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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  
Vacant, Area 2  
Kevin McPherson, 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 – 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 – Samantha***

***Burg, Chair; Julianne Burg, Julie***

***Burg, Nicolas Creighton, Leigha***

***Sayles, & Nina Womack***

***Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month –***

***Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-***

***Chair; Cindy Gaete;***

***Christopher Perez; & Jon Tieuel***

***Homelessness – Hiatus***

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieuel, Nina Womack (7:00 p.m.), Cindy Gaete, Jim Childs and Christopher Perez Quorum established, 13 members present. Kevin McPherson unexcused.

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

- Without objection December's minutes are accepted as read
- Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
- All board members in favor (13,0,0) (Nina not present)
- Without objection January's minutes are accepted as read
- Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
- All board members in favor (13,0,0) (Nina not present)

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

- Carolina Castillo, Executive Director for Economic Development- Dr. Castillo announced that the USC Good Neighbors Program is now open. The program funds community non-profits, schools, and health science organizations. The Good Neighbors campaign has funded 1.3 million dollars this year. They are entertaining grant applications focusing on Covid-19, health, education, college pathways, workforce development, sustainability, homelessness issues, etc. Please visit their website @ [goodneighbors.usc.edu](http://goodneighbors.usc.edu)
- Richard Parks-Redeemer Park Partnership, announced that Land Trust is having zoom meetings to get community input @ the Jefferson Drill Site . They will meet Wednesday (February 10, 2021) @ 6:00 p.m

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

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price-Not Present
- b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative-Officer Garner majority of problems are auto related issues such as grand theft auto or theft from vehicles. They are doing extra patrol along with USC. They are also educating students; having zoom safety education. There have been many theft issues such as items that are left unattended; money scams (DPS is working with the victims) President Mason asked, "How are donoughts being addressed?" Senior Lead Officers are partnering up with South Traffic Division to focus on the areas that are heavily doing these things. President Mason also informed that the majority of the incidents are along Western, between Jefferson and Adams, and usually on Sunday afternoons. Officer Garner will take this information back and forward it to South Traffic Division.
- c. USC Public Safety Officers-Officer Carreno shared to contact DPS in case of any issues related to large gatherings due to the upcoming Super Bowl. USC can be contacted via email @ COVID19@usc.edu
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz informed everyone that if they see any location that need bulk pick-up to text her @ (213) 434-1167, text should include pictures, and information with the nearest address. Homeless liaison is now assigned to their office that can assist with homeless issues. Please call the office of her @ (213) 434-1167. CD 1 is also working on food distributions; if anyone has a need please contact her. A quick comment was made to her regarding the northern side of Budlong and 22nd trash. It is not being picked up and needs to be picked up because it is not individual's personal property, it is bags full of trash. Gandhi will look into this.
- e. Council District 8 – Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson -Albizaal Del Valle informed everyone that CD 8 has partnered with St. Johns on COVID testing, they had a testing platform South LA Cafe. Other opportunities to get tested are at Angel Center Park last day is tomorrow. Next week it will be at Crenshaw Plaza, you can do walk-ups. Pfizer vaccines are being given. Albi also announced that the Planning Department will be at the next NANDC Task Force Meeting. Joel asked about the future covid-19 vaccination sites/plans? How can we get most of our community member's vaccinated? CD 8 has placed various small locations/pop-up sites that are not known to everyone in CD 8. CD 8 is also phone banking to all the seniors who participated in the senior meal program. They inform them of the COVID-19 testing sites and vaccines. Albi will get in touch with Joel about possible assistance with volunteering. Nicolas informed Albi about all the community concerns regarding the tree over-growth along 22nd (between Vermont Ave & Ellendale) There is a big concern because the trees are blocking street lights, cracking/raising sidewalks, people can not see at night, people are tripping on sidewalks. There have been signs in the past (early spring last year) regarding tree trimming, but they have failed to trim the trees. They are overgrowing where the sky cannot be seen, trees are covering lighting/light post which become a safety issue. Albi said he would contact Urban Forestry Department, he did say that they are trimming trees along Figueroa due to human trafficking.
- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez spoke about the COVID-19 testing which is being done at different locations in CD 9. COVID-19 vaccine pop up tent centers, like at senior centers, and Kendren Medical Center on Avalon, are being brought close to the community to better serve those who need a close place. CD 9 is working on pop-up location to better serve the community. They will be having a COVID-19 memorial in March, they are asking anyone who would like to participate to please send a picture with their name, and/or a 30-60 second video. CD 9 is also trying to address the freeway underpasses, which are getting out of control. Cal Trans is cleaning entrances and exits of the freeways. Sanitation to working to cleanup 39th. Marco asked about the Little Library Program. Nora will forward information; she apologized for the delay due to issues they are having with the provider. There has been a bit of a challenge with the provider, will see if issues have been resolved. Joel wanted to thanks for services that have been given through CD 9's office. Nora reminded everyone to use my 311 app, about any issues regarding dumping trash, etc.
- g. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 - No Representative
- h. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, informed everyone about a Black History Event taking place along with a COVID-19 Vaccine informational Town Hall Event. He asked for assistance in distributing information. He noticed that it has been posted on NANDC's website. The event will take place on February 10th @ 4:00 p.m. Steve would love NANDC members to be present. Steve also announced that the University has been in close contact with FEMA. USC is working on 2 stand up vaccination locations near USC. Steve will update as soon as he gets more information. Steve lastly shared information about USC's CAB. He shared the schedule of the upcoming Co-Design meetings with USC CAB
- i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez introduced Octaviano Rios.Octaviano will be ECNANDC's NEA. Octaviano introduced himself. He gave election updates

- j.* Budget Advocates Update- No Representative
- k.* City Clerk Election Administrator – Lanee Basulto  
not present

## V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason postpone SLAANC's report until March's General Board Meeting.
- b.* Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores. Marco stated that there was a fire at Normandie & 22 (Freeway area). He reported the incident to CAL TRANS so they could assist with the cleanup. CAL TRANS told Marco that he had called too many times; they were not going to respond to cleanups due to COVID, they overload of calls, etc. Marco did contact Miguel Santiago's Office to report the incident. He informed us that it was the 7th fire within the last 12 months. Joel Vaca had no report.
- c.* Area 2 Report provided by Kevin McPherson-Not present
- d.* Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost had no report & Nicolas Creighton reported on the tree issue during the Governing Reports (Item IV. e.)
- e.* At Large Cindy followed up regarding the COVID testing sites. She stated that there have been false negative at Curative Site. At the other site (Expo) they have the Nasal swab, not the one that goes all the way, only interior without pain. They have a one-day turn around for test results. Cindy also said people should have receives their mail-in ballots for the Special Election in District 30. There are 7 candidates, so vote. Jon spoke on Emergency Preparedness. There will be virtual CERT training starting early March. He informed us that there is a LA based company called Harbor App to help us design a disaster plan. He encourages everyone to download the app and visit their website @ [www.helloharbor.com](http://www.helloharbor.com) for more information. Chris Perez spoke on USC's CAB Advisory Board.
- f.* Community Committee Report- Julianne spoke of the upcoming Coffee & Comedy with NANDC which will be on February 20th @ 10:00 a.m. She asked everyone to save the date and join NANDC. NANDC wants to hear from the community, we want to know what you love about your community, or any concerns you might have. During this event there will be break out rooms so everyone can meet with their NANDC reps. She encouraged everyone to pre-register. Julianne also invited everyone to NANDC's upcoming Town Hall Meeting tentative date March 20th..
- g.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Nicolas Creighton, Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair, gave an update of the Utility Boxes along Western Avenue. The committee is working with Albi. He also briefly spoke about the Coffee & Comedy with NANDC. Nicolas gave a big shout out to Steve Wesson for being the NANDC Nod. He stated that Octaviano had given the election information he had to give regarding elections. Please reach out to [secretary@nandc.org](mailto:secretary@nandc.org) if you have any further questions regarding anything he spoke about.
- h.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, informed everyone that the Taskforce was formed to address how to best protect the area that does not have any protection such as an overprotection/overlay plan, or HPOZ. In working with USC, members of the community and council office, Council file 20-126-25 was put into motion to address the feasibility to extend the protection of the overlay plan. Study will be done to help protect the area that is not protected. USC has also participated and help with the Taskforce. She invited everyone to the next meeting which will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2021
- i.* Area 2 – Thryeris Mason, President made an announcement of the One (1) seat is open for stakeholder applications and consideration. 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](mailto:board@nandc.org).

## VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Action/Discussion: Area 2 Representative Appointment.** 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 seat is for the Area 2 Representative.
  - Without objection the board supports the appointment of David Greenman to the vacant Area 2 Representative position.
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
  - All board members in favor (13,0,0)
- b.* **Action/Discussion: Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair.** Discussion and action to appoint committee co-chair.
  - Without objection the board supports the appointment of Nicolas Creighton to the position of Co-Chair of Marketing & Outreach Committee
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
  - (14,0,0)

- c. Action/Discussion: Data Liaison Selection.** Discussion and action to appoint up to 3 board members or stakeholders as Data Liaisons on the city's Data Initiative Program. The program aims to share data related resources for our Neighborhood Council and provide training to members of your community on mapping and data-related tools.
- Without objection Samantha, Joel, Joanne will be the primary Data Liaisons. Julianne & Nicolas will alternate
  - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
  - (14,0,0)
- a. Action/Discussion: 3685 S. Vermont, ZA-2020-55-CU-SPR,** proposed 168 room hotel with 4300 sq. ft. ground floor retail. Rep: Henry Fan, Bethune Properties LLC. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM0NzUx0>. **Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** that the Board oppose the hotel project on formerly CRA public land and that a new RFP be issued to include an affordable housing objective. (8-0-0)
- Motion to amend the motion - Concern with State taking over site - Approve with the condition to pending concerning issues.
  - Motioned by Marco, second by Treasurer Burg
  - (1,12,1) Motion does not pass
  - Motion to oppose the hotel project on formerly CRA public land and that a new RFP be issued to include an affordable housing objective.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - (13,1,0)
- b. Action/Discussion: Community Impact Statement – Council File 20-1477: Nuisance Properties / Structural Demolition Policy / Entitlement Process.** Link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1477>  
Motion by PLUM instructing the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to report with recommendations on a new structural demolition policy granting developer's demolition permits for properties that are public nuisance.  
**Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** That NANDC oppose proposed Structural Demolition Policy, Council File 20-1477, that would allow nuisance properties to have an expedited path to demolition, which would provide loopholes for developers who would purposefully allow a property to fall into disrepair or worse, or otherwise create nuisances where none existed previously with the purpose to demolish. (7-0-0)
- Without objection that NANDC oppose proposed Structural Demolition Policy, Council File 20-1477, that would allow nuisance properties to have an expedited path to demolition, which would provide loopholes for developers who would purposefully allow a property to fall into disrepair or worse, or otherwise create nuisances where none existed previously with the purpose to demolish
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
  - (14,0,0)
- c. Action/Discussion: Community Impact Statement – Council File 21-0035: Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Units / One-to-One Replacement / Affordable Housing.**  
Link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0035>  
January 12, 2021 Motion by Councilmember Nury Martinez that Planning Department and the City Attorney report back on creation of citywide Ordinance requiring 1 to 1 replacement of rent stabilized units. **Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** that NANDC support the motion in order to preserve our stock of affordable housing. (7-0-0)
- Without objection that NANDC support the motion by Councilmember Nury Martinez that Planning Department and the City Attorney report back on creation of citywide Ordinance requiring 1 to 1 replacement of rent stabilized units in order to preserve our stock of affordable housing
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
  - (14,0,0)
- d. Action/Discussion: Community Impact Statement - Council File 20-0102 : Comprehensive Response Strategy.** Link: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0102\\_mot\\_12-15-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0102_mot_12-15-2020.pdf)  
**Community Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to support Council File 20-0102; however, any crisis housing created should be created along commercial corridors. The conversion of vacant warehouses and office facilities should not override any existing local ordinances and historical laws that are in place to persevere the character of residential communities.
- Without objection to support Council File 20-0102; however, any crisis housing created should be created along commercial corridors. The conversion of vacant warehouses and office facilities should not override any existing local ordinances and historical laws that are in place to persevere the character of residential communities.
  - Motioned by Julianne, second by Jon
  - (14,0,0)

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees-None

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- Joel -Members of the community who are visiting LAUSD schools, please get your daily pass at dailypass.net for LAUSD campus visits or COVID testing.
- Maria Leonido from Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) spoke about mortgage assistance, financial counseling, etc. Please call them at (213) 381-2862 or visit their website @ nhs.lacounty.org

**IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn at 8:52

**Official public notice for all committees:**

<b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>			
<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> <a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Samantha Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@nandc.org">Secretary@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Policy Committee</b> (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	<b>Jean Frost, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a> <b>Jim Childs, Co-Chair</b> <a href="mailto:business@nandc.org">business@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee (Inactive)</b>	<b>Nina Womack, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a>	N/A	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, March 4, 2021, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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