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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Julianne Burg, Area 3
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At Large Representatives:
Brett Shears
Jon Tieuel

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

**Thursday, June 2, 2016
General Meeting
Agenda**

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**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, Jon Tieuel, David Tool, Julianne Burg, Jean Frost, Brett Shears, Brenda Robinson, Christine Lee, Brandon Floyd, Andrea Canty. 6:40 p.m. Julie Burg, Josyel Castellon, Yelba Castellon

3. Announcements (15 min) 2 minutes each:

- a. LAPD – Nicole Garner, June 16 6 p.m. University Village Specific Plan Update, Expo Center. Officer Southers – Crime lower. Car burglaries. Homeless issues. Fireworks have gotten louder. Andrea reports the many, many projects the SLO, the responsiveness and the care that our SLO, especially Nicole Garner, Pierre Olega and Tracey Banuelos – as well as Officer Lopez. The board presented the officers with certificates of appreciation.
- b. Council District 1 for Councilman Gil Cedillo - Ana Gomez- council office has been working on redoing and improving Hoover triangle park. In addition to using USC students to lead community meetings on how to best use the park space, they are looking for help on picking park furniture. Demo begins July 29 . Ana handed certificates of appreciation to the council. She will be transitioning to grad school in UC San Diego. The new deputy is Luis Gonzales. Andrea provided Ana with a certificate for her dedication.

- c. USC community report - Associate Senior Vice President of Civic Engagement Craig Keys/ Steve Wesson – USC Specific Plan meeting on Thursday, June 16 at 6:00pm at the Expo Center.
- d. State Sen. Holly Mitchell – Charles Stewart – Senator is trying to remove the compounded / enhancements for crimes.
- e. Board of Neighborhood Council commissioner – Joy Atkinson. June 9 - talk about year end review. Central and 48th. Looking forward to new blood. Neighborhood councils - Only local place to talk about government affairs on a neighborhood level. NANDC elections are June 18th. Sept. 24 – Congress of neighborhood councils at City Hall. Andrea presented her with an official Thank You for her mentorship.
- f. USC – AVP Craig Keys – June 16 USC Village at Expo Park – Working to incentivize business along Vermont.

4. **President's Update** – Andrea Canty

- a. Elections – Candidates forum Sunday, June 5 at Library – 3900 Western Ave. at 1:00 pm. Meet and greet the candidates. Adrian Curry, Brandon Floyd, Jean Frost, Brenda Robinson and Julieann Burg are running.
- b. Election registration. – EC NANDC is voting electronically.

- c. Volunteers are needed to work the polls between 9 and 2 pm on Sat. June 18th at Loren Miller Recreation Center.
- g. Awards and special presentations- Andrea presented certificates of appreciation to board members.
- h. Action/Discussion: Jefferson Beautification Project: Tree Trimming – Funding allocation request \$8,000 from grant funds. This is an expensive process. Ortiz of DONE said we can spend money on elections and it sounds like we have \$20,000. Need to send DONE updated rosters. Requesting \$150 for artwork preparation for later. The tablecloths with the new logo are on display.

5. Action/Discussion: Treasurer’s Report Julie Burg/Andrea Canty

- a. Current balance available- all documents submitted. But now in the middle of the process because one of the people to sign off from the city has left. Balance unknown
- b. Monthly Expenditures and projections for duration of the year – no expenditures. Brett motions for March. Jon seconds. Eddie move or April second by Jon. 13-0, 13-0. May reimbursements of \$26 for Jon (Jean motions and Brenda) and \$45 for Julie (Brenda moves and Jon seconds) for food for meeting. Jean moves to approve \$145 max for La Taquiza refreshments for today’s meeting. Second by Brenda. 13-0.
- c. Funds available for projects
- d. Approve Reconciliation Report
- e. Approval to allocate funding for Elections Manager
- f. Payment of past due bills: Public Storage, Post Office Box, Website services, Board member reimbursements
- g. Election events
- h. Re-approval of invoice for Focused Technology - \$187.05 for Tripod projector Screen and Carrying case. Approved but not paid. Would like to re-approver. mOved by Breet and second by Josyel. 13-0

6. Public Comment (15 min) – Comments from the public on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless the presiding officer of the board determines a different limit for a particular item.
June 4 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Florence and Western Canvassing.

7. Discussion/ Action: SCOPE – Tracey Beltran – NANDC DAY – Wants to establish a partnership day with NANDC to canvas communities to get the vote out

8. **Approval/Discussion of board minutes** for May, Feb, 2016. Important to post draft of minutes asap.

9. **NANDC Committees (15 min)**

a. **Community** – Brenda Robinson, Chair.

³⁵₁₇ **Tree Trimming** – Andrea Canty – Urban Forestry – Submit addresses where trees need trimming. We will contract services and begin within the next 30 days.

³⁵₁₇ **Beautification** – Banners

b. **Policy** – Brett Shears, Chair

³⁵₁₇ Action/Discussion: Change date for Policy committee meeting

- Fourth Tuesday of the Month 2801 S. Hoover 6 p.m. Brett motions and Jean seconds. 13-0

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¹⁷ **Action/Discussion: Action/Discussion: Proposed Multi-Family/Student Housing Development at 1320 Jefferson Boulevard, Peter Gonzalez, SC Planners.** New development for USC students at Budlong and Jefferson. 4 story apartment complex. Elsey Partners has proposed an 80 unit multi-family development that seeks to rezone the assembled parcels as RAS4 and pursues development bonuses by including affordable housing. Requesting a letter of support. There is no recommendation from the Policy committee. Jacob Elsey – three levels of underground, private \$35 million project. Bike shop will take one of the ground floor retail. 20 percent affordable. Rest is market rate. Is this for students? Andrea cannot support USC housing west of Vermont. John Patterson of WAHA – this project great many changes, bent over backwards, changed bottom line for residents. Kevin Smith, some of bike owner, is not support of it. Still not in possession of property. Richard Parks – from my community perspective, developer very responsive, egress moved, height was changed. Bill Smith owner of Bike Shop wants to get it done. USC is already past Vermont. Damien Goodman – local hire. Tracey Beltran – 20 percent affordable is too low. Ernest Russell – This is Progress. Brett motions to support and Eddie seconds. Andrea asks for friends amendment for local hire and more affordable housing. Brett says many don't want more AA. Friendly amendment accepted for 30-percent local hire within 5-mile radius. Andrea would like more discussion. 7-3(Jon, Andrea, Josyel) 3 -Jean, Brenda Yelba abstain

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¹⁷ **Action/Discussion: Action/Discussion: Conditional Use Permit for Sale of Beer and Wine for On-site Consumption, Nature's Brew (2316 S Union), David Weissglass.** Applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with 48 seats. Proposed hours of operation for the cafe and sale of alcohol are from 7am-11pm daily. Link to "Findings" letter below¹.

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¹⁷ Action/Discussion: Alcoholic beverage permit for 23rd Street Café, 936 W 23rd St., Sherrie Olson. The applicant (23rd Street Café) is seeking to obtain a beer and wine permit at their full service restaurant located at 936 W 23rd street. The applicant has reached out to the local community and gained support from our nearby neighbors.

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¹⁷ Action/Discussion: \$500 to help support the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBAs). The NCBAs are a city-wide organization made up of neighborhood council members. They help inform the City Council about the budget preferences of our communities through an annual budget day and "white paper." Every year they request a modest sum from each neighborhood council to conduct their business. We should allocate at least \$500 to keep up our end of the annual budget they need to put on their events.

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¹⁷ Action/Discussion: \$500 to support a SLAANC DWP community meeting at the Expo Center. The South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) wants to hold a community meeting to inform, and get input from, the public about proposed reforms to the Department of Water & Power. SLAANC does not have funds of its own to put on such events. Because the proposed meeting will be in our area, NANDC should consider helping fund it. In particular, we can pay for the event space at the Expo Center (no more than \$500).

- c. **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.

10. Discussion – Agenda setting for next meeting (5 min) We need to have a special meeting. Details to come. Table all remaining items for next agenda meeting.

Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees

¹ Findings letter for Nature's Brew CUP: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6HagkjPHtejNklWNHISOEE1VVU>

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	Fourth 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.

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

Governing Board is: *TBD*

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Ralph M. Brown Act

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