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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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**Thryeris Mason, President**

**Area Representatives:  
Marco Flores, Area 1  
Joel Vaca, Area 1  
Steve Pepdjonovic, Area 2  
Vacant, Area 2  
Jean Frost, Area 3  
Vacant, Area 3**

**At Large Representatives:  
Jon Tieucl  
Nina Womack  
Cindy Gaete**

**Community Interest Positions:  
Vacant, USC  
Jim Childs, Business Rep**

**Committees:**

***Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair,  
Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Thryeris Mason & Joel Vaca  
Marketing & Outreach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month – Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Leigha Sayles, & Nina Womack  
Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair, Jim Childs, Robin Evangelista, Cindy Gaete, Christine Lee, & Jon Tieucl  
Homelessness – Hiatus***

**General Board Minutes**

**Thursday, August 6, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

**General Board Meeting Agenda**

**I. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Steve Pepdjonovic, Jean Frost, Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, and Jim Childs. Quorum established 12 members present.

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Motion to approve July's General Board minutes
- Motioned by Steve, second by Jon
- (11,0,1)
  
- Motion to approve July's Executive Board Meeting minutes
- Motioned by Jon, second by Steve
- (5,0,0)
  
- Motion to approve July's Retreat Board Meeting minutes
- Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
- (11,0,1)

### III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Esperanza Martinez, member of United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), spoke about Proposition 15. UTLA wants NANDC to support them in this endeavor.

### IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Motion to approve July's MER Report
- Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
- (12,0,0)

### V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price not present
- b. LAPD Captain Espinosa (Southwest Division)-Captain Espinosa introduced himself. He spoke about his wide variety of experience. He wants to work with the community. He does not only want to know how LAPD can help, but how can community members help LAPD. He thanked Neighborhood Councils in their involvement in the community. He asked if there were any questions. There were no questions for Captain Espinosa. Sergeant Ware gave a crime report. He stated that the most prevalent crime was Grand Theft Auto (GTA). He advised everyone to please lock their vehicles, make sure one is aware of their keys, and do not leave anything visible in vehicles. If something is left please make sure it is locked in the trunk of the vehicle. He stated that auto thefts are high, and they have not pin pointed why the numbers have risen. The second highest crime in Southwest LAPD area are thefts, they have noticed anything of value is being taken. Regarding RV's, the moratorium has been extended until the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Question was asked regarding the "donuts" at major intersections. He stated that there have been many streets racing as well. He asked to for people who witness such thing to call 911 and report the incident; then email the Senior Lead Officers and cc him on the emails. Sgt Ware will make note of the incidents and will forward the concerns to traffic division. He will request additional patrol for such reported intersections. Cindy Gaete wanted to know what happens when someone gets caught doing a Grand theft? As a community what needs to stop the GTA's? Captain Espinosa stated the suspect will be apprehended but due to COVID-19 pandemic, 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders are only given a citation. If caught 2<sup>nd</sup> time, there is no bail given to deviate from further GTA's. In terms of what can the community do, educating one another is the best deterrent to avoid GTA's. Do not leave your vehicle unlocked, running; do not give them an opportunity to take your vehicle. There were no further questions.
- c. USC Public Safety Officers not present.
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ricardo Flores not present
- e. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael Del Valle is on vacation
- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez introduced herself. She gave an update regarding the Police Reform Survey created by Herb Wesson, Nury Martinez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Curren Price. The survey will collect data on re-imagining "Police Reformity". She also spoke about the "Library Initiative from CD 9". There will be a food drive Friday, August 7, 2020 @ South Park Elementary @ 8:30 a.m. Marco Flores and Joel Vaca asked if they could participate in the "Library Initiate from CD 9". Nora said of course, and she will connect with them. There were no further questions.
- g. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, not present.
- h. The Office of Senator Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan, District Representative, not present.
- i. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, not present.
- j. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez thanked everyone for being present through zoom. She asked if anyone had interest in participating liaison appointments. She spoke about DONE starting to issue suspension notices across the NC system for Code of Conduct failures. She acknowledged that ECNANDC has always been great in always keeping all of their trainings current.

### VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. **United Neighbors in Defense Against Displacement (UNIDAD)**, Maria Gutierrez gave an overview of the Public Land for Affordable Housing in South LA campaign that was launched on 07/29/2020. She spoke about the preservation of land for affordable housing, especially the property on 36th and Vermont Avenue. They do not want a hotel there, they want more affordable housing. Jean Frost and Jim Childs also spoke about their concerns regarding the development of this property
- b. **Crosstown LA – Gabriel Kahn, Editor**, not present but provided ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics
- c. **South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair**: Recap of SLAANC's June Conversation with Mayor Eric Garcetti, he spoke about COVID-19 relief efforts and Executive Order 27. Thryeris also spoke about Proposition 16 which will resend Proposition 209, and Executive Order 27 which will allow racial equity; focusing on

job equality and hiring. There is question on how NC could benefit from Executive Order 27 which is soon to come, so stay tuned Also, there will be a committee addressing Community Policing as how the community would like to see Policing.

- d. LGBTQ+ Alliance Update** – Steve Pepjdonovic, NANDC Delegate, attended the alliance meeting. LA Fire Department Chief Assessor, talked about COVID-19 issues. There was a talk lawsuit against LA Metro for discrimination. Next meeting, August 20, 2020. Please visit their website @ [www.lalgbtqalliance.org](http://www.lalgbtqalliance.org)
- e. NANDC Food Giveaway Update** – Julianne Burg, Vice-President & Marco Flores & Joel Vaca, Area 1 Representatives spoke about the upcoming NANDC food distribution in partnership with Council District 8. It will be August 15, 2020 at St. Marks Church starting at 11:00 a.m. Food boxes will be packaged by South LA with produced purchased from them. NANDC swag will also be included in the food boxes. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer or has any further questions please email Julianne at [VP@nandc.org](mailto:VP@nandc.org).
- f. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update** -- Steve Pepjdonovic, Committee Chair, gave a short update. Looking for NANDC Nod front-line worker
- g. Area 2, Area 3 & USC Community Interest Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President:** spoke about the 3 vacancies ECNANDC has Area 2 Rep, Area 3 Rep and USC Community Interest.. Three (3) seats are open for stakeholder applications and consideration for our August General Board Meeting. Per Article (V)(1)(b), B. Appointed Positions: A Candidate's application for appointment seat on the Governing Board shall include: (i) Letter from the applicant describing the value they would add to the community as a member of the governing board, indicating a willingness to serve their designated term, and accepting responsibilities of the office. (ii) Petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) stakeholders in support of the application. Signatures shall include name, address, and, where possible, e-mail address for each stakeholder. **President Mason received 3 applications with all supporting document from the following individuals:**
  - Nicolas Creighton- Area 3 Representative Interest
  - Stephanie Brendel–USC Community Interest
  - Chris Perez- USC Community Interest

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Action/Discussion:** Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified stakeholders to currently vacant seats on the Governing Board. Each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak. Governing Board vacant seats include: Area 2 Representative, Area 3 Representative and USC Community Interest
  - Motion to appoint Nicolas Creighton as Area 3 Representative
  - Motioned by Marco, second by Jon
  - (11,0,0) (Steve Pepjdonovic not present)
  
  - Motion to appoint Stephanie Brendel as USC Community Interest
  - Motioned by Marco, Jon
  - 6,0,6
  
  - Motion to appoint Chris Perez as USC Community Interest
  - Motioned by Samantha, second by Jon
  - 9,1,2

The newly appointed board members are Nicolas Creighton (Area 3 Representative) and Chris Perez (USC Community Interest)
- b. Action/Discussion: NANDC Food Distribution Partnership with CD 8 – Additional Food Boxes.** Request funds in the amount of \$525.00 for an additional 15 food boxes to be distributed on August. 15, 2020. Food boxes will be purchased from South LA Cafe.
  - Motion to approve funds in the amount of \$525 for an additional 15 food boxes for the food distribution. Food boxes will be purchased from south LA Cafe
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Samantha
  - (11,0,0) (Steve Pepjdonovic not present) (2 ineligible-budget item(Chris Perez & Nicolas Creighton)

- c. Action/Discussion: NANDC Food Distribution Partnership with CD 8 – Lunch & Refreshments.** Request funds in the amount of \$500.00 to support the food distribution on August 15, 2020. Funds will be used to purchase lunch and refreshments for volunteers.
- Motion to approve funds in the amount of \$500 to support the food distribution on August 15, 2020. Funds will be used to purchase lunch and refreshments for volunteers
  - Motioned by Joel, second by Samantha
  - (11,0,0) (Steve Pepdjonovic not present) (2 ineligible-budget item(Chris Perez & Nicolas Creighton)
- d. Action/Discussion: 640-700 W. 27th Street, CPC-2019-6289-GPA-ZC-HD** – Proposed construction, use and maintenance of new 202,200 sq. ft. 4.5 story podium parking structure; proposed GPS (General Plan Amendment) and Zone Change (ZC), Rep: Dwayne Gathers, Lincoln Tomlin, Alfred Fraijo, Jose Herrasti. **Policy Committee Motion/Recommendation:** to retain the RD1.5 zoning and support a parking structure that retains the existing underlying zoning. (6-1-0)
- Motion to support the retainment of RD 1.5 zoning and parking structure which retains the existing underlying zoning
  - Motioned by Steve, second by Jon
  - (11,1,0) (Julie not present)
- e. Action/Discussion: City Council CF20-0002-S101 and CF 2-0002-S107** – Regarding SB1120 providing for the ministerial ('by right') approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use. **Policy Committee Motion/Recommendation:** To file Community Impact Statements to support the Council
- File resolution opposing SB1120 and oppose the Council File supporting SB1120 (7-0-0).
- Motion to support City Council CF20-002-S101 & CF 2-002-S107 which opposes SB11-20 & CF supporting SB1120
  - Motioned by Joel, second by Jon
  - (11,0,2)
- f. Action/Discussion: Neighborhood Stabilization Ordinance** – N.S.O. implementation including 1334 W. 22nd Street, 2142 Portland Street. **Policy Committee Motion/Recommendation:** Ask City Planning and Building and Safety to examine and explain its policy, procedures and actions for implementation or failure to implement the N.S.O. (with assistance from CD 8, 1 and 9) (7-0-0)
- Motion to ask City Planning and Building & Safety to examine and explain its policy, procedures and actions for implementation or failure to implement the Neighborhood Stabilization Ordinance (N.S.O.)
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - (11,0,1) (Julie not present)
- g. Action/Discussion: Community Literature Initiative (NPG REQUEST \$1,000).** Presented by Tessa White and Hiram Sims, Executive Director. The NPG would be used to support the new Sims Library of Poetry, a brick-and-mortar location opening in September. The Sims Library will provide a space for the community to write, borrow poetry books, use reference materials, and to take poetry classes. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the Community Literature Initiative NPG request of \$1,000. (3-0-1)
- Motion to support the NPG request for \$1000 in support of the Community Literature Initiative
  - Motioned by Jon, Julianne
  - 4.6.0 (Julie not present)(2 ineligible-budget item(Chris Perez & Nicolas Creighton)
- h. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and selection of Community Committee Co-Chair-No nominations
- i. Action//Discussion:** Nomination and selection of Marketing & Outreach Committee Co-Chair
- Motion to nominate Samantha Burg as Co-Chair of Marketing & Outreach Committee
  - Motioned by Samantha, second by Jon
  - 13,0,0
- j. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and selection of Policy Committee Co-Chair
- Motion to nominate Jim Childs as Co-Chair of Policy Committee
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Samantha
  - 13,0,0

## VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees**-No confirmation

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Marco-Adams Normandie Neighborhood Association (ANNA) got approved for the Slow Streets program. They were approved for 6 streets, excluding Budlong due to Budlong being a thru street. Marco stated the process is a bit long due to the process being made through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party agency.
- Thryeris- please complete your census if you have not done so. Please visit their website [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)
- Jim-Casa de Rosas (Veteran Homeless Home) will hopefully be up and running by the end of Fall 2020.
- Joel-Please fill out your absentee ballot and return it so you can vote this upcoming November 2020.
- Thryeris-NANDC's Food Distribution in partnership with CD 8 on August 15, 2020 at St, Mark's Church.

## **X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Thryeris-Recommendation that the NPG request can be increased to \$2000 instead of the current \$1000, since we will be able to get NANDC's Roll-Over funds of \$10,000 from fiscal year 2019-2020.
- Thryeris-Recommendation for the Bylaws Committee to revisit the By-Laws, per DONE they made an announcement at BONC that they were still taking in By-Laws.
- Marco-Recommendation that Parliamentarian sees what is the answer to the following 2 questions
  1. If a motion comes from a committee to the full board, does it have to be re-addressed/re-voted?
  2. If votes during minutes, treasurer's report, etc. have no objections, can they be called unanimously? If there are any objections, can Roll-Call then be taken. Marco would like to see this, since he has seen it in other councils, to expedite time.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT-Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.**

**Official public notice for all committees:**

| <b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>  |   |   |                              |
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| <b>COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>  | <b>MEETING LOCATION</b>                         | <b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>     |
| <b>Community Committee</b> (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance) | <b>Julianne Burg, Chair</b><br><a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>                 | USC Community House<br>2801 S. Hoover St. 90089 | Second Thursday<br>6:30 p.m. |
| <b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)   | <b>Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair</b><br><a href="mailto:area2a@nandc.org">area2a@nandc.org</a>     | USC Community House<br>2801 S. Hoover St. 90089 | Third Tuesday<br>6:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Policy Committee</b> (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)   | <b>Jean Frost, Chair</b><br><a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a>            | USC Community House<br>2801 S. Hoover St. 90089 | Fourth Tuesday<br>6:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Homelessness Committee (Inactive)</b>  | <b>Nina Womack, Chair</b><br><a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a> | USC Village Community Room                      | TBA                          |

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, September 3, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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**RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

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Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

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Government code Section 54957.9

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