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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
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieuel
Nina Womack
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Christopher Perez, USC
Jim Childs, Business Rep

Committees:

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

General Board Minutes

**Thursday, September 3, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

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, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieuel, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, and Christopher Perez. (Objection from Jim Childs from meeting being noted) Quorum established 14 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to table minutes to the next General Board Meeting due to members unable to access them online
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Joel
- All board members in favor (13,0,0)

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim Childs wanted to know how the General Board could continue the meeting with phone line number being incorrect. He stated that he would file a complaint if meeting would continue.
- President Mason stated that phone number had been corrected on the website.
- It was pointed out by a board member that Jim Childs was in the attendee area, via landline for the September General Board meeting.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- No Treasurer's Report

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price – Not Present
- b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Officer Mejia, Officer Garner and Officer Whiteman were present. Officer Mejia, reported on area 15, which has been looking good. She announced Captain Espinosa has appointed her as Area 15's SLO. She also informed everyone that there are 3 SLO vacancies. Only issue in area 15 was a Grand Theft auto, in the area of Juliet and 22nd Street. If there are any issues in the vacant areas please inform her. She has been working with ANNA to assist with community issues. They have been assisting with mental health issues. They have also been working with the Budlong

encampment. HOPE Team will be assisting them with the homelessness encampments as well. She will look into a concern on 2309 & 2311 Budlong. Officer Garner spoke about USC's Trojan check if you are visiting USC campus, you must do a Daily Trojan check. Crime is low, only thefts. They have been educating students in partnership with DPS to prevent scams. She has also been covering Officer Biondo's area, which has had minor theft issues and auto theft issues. Officer Whiteman is the acting SLO for area 19. He reported that there were 2 aggravated assaults and 3 Grand Theft Auto during the last month in that area. He is also working with the HOPE Team to assist with the encampment at 806 West Adams Blvd. Officer Whiteman can be reached at (213) 359-6547 or 39471@lapd.online.

- 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 updated everyone on the increase of visibility of homelessness encampments, especially the Budlong Freeway under pass. Council District has met with ANNA and other community members due to COVID-19 encampments, which have not been looked at closely. They are in the works of developing a plan/strategy to help with the issue. HOPICS Team has been not only offering housing services, but they connect with health and mental health departments. The illegal dumping is being noted. He stated that it has been a complex issue but they are working on it. They will be assisting with trash issue along 22nd Street between Budlong and Vermont. He also spoke out about the COVID-19 testing; he described it as a holistic approach since they have other partners who have been distributing food, shoes, and other resources. He encouraged everyone to visit CD 8's Instagram and Website to learn more. He also spoke about some Alternative Learning Programs to assist with homework located at King Park and Denker Park; call the park or Albi to connect with program. Crime Community Prevention Program, which focuses on Gang Intervention has partner with several non-profits. Volunteers of America is working NANDC Area, they are a great mentorship group. CD family meeting with City Planning to address community concerns.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez – Not present
- g.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, Paula Ramirez updated about the sessions which wrapped in Sacramento. They have been busy as a team, they are not working out of the office all the time due to COVID-19, but they open and taking calls. They are assisting constituents with EDD issues. If there are any concerns or questions please call their office at (213) 744-2111. Paula's email address is paula.ramirez@asm.ca.gov
- h.* The Office of Senator Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan, District Representative, addressed the Pandemic EBT program, which was a one-time thing and has ended. She will keep up posted of any changes or new things. She spoke of COVID-19 testing that they are partnering up with St. Johns. You can sign up on Senator Holly Mitchell web page. Armine gave a brief summary of SB 555, which is waiting for Governor Newsom's signature. AB 3088 housing moratorium is in effect until January 30, 2021. SB 1120 has died for the year, which Senator Mitchell is opposed to. Senator Mitchell's office can also assist with EDD issues or any other state issues as well. Please call them at (213) 745-6656
- i.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, spoke about USC's remote classes. Some students are attending some lab classes. They are not housing any students on the USC Campus. A number of students are living off campus, therefore they have communicated with their students of Social Distancing and prohibiting gatherings. Suspension, financial ramifications or expulsions might be imposed. They are also implementing tracking contact, protocols for quarantine to isolate students who have tested positive, and periodically testing. If there are any concerns please email COVID19@USC.edu or call (213) 740-6291.
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez read information of the upcoming elections.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* Crosstown LA – Gabriel Kahn, Editor: ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics, spoke about the statistics. in the NANDC area. Please visit their website at Xtown.la to look at NANDC's crime reports
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair gave a recap of July's Conversation with LADWP General Manager Marty Adam. He spoke on the focus of continuity service., field crews completing their normal work in terms of repairs, open for business by appointment, extending customer billing cycle payments, temporarily suspension of insulation installations, water mains continuous replacements and expanding solar rebate program
- c.* NANDC Food Giveaway – Julianne Burg, Vice President, thanked everyone who supported this endeavor. She gave a Big Shout Out to the partners CD 8, LAPD and St. Mark's Church. She gave a brief summary of NANDC's and CD 8's Food Giveaway. Marco and Chris also spoke of the outstanding outcome of the event.
- d.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Steve Pepdjonovic, Committee Chair, spoke briefly about the utility wraps and exploration of lawn signs to market NANDC.
- e.* Parliamentary Report – Jon Tieucl responded to parliamentary concerns/questions. He stated a motion can be addressed, and ask if any board members have any objections. If there are no objections to the motion, it can pass "unanimous without objection", and does not need roll call. Also, if a motion comes from a committee to the board does it have to be addressed? Committee Chairs can give report and put to vote. A presentation from presenter is not necessary, it can be directly sent to vote.

- f.* Area 2 – Thryeris Mason, President: announced the open seat for Area 2 stakeholder. Applications for consideration at our September General Board Meeting were none. She reminded everyone that 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. Both documents fulfill the application requirement and are to be submitted to board@nandc.org.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Action/Discussion:** Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified stakeholders to currently vacant Area 2 seat. There were no applications received.
- b.* **Action/Discussion: September 19, 2020 Expo Park Drive In Movie Partnership with Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas** – Lacey M. Johnson. The featured movie is “Cool Runnings” and the capacity is approximately 150 vehicles. NANDC will assist with the event promotion and outreach.
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection, NANDC will assist with the Expo’s Park Drive-In Partnership to help with outreach and promotion of this endeavor.
 - All 13 board members in favor
- c.* **Action/Discussion: LAPD / LAPD Foundation Partnership with NANDC (\$1,000)** – Officer Saudia Hutchins. The LAPD Southwest Division would like to partner with NANDC to forge new and creative wellness engagement programs to combat rising depression and suicide rates among youth in the NANDC community. Their focus will be to facilitate activities that will provide kinetic nurturing during the COVID- 19 pandemic via virtual resources. LAPD/LAPD Foundation is asking for \$1000 to support this endeavor. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support LAPD/LAPD Foundation with a funding request of \$1,000 to support their endeavor. (4-0-0)
- Objection by Cindy Gaete noted, moved to motion in support of LAPD/LAPD Foundation with \$1000 for their endeavor.
 - Motion to support LAPD/LAPD Foundation with a funding request of \$1000 to support their endeavor.
 - Motioned by Samantha, second by Steve
 - 11,2,0
- d.* **Action/Discussion: 2718 S. Figueroa, CPC-2020-4714-CU-DB-SPR-RDP-HAC** – 170 apartment units 15% of which are designated as Very Low Income (20) or Work Force units (6) and 6,275 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space. Representative: Alec Paddock, Amplify Development Company. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** To support the project with further revisions to design and parking (5-0-0).
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection, NANDC will support the 2718 S. Figueroa Project
 - All 13 board members in favor
- e.* **Action/Discussion: 1265 Exposition Blvd., 3760-3764 Normandie Avenue, CPC-2020-415-DB-SPR-CUW** – 08 apartment units, 5%, or 11, very low income and 3 voluntary workforce units, 2,030 sq. ft. retail space. Rep: Sara Houghton, Dana Sayles. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** To approve the project as revised (5-1-0).
- No objections to the noted
 - Unanimous without objection , NANDC will support 1265 Exposition Blvd
 - All 13 board members in favor
- f.* **Action/Discussion: City Council (CF) 20-0990 Motion for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members ([view motion here](#)).** This motion passed committee on consent on August 26, 2020. Community Committee Recommendation: To file a community impact statement (CIS) in support of the motion as presented (CIS draft available on website) (4-0-0).
- No objections to the motion noted
 - Unanimous without objection, NANDC will support City Council (CF) 20-0990
 - All 13 board members in favor
- g.* **Action Discussion: City Council (CF) Motion to Move \$20 Million for Targeted Hiring Program in Disadvantaged Communities. Policy Committee Recommendation:** To file a CIS in support the motion and request expansion of the age range to include 24 to 32 year olds (6-0-0).
- No objections to the motion noted
 - Unanimous without objection, NANDC will support Council File (CF) 20-0972

- All 13 board members in favor

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jean announced that on September 24 @ 7:00 NANDC's Task Force Meeting will be meeting.
- Jean announced that UNIDAD will be at the October's Policy meeting to discuss the vacant library site along Vermont Avenue.
- Jean has been having a dialogue has assist deputy director, to put a meeting with community and city entities to address the stabilization ordinance
- Joel has informed everyone that the BANC of California will be a large voting venue, and so will Dodger Stadium
- LAUSD also has a plethora of services, such as COVID-19 testing, food distributions, etc.
- Nina spoke about a food distribution event at the Magic Johnson Park on October 3rd from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Marco also announced that LAUSD has changed their Grab and Go policy, where 6 meals can be picked up. There is also a food distribution at Manual Arts High School weekly, and at Berendo Middle School bi-monthly.
- Thryeris is waiting on a favorable response from CD 8 regarding the ordinance regarding housing.
- NC's are now part of the Cannabis weighing in on licensing. NANDC has maxed all of their licenses, therefore NANDC will not be hearing any Cannabis issues regarding licensing until there is a vacancy.
- Thryeris announced that as of July 30th she is the Cannabis Committee Vice-Chair.
- Andrea Canty also spoke about the Grab and Go program. She informed everyone that there are many resources as well that LAUSD is offering. She asked for a link be added to the NANDC website.

X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Assemblymember Reggie Sawyer and Senator Holly Mitchell possible town hall
- Proposition 15 – Still interested in placing on agenda with approval of City Attorney due to one of the parties not responding

XI. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 9:13

Official public notice for all committees:

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

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, October 1, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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RALPH M. BROWN ACT

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Government code Section 54957.9

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