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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Area Representatives:
Christine E. Lee, Area 1
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At Large Representatives:
Brett Shears
Jon Tieuel
Brenda Robinson

Community Interest Positions:
David Tool, USC Rep.
Vacant, Business Rep.

Thursday, March 3, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

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 – At 7 p.m. Eddie North-Hager, Brandon Floyd, Julieanne Burg, Brett Shears, Jon Tieuel, Christine Lee, David Tool, Julie Burg. Andrea Canty at 7:26. Brenda Robinson 7:37 pm. Ana Carrion 8:21 pm.

3. Announcements:

- a. Mayor Eric Garcetti – Gabrielle Horton – First time here. Public engagement office. Liaison on policy matters. Send out a weekly email on events, job fairs. Jobs LA hiring fair – Saturday. Prop 47 reclassification services. California Arbor Day – Cap and Trade funds used on Vermont for shade trees. Fruit tree giveaways. GRID – summer night lights at 60 parks across city – hiring youth. LAPD is demo new body camera technology. Largest city to support body cameras. HeadStart enrollment. Exide – battery producer contaminated east Los Angeles and Boyle Heights with lead – March 12 community walk.
- b. Council District 1 for Councilman Gil Cedillo - Ana Gomez
- c. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Fredy Torres. Crenshaw Wal-Mart closed and cost 200 jobs. EC-West is a sponsor of March 12 job fair. Planting 200 trees – Loren Miller.

Then community resource environmental fair. Natural history. Touch tanks. March 19 – South LA Day of Action. Train people on 311 and canvas. CoCo 9 to 1 p.m. 8101 S. Vermont. Planning to help prune trees. Trying to find out how to pay for tree trimming. Can an NC prune only one or does it have to be many? Andrea says they hire KYCC to water trees and other NCs pay to trim trees. Send areas of high crime needs to beef up patrol, send concerns to Fredy. Targeting Western from King to 39th – with neighborhood prosecutor and SLO Pierre Olega. May try to establish a Business Improvement District.

- d. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez
- e. Assembly District 59 for Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer – Daysha Austin
- f. USC community report - Associate Senior Vice President of Civic Engagement Craig Keys

4. Public Comment –

- a. Tracy – SPOKE – Power up event March 19, Florence and Western. Learn about potential of apply for city jobs with local unions. Training programs.
- b. Jim Childs – Planning and land use issues – Small lot subdivision will destroy neighborhoods. Meant to encourage home ownership – trying to subdivide lots to cater to USC students. Four stories tall. No yard. Demolishing current historic structures.

5. Approval/Discussion of board minutes for January and February 2016 meetings. (2 min) Motion by Brett and second by David to approve the January minutes. 8-0.

6. Discussion: Community Emergency Preparedness Committee – David Tool – David turned into emergency preparedness report and turned it into the board. Trying to use the leadership structures of the community. Already trained 125. Training 400 people by the end of the year. \$20 a person. Plan to bring a proposal to committee for funding. Safety budget at USC cut. Working out a solution to continue training. Hoping to get the park involved. The fire department will give presentations for 25 people. 3-7 people should be trained on every block.

7. NANDC Committees (15 min)

- a. **Community** – Brenda Robinson, Chair. Met in February. Organization Cristol del Arbol still has not gotten paid. Also discussed CPR – perhaps should support through NANDC Outreach grant.
- b. **Policy** – Brett Shears, Chair
 - i. **Action/Discussion: I-110 Flyover Connector Project to Figueroa Way.** According to Caltrans, the project is for the construction of an

“elevated off-ramp structure on the Northbound I-110 between 30th Street and Figueroa Street Overcrossing in the City of Los Angeles. The proposed structure intends to bypass the bottleneck intersections at Flower Street (St.) and Adams Boulevard (Blvd.) and Northbound I-110 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) off-ramp to Adams Blvd., connecting the HOT lane traffic to Figueroa St.” [1] Jean Frost will hear talk about the potential effects of the project. Policy committee voted 4-0 to oppose, Jean reports. Asks board to require higher level of review (EIR) 50 foot high highway at Figueroa and 23rd. Jim Childs reports this is a 25-year-old project that the community rejected. This intrusion will destroy the area. Jean says very strong support on the policy committee – Cal Trans is not listening. David Tool – we are trying to make a pedestrian friendly city. Use money for mass transit. Brett said the committee supported a no-build alternative – if built should have EIR. Inconsistent with neighborhood and pedestrian efforts. Community meeting brought out many who were against this project. Barbara Hupp says black soot from the freeway near her school is terrible – air pollution. Eddie asks about traffic. Brett says mitigation is negligible because this is just for the toll lanes. Jean says improvement is very small and 23rd and Figueroa is a problem already. Brett says it is kind of like 710 expansion – we need to refute our anti-car culture. \$40 million to expand two blocks. Could be revenue generating because of tolls. Jim says construction would take three years. Brett motions to support no-build alternative and if continues support a full environmental impact review. Brandon seconds. 8-0

ii. **Beautification ad-hoc committee update** – Andrea Canty.

8. **Board Vacancies** (5 min):

- a. Area 3 Rep. (approximately Vermont Ave. to 110 fwy and Exposition Blvd. to the 10 fwy). Jean of the HPOZ volunteers to serve until election.
- b. Business Representative

9. **President’s Update** – Andrea Canty

- a. Spring Resource Fair and Easter Egg Hunt at Loren Miller Park to promote election. \$3000 for March 26 event. Jovan Herron – Facility Director and Loren Miller Rec Center – 3 weeks on job. Grew up in neighborhood – Weemes, LATT, Foshay, USC. Now giving back. Rec center was a child care center. Clustered the parks and some things fell through the cracks. No programming at Loren Miller Park. The event will have entertainment and arts and crafts. Entire event would cost \$3,000. 2 jumpers for different ages. Full quote for everything – could do election outreach. Andrea motions to co-sponsor the event and spend up to \$3,000. Seconded by David. David, Brett, Julie, and Eddie will attend. \$10,000 for election budget. 9-0-1 (Christine).
- b. Tabled MLK event.

- 10. Discussion: Elections with election manager Alexandra Brown (10 min) NANDC**
 Elections will be held June 18 at Loren Miller park from 10 to 2. Online voting will be done to complement all the other ways we've voted in the past (e.g. with paper ballots). We will also introduce telephone voting at NANDC; The link to register to vote online will be available on the EmpowerLA.org website; Online election polls open on May 28th and you will be able to vote up until the election day. Julie reports a bid for \$1,470 for totebags and water bottles. David doesn't want to advertise NANDC instead use the money for good works. Brett said the community didn't like waterbottles. Will discuss at outreach committee. Officially voted to pay for the position but funds are frozen. DONE will pay for operational fees. Alexandra says she hasn't gotten a plan and has a hard time helping without one. NANDC election is already down to about \$3,500. Christine, David, Brandon, Julie, Brenda, Julieanne and Brandon are running. Andrea, Eddie, Brett, Jon are not running. The committee will meet at 6:30 on 3/10 2801 S. Hoover. AlexandraFBrown@gmail.com Tracy from SCOPE tbeltran@scopela.org - says we could team up on get out the vote.
- 11. Action/Discussion: NANDC bylaws – Andrea Canty.** All seats are elected, But DONE does not have it. May have to revert. Will discuss during special meeting.
- 12. Action/Discussion: Treasurer's Report Julie Burg/Andrea Canty**
- a. Budget is still frozen. Julie has completed training. Meeting Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Need Josyel to turn in the books. Will be calling an emergency meeting to discuss budget.
- 13. Discussion – Agenda setting for next meeting**
- a. Curren Price would like to be on the next month's meeting.
 - b. Send ideas for events to host to increase outreach for election.

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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