exposition Blvd. to the 10 fwy). Julieanne Burg is interested in filling this position. Current Mt. St. Mary's student. Lives in Area 3. Turned in paperwork. Involved with cadets. Volunteers with women's shelter. Next month will vote.

8. **NANDC Committees -**

- a. **Community** – Brenda Robinson, Chair.
 - i. **Cristo Del Arbol de la Calle 22** – Alicia Arreguin - Jose Torres is requesting NPG for Community Cultural event for \$2000. 17th year. First Sunday in February. They are 501C3 so not religious, Josyel reports. Andrea says our budget is limited. Joy asks what do you get for \$2,000. Josyel says this is a new group so let's support them. Brenda recommends full support - \$2,000. Josyel motions to support Cristo del Arbol recommends support with \$1,000. Brett seconds. 10-0 (Ana Carrion is now voting). Joy says NANDC needs to be cautious before giving money to neighborhood groups when you don't have enough people in meetings. Andrea says we need more support when we financially support. Ana Julie Brenda Josyel Brett will attend.

9. **Action/Discussion: Presidents Update –**

- a. Andrea asks to move the meeting to February. Moved by Brett second by Eddie. Brenda asks to put flier at MLK 9-0-1 (abstain)
- b. Julie will email blockclub database.
- c. Becky Rhodes resigned from the board. Vacancy on Business.
- d. Empowerment Congress leadership academy – Jan. 27-6-8 p.m. at 4060 S. Figueroa S.t LA.
- e. Andrea recommends \$2000 to hire a treasurer to help – money that would come from the \$5,000 unallocated – operations temporary funds – Eddie Motions and Jon seconds (8-0-1 Brett (Anna can't vote due to training)
- f. Brandon signs up for budget training.
- g. Andrea is not running for NANDC again : (.

10. **Action/Discussion: Treasurer's report.**

- a. **Monthly Expenditure Report** – Josyel reports there are expenses to approve from 14-15 and 15-16. Board is reviewing

August MER – one is for 14-15 and one for 15-16. Motion to accept August MER report for \$1250 for 15-16 – second by Jon –8-0-1 Brett (Anna can't vote due to training)

- b. August MER **Second by Brenda moved by Jon, to approve 2014-2015 Transactions** for \$3221.88. 8-0-1 Brett (Anna can't vote due to training)
- c. Josyel moves to reimbursement for Christie for \$141.70 for refreshment for December meeting 9-0.

Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees			
COMMITTEE	CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE/TIME
Policy Committee (Public Safety / Economic Development / Land Use)	<i>Brett Shears, Chair</i> brett.nandc@gmail.com	USC Community House (Hoover St. and 28th St.) 2801 S. Hoover St. LA CA 90089	Third Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Community Committee (Outreach / Youth and Senior / Block club/ Beautification / Budget and Finance)	<i>Brenda Robinson, Chair</i> brenda.robinson29@yahoo.com	USC Community House (Hoover St. and 28th St.) 2801 S. Hoover St. LA CA 90089	Second Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

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