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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Area Representatives:
Andrew Guerra, Area 1
Lizzy Hare, Area 1
Brandon Floyd, Area 2
Dennis Marshall Braggs, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Joanne Russell, Area 3
At Large Representatives:
Julianne Burg
Thryeris Mason
Jon Tieucl
Community Interest Positions:
David Tool, USC
Aaron Flournoy, Business

Committees:

Community – 2nd Thursday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2016, 6:30pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center | 3916 S. Western Ave., LA, CA 90062

Board Meeting Minutes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting was called to order by Adrienne Kuhre, President, at 6:32 p.m.
- b. Board Members present Adrienne Kuhre, Teresa Cunningham, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Lizzy Hare, Andrew Guerra, Brandon Floyd, Dennis Marshall Braggs, Jean Frost, Joanne Russell, Julianne Burg, Thyeris Mason, Jon Tieucl, David Tool. Excused Board Member: Aaron Flournoy. 14 Members present; quorum established.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations. Reports and brief presentations only. Any questions, please follow up with presenter on the side so meeting may proceed as scheduled. Thank you.)

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers- No representatives present
- b. Mayor Eric Garcetti – Curtis Patrick-Tyler introduced himself. Mr. Patrick-Tyler informed us about the mayor's office working on about 15-20 initiatives (i.e, homelessness, housing, etc). Mr. Patrick-Tyler would like to come back and speak more in detail. Contact information: kirpatricktyler@lacity.org
- c. Council District 1 for Councilman Gil Cedillo – No representative present
- d. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael
- e. Del Valle introduced himself. Mr. Del Valle informed us that Councilmember Marquis Dawson-Harris would like to come to our next regular board meeting, scheduled for October 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- e. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – No representative present
- f. Assembly District 59 for Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer – No representative present
- g. USC community report – Associate Senior Vice President of Civic Engagement, No representative present

III. DISCUSSIONS

- a. California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles** – *Ayndrea Wilson, Executive Director* – Information on improvement possibilities, such as creating public art and facade beautification projects along "targeted" commercial corridors that are deemed priorities. These projects are done with NO funding from the neighborhood councils, only from commercial developers seeking support from NANDC. (10 minutes)
- The California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA) is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to supporting visual artists, public arts projects and youth art programs in all communities with a focus on under served communities.
 - CACLA is seeking the support of NANDC to ask any developer who seeks a letter of support from NANDC to remind them of the 1% of development fee (Municipal Code 97.107.4.6)
- b. Proposed project at 1910 W. Adams Blvd.** – *Robert Lamishaw, JPL Zoning Services* – Case filed with City on the Haas Brothers art/ceramic studio at 1910 W. Adams Blvd; presentation on project. (10 minutes)
- The Haas Brothers is seeking the support of NANDC for a letter of support regarding their case hearing at city hall. NANDC was unable to grant their request due to the fact that the HAAS brothers is a discussion item. The HAAS Brothers need to resubmit their request as an action item for a possible letter of support.
- c. Korean Youth and Community Center (KYCC)** – *Will Levegood Community Engagement Coordinator* – Overview of KYCC and potential community partnerships. (10 minutes)
- Will Levegood spoke about KYCC. He informed us that KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center) was established in 1975 to support a growing population of at-risk youth in Los Angeles. Today, KYCC is the leading multiservice organization in Koreatown, supporting children and their families in the areas of education, health, housing, and finances.
 - The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles area as well as the multiethnic Koreatown community.
 - Will Levegood would like very much to seek the help of NANDC in order to find businesses or residents who would like to plant a tree on their premises. He spoke of the importance of why it is important for us to maintain and plan new trees. He gave up demographics of what is happening to our environment and areas of massive trees (i.e. the Amazon Rainforest). Therefore, he would like for more people to plant trees.
- d. Clean Streets LA** – *Lizzy Hare, Area 1 Representative* – Update on Clean Streets LA, a city-wide effort to clean our neighborhoods; NANDC participation in Mayor's Challenge. (5 minutes)
- Clean Streets LA is a city-wide effort to clean our neighborhoods. The City of LA's Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) is leading the efforts to clean our neighborhoods by distributing 5,000 new trash cans throughout the city over the next five years, hiring and training additional Sanitation crews, cracking down on illegal dumping, tracking the cleanliness of LA's streets with a street-by-street assessment system, and working with community partners like YOU to support community-driven clean-up activities.
 - The Departments of Public Works and Neighborhood Empowerment will distribute awards totaling \$25,000 for proposals to improve area neighborhoods based on the strengths of each application, including creativity, innovation, volunteer engagement, and social media strategies. We will also be evaluating the improvement metrics proposed and completed.
 - NANDC initiative participation with city collaboration and City Council 8 will initiate a West Adams Trash Force.
 - Proposed dates to beautify the NANDC community will be on September 17 and October 15, 2016.
 - Lizzy is seeking the support of at least two non-profit organizations to help support the Clean Streets LA initiative.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Onsite presence at upcoming community events:

i. PowerFest

- PowerFest is a free annual music festival that attracts thousands of families from South Los Angeles in a day of celebration, empowerment, and education. We have organizers touching the lives and homes of tens of thousands of South LA residents each week. This event brings all South LA communities together to reclaim space, celebrate our successes, and build momentum for upcoming campaigns.

ii. Los Angeles International Neon Jubilee!

- The Velaslavasay Panorama would like to cordially invite you to to The Los Angeles International Neon Jubilee Festival- a day-long street festival celebrating the re-lighting of our restored 1939 neon marquee. Dedicated to the wealth of diverse cultural identities and their histories in Los Angeles, The Velaslavasay Panorama will host a lineup of talented musicians, performers and entertainers bound to dazzle adults and children alike. Throughout the day on September 10, visitors will enjoy a variety of entertainment, dancers, performers, workshops and film screenings inside and outside the museum, along with refreshment and vendor stalls. The Velaslavasay Panorama will open its doors and surrounding street area to the community and whole of Los Angeles from Noon to 6 PM for our day portion of the festival. The evening portion of The Neon Jubilee, starting at 8 PM, will feature further music, puppetry shows, and the long-awaited unveiling of our brand new neon marquee to end this one-of-a-kind day of celebration. The ticketed evening portion of the program helps support the entire festival.

iii. West Adams Jazz Festival

- Fifteen years ago, a FREE event was created that changed the dynamics of the largest historic neighborhoods in Los Angeles. The West Adams Avenues Jazz Under the Stars. As the first culturally diverse neighbors gathered with picnic baskets and lawn chairs, local musicians from the community began their music sets.

Last year's event shattered all expectations:

- Nearly 4,000 attendees—some coming from as far as Australia
- Covered by LA Weekly
- Three full nights of music
- Dancing in the streets
- Activities for children
- Dance Contest
- Arts, crafts and Jewelry from local artisans
- Fabulous Foods from area restaurants/food trucks

b. Congress of Neighborhood Councils

- Over 700 Neighborhood Council leaders from across LA are expected to attend this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, which is the premiere education and networking event for LA Neighborhood Council board and committee members.
- Register now by going to the below link. Everything is *FREE* if you RSVP, including admission to over 40 workshops; City Department exhibits; catered meals; and parking! The event runs from 7:45 am - 4:30 pm.
- Visit their registration page at NCCongressLA.com

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

VI. ACTIONS

- a. **24th Street Theater** – *Tina Langill, Development Associate* | **NPG** - Request support of \$2000 for the annual Dia de los Muertos event in November at the 24th Street Theater. (10 minutes)
 - Tina Langill presented a NPG request to support the annual Dia de los Muertos event.
 - Dr. Tool made a motion to grant 24th Street Theater the NPG request for \$2000 to support their annual Dia de los Muertos event. Jean second the motion. 12 members in favor, 3 abstain, 0 no's. Motion passes to grant 24th Street Theater a NPG for \$2000.
- b. **Second Dwelling Unit Zoning** – *John Gregorchuk* | **Letter from Board** – Request of letter from NANDC Board to Los Angeles City Council asking to provide clarity on the urgency of Second Dwelling Units: AB 1866 and ZA 120. (10 minutes)
 - Council File No. 14-0057-S8, Draft Ordinance (1) repealing subsection 12.24 W 43 and 12.24 W 44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and (2) grandfathering second dwelling units.
 - The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council at its duly noticed and regularly scheduled Board meeting of September 1, 2016 considered on its agenda item VI. B: Second Dwelling Unit Zoning (John Gregorchuk) –Letter from Board request of letter from NANDC Board to Los Angeles City Council asking to provide clarity of Second dwelling units.
 - The Board considered the information in Report No. R16-0206 dated June 23 and Amendments 19-A and 19-B.
 - It is our understanding that City Council has forged a compromise to restrict second dwelling units of 640 square feet while allowing those approved in plan check to proceed. This is a reasonable compromise that restricts the square footage while allowing those who are vested in plan check and/or permits to proceed.
 - The NANDC Board therefore moved:**To support Council File No. 14-0057-S8, Draft Ordinance (1) repealing subsection 12.24 W 43 and 12.24 W 44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and (2) grandfathering second dwelling units, Council File No. 14-057–S8; with a NANDC board vote of 13 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 No's to support said items.**

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Discussion and action to appoint qualified Board members to Co-Chair Committee positions:
 - i. Community Committee-Julianne Burg and Dennis Braggs appointed to be Co-Chairs of Community Committee
 - ii. Policy Committee- Jean Frost appointed to be Chair of the Policy Committee
- b. Discussion and action of NANDC to appoint a Primary Delegate Board members or Stakeholders to the South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) along with a First Alternate and Second Alternate. SLAANC meetings are held once per month on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
 - i. Primary Delegate- Thryeris Mason
 - ii. First Alternate Julianne Burg
 - iii. Second Alternate- Jon Tieuel

- VIII. **Motion to table items IX, X, XI, to Special meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 (6:30 p.m.) at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center | 3916 S. Western Ave., LA, CA 90062 by Julianne Burg. Samantha second the motion. All members in favor.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT- Dr. Tool made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Julianne Burg second the motion. All members are in favor.

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>TBD</i>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Fourth Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Community Committee (Outreach / Youth and Senior / Block club/ Beautification / Budget and Finance)	<i>TBD</i>	Expo Park Library 3900 S Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062 · (323) 290-3113	Second Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, October 6, 2016.

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