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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
David Greenman, Area 2
Mehul Patel, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

Celebrating 20 Years

Committees:
Community – 2nd Thursday every month

Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Homelessness – TBA



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At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

Thryeris Mason, President

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

I. CALL TO ORDER- Thryeris Mason, President, called Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, Mehul Patel, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, and Jim Childs. Jon Tieucl and Cindy Gaete excused. Quorum established, 11 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection minutes were approved
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 11,0,0

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Michael Burbank, City Stage Company, informed everyone that the annual triathlon event will be on May 15th from 6-10 a.m. Triathlon will start at Venice Beach ending at Staple Center. The triathlon will not be going through any of the streets of the NANDC area but might affect surrounding areas. If you have any further questions or concerns you may reach Michael at michael@citystageco.com
- Stephanie Varela, area 2 resident, contacted Marqueece Harris-Dawson's Office. She would like consideration to inform everyone that their back alley is not a dumpsite.
- Mayra Ochoa, volunteer with Eunisses Hernandez campaign and resident of CD 1, spoke briefly about Hernandez' campaign.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Without objection the MER Report was approved
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 13,0,0

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins could not attend. President Mason had some announcement from the Mayor's Office. The LADWP utility relief program obtained 270 million dollars to help residents. There is a free tax prep under the tax program to assist 280,000 residents. LA Conservation Corp is seeking candidates, ages 18-26. Climate Equity LA will be hosting meetings on March 10, 17, and 25 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Rickey Crowder, 3A55 area, informed everyone that there has been an uptake on GTA's and thefts (MTA related). MLK Park has a few concerning issues related to loitering and gang activity. President Mason asked why the copper? Primary reason is to get money from recycling. President also asked if this would be a safety issue? Officer Crowder said no. David Greenman asked about MLK.. are you increasing patrol? Officer Crowder stated that the area has not had a SLO assigned; therefore they are working on a strategic plan. He also informed everyone that there is a new Captain on board. Stephanie Varela also asked regarding the loitering and gang activity at MLK Park. Officer Crowder stated that there is extra patrol which has diminished the crowds, which usually hangs out at MLK.
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers, Officer Calderon, they have had an increase of crimes against a person such as robberies. He asked everyone to stay alert and be aware of their surroundings. There has also been an increase in property crimes such as scooter thefts.
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz not present.
- e.* Council District 8 – Isaias Benavides not present.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present.
- g.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present.
- h.* The Office of Senator Kamlager - Naomi Riley not present.
- i.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 not present.
- j.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman not present.
- k.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios spoke of trainings/workshops, and candidate hosting forums. On Thursday, March 31st @ 6:30 p.m., Budget Advocates are hosting a Townhall in conjunction with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. He also reminded everyone that Bylaw amendments are due by April 1st. Please call him; email him if you have any questions.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason informed everyone that SLAANC did not meet during February but will meet March 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
- b.* Area 1 Report-Marco Flores attended the USC Urban Tree Planning. Their goal is to increase shade and decrease pollution. Marco asked if trees could be added along the freeway to reduce pollution. He did add NANDC as an interest party to receive further information. Joel Vaca did not have anything to report.

- c. Area 2 Report -David Greenman did not have anything to report. Mehul Patel was able to get 150 PPE mask for the NANDC Community. President Mason asked David Greenman regarding the formation of an area 2 block club. He has contacted CD 8 and will be working on it.
- d. Area 3 Report - Jean Frost did not have anything to report. Nicolas Creighton is gathering reports on tree trimmings being requested by community members.
- e. At Large & Community Interest Reports- Jim Childs did not have anything to report.
- f. Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, is working on hosting zoom sessions during the month of April geared towards our seniors on Finance Literacy, Wellness, Health, Transportation/Metro, and Yoga Also working on tabling at the Festival of Books scheduled for April 23rd and April 24th.
- g. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, working on presenting Jesus' presentation regarding the demolitions in Area 2 and Area 3. They are working on an info graph, YouTube and press release letter. They are supporting the Community Committee events. They are also working on NANDC nods, so please forward anyone you wish to nominate as a NANDC nod. Please write a small bio, include a picture and forward information to secretary@nandc.org and/or board@nandc.org
- h. Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, spoke about the best practice policy the Policy Committee has. Please join them on 4th Tuesday of each month.
- i. NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, gave a brief overview of the Task Force. They had a brief update from the Planning Department, they are on month 2 of their time task, and they still have 8 months for the final report. They looked at historical resources and how to preserve them as well as protecting cultural resources. She also spoke about Jesus' presentation and played Jesus' presentation.
- j. Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President announced the 2 board vacancies, USC Community Representative and Business Representative. Please visit www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **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:
 1. USC Community Interest (1 vacancy)
 2. Business Representative (1 vacancy)
 - ❖ No interest received
- b. **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair - Item needs to be corrected as "Nomination & Appointment of Marketing & Outreach 2nd Co-Chair". Item will be placed on the April's General Board Agenda
- c. **Action/Discussion:** USC Civic Engagement will be hosting a "Spring Extravaganza Event" for the community. They are seeking a partnership with NANDC. NANDC will be able to do community outreach at this event. The Marketing and Outreach Committee seeks \$2000.00 to assist with this endeavor to do community outreach. **Recommendation/Motion:** NANDC support the Marketing and Outreach with \$2000.00 to do community outreach during USC Civic Engagement "Spring Extravaganza Event" on Sunday, April 10, 2022. 4-0-0
 - ❖ Without objection NANDC supports the Marketing and Outreach with \$2000.00 to do community outreach during USC Civic Engagement "Spring Extravaganza Event" on Sunday, April 10, 2022.
 - ❖ Motioned by Thryeris, second by David
 - ❖ 11,0,0

d. Action/Discussion: Action/Discussion: CF-21-1414 amended on 2/8/22 that the Planning Department submit a memorandum within 90 days and an ordinance within 120 days that shows where SB9 can be restricted. **Recommendation/Motion:** NANDC suggestions for local implementation of SB 9; Board approval of letter. 9-0-0

- ❖ Without objection NANDC will submit a letter with suggestions for local implementation of SB 9.
- ❖ Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- ❖ 11,0,0

e. Action/Discussion: Council File 14-1635-S10 Short-Term Rentals / Unpermitted / Non-Compliant Properties / Enforcement. Approved at PLUM and transmitted to Housing Committee. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14-1635-S10_misc_PLUM_02-03-22.pdf Short-term rentals have destabilizing effects in communities by removing units from the housing market and creating quality-of-life issues. **Recommendation/Motion:** NANDC supports CF 14-1635-S10 which asks Planning to report back within 90 days with an analysis that considers how the City can address the issues that have arisen due to the impacts of short term rentals and lack of enforcement. 9-0-0

- ❖ Without objection NANDC supports CF 14-1635-S10 which will ask Planning to report back within 90 days with an analysis that considers how the City can address the issues that have arisen due to the impacts of short term rentals and lack of enforcement.
- ❖ Motioned by Jean, second by David
- ❖ 11,0,0

f. Action/Discussion: 1196 W 35th Street, compatibility of development. **Recommendation/Motion:** NANDC to inquire CA City planning and B&S how this development met all of the approvals needed for permitting. 9-0-0

- ❖ Without objection NANDC to inquire about 1196 West 35th Street to CA City planning and B&S on how this development met all of the approvals needed for permitting.
- ❖ Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- ❖ 11,0,0

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thryeris - There will be a Special meeting on Monday, March 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Jean would like a response to a letter, which "addressed policy that buildings pre 1950 not be categorically exempt". President Mason will work on this issue.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	Samantha Burg, Chair Secretary@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee	Cindy Gaete, Chair atlarge3@nandc.org	Via Zoom	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, April 7, 2022, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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- South LA Café, 1700 Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90062
- MLK Recreational Center, 3916 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Denker Park, 1550 W. 35th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Food 4 Less, 1748 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- FAME Renaissance Center, 1968 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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RALPH M. BROWN ACT

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Government code Section 54957.9

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