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Jon Tieucl, Parliamentarian

**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, April 7, 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, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs, and Cindy Gaete. Mehul Patel is excused. Quorum established, 12 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection minutes were read and approved
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 10,0,1

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Susan Stouffer- SOLA Community Peace Center is hosting a program called "Peace Matters" at St. Mark's Church on Sunday May 1st from 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. They will be hearing from their young interns, parents and participants.

IV. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins' is no longer at the Mayor's Office, her replacement has not been announced.
- LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Officer Lopez informed everyone of 18 crimes which have occurred in his patrol area. The primary crime has been Grand Theft Auto (GTA's), of which 3 have been

stolen & 7 recovered. GTA numbers are increasing. Please be aware when selling things on line such as craigslist/Facebook. Instances have happened when the item you are selling gets stolen. Sometimes people work in groups where one person gets the item and runs to a waiting vehicle. Unattended items and mail drop-offs have

also been taken. He also reminded everyone of the Eggstravaganza at USC and on April 15th there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Hoover Recreational Park. Also, LAPD Southwest will be doing an etching event for your catalytic converters. A question was asked as to where the craigslist/Facebook sale item was taken from, was it taken from their home or a public place, was anyone hurt? Officer Lopez reiterated what had happened. He encouraged everyone to meet at a public place or even at the police station.

- c. USC Public Safety Officers, Officer Carreno was present. She announced that in about a month they will be renting an U-Haul to use during the students move out (May 2nd - May 12th). The U-Haul will be used for anything students want to leave behind. Single May Commencement will be on Friday, May 13th. Jean Frost asked to please focus on the alley parallel to Scarf in between Scarf and Portland, between Adams Blvd and 23rd Street. Jean also said she would email her the major housing management companies who manage those properties. Samantha will share Officer Carreno's email with Jean. Officer Carreno thanked Samantha.
- d. Josef Siroky from the Senators office spoke of the Housing is Key Program to assist tenants. Graffiti removal, lighting, chain link fence anything state highway related. DMV issues, disability, or any other state related issue. Joel mentioned a request under the 10-freeway underpass on Budlong. Joel informed Josef there is a random panel that is open. There has been several requests to address the issue in the last 6 months. Josef asked to please put a request into the state repair system at Caltrans csr.ca.gov. Once Joel has the service request number/ticket number, he can forward the number to Josef and he will follow up on it. Nicolas asked just like the process Joel and Josef mentioned will that be the same process for graffiti removal on the median cinderblocks and the overgrowth of palm trees along the 10

freeway. Josef said yes, he also told Nicolas to email him.

- e. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz not present
- f. Council District 8 – Isaias Benavides spoke of Council District (CD) 8 community grant, grants range from \$5,000-\$75,000 for all non-profits. CD 8 will be opening a new housing project at 48th and Normandie (There will be a community meeting at Obama Middle School on April 20th) The meeting will be on the housing project and how they will work on the wrap around services. RV's, which are in residential areas, can now be towed. One must first call Parking Enforcement and they will follow up on the request.
- g. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- h. The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park spoke about the service centers open to the youth. Joel spoke about the American Youth Soccer Team at Kenneth Hahn Park and would like if it can be expanded to this community. How can County Supervisor support the expansion across Fairfax to this side of the community? Use of some of the unused oil fields to be used for the American Youth Soccer Team?
- i. The Office of Senator Kamlager - Naomi Riley not present
- j. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, not present
- k. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson reminded everyone of the USC Eggstravaganza. USC is slowly reopening soon, the Community Room as well, so please email him if you would like to reserve a room at swesson@usc.edu. He also spoke on the Casa de Rosa Project.
- l. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios announced Neighborhood Council meetings will continue to meet via zoom. In preparation they are asking all 99 councils to notify them of location and work with the Department of Disability to ensure they are

ADA compliant. Zoom license can now be

purchased by each council.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. Metro Transit Safety Presentation - Richard Morallo and Jesse Sanchez highlighted Metro Safety guidelines. They did a presentation called "Safety Begins with You". Jesse Sanchez also did a historical virtual tour of the Union Station. Jean asked if there were plans to intergrade Union Station with Greyhound. Also the Vermont Metro Rapid was brought to the attention of Metro.
- b. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason gave an overview of the SLAANC meeting as follows:
 - California is experiencing a blood shortage. Children's Hospital, Cedars-Sinai, UCLA all have blood donor centers.
 - Allen Moret, Field Rep for CA-37 Representative Karen Bass- Consolidated Appropriations Act - Millions in funds to be used to address homelessness and public safety in Los Angeles. Details available at bass.house.gov
 - Reclaiming Our Schools Los Angeles (ROSLA) <https://www.reclaimourschoolsla.org>
 - ❖ Los Angeles coalition of parents, educators, students, and community members working to improve access and advance opportunities in public education for all students, so they thrive in the classroom, in their communities, and beyond.
 - ❖ Community partners - UTLA, Students Deserve, ACE, LANE
 - ❖ What they stand for
 - Fully funded, fully staffed public education for all students, including support for neighborhood community schools
 - A democratic process and oversight for all schools that receive public funding to ensure student success, educator support, and parental/family involvement that includes each participants having a voice in the process
 - Uplifting high standards and expectations for students and educators, allowing them to fully participate in their educational lives
 - Advocating for highest need students to receive the resources they need, which are also tailored to their community's needs
 - Equally excellent educational opportunities and access for students of all races, socioeconomic backgrounds, geographic areas, and special needs through innovation and collaborative learning
 - ❖ Wins
 - 2018-2019 Strike - End to random searches, more school nurses, mental health support, class size reductions in secondary school
 - June 2020 - Defunded LAUSD police by \$35 million. Direct \$95 million investment into the Black Student Achievement Plan
 - April 2021 - Parent town halls and caravans regarding re-opening schools
 - May - June Budget Campaign
 - 40 new community schools
 - School Climate Advocates have replaced school police and at times providing one-on-one support
 - ❖ Work in Progress
 - Class size reduction at the elementary level
 - Green space expansion on campuses
 - Conversion of vacant building to house unhoused LAUSD families & grant writing to secure Section 8 housing for houseless students

- ❖ Anti-Bias Learning for Employees - The fight continues so employees have this training
- c. Area 1 Reports -Marco Flores called the attention of malfunction of the streetlights on Adams and Normandie. These lights are not synced with the rest of the surrounding lights. Therefore, this has cause a major congestion (traffic is terrible in the neighborhood areas). Joel Vaca had nothing to report
- d. Area 2 Report -David Greenman announced that Mehul and him have jumped in with Council District 8 regarding the establishment of the King Estates Block Club
- e. Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost had no report & Nicolas Creighton addressed the communities concerning issues with Josef and Isaias.
- f. At Large & Community Interest Reports - There are no reports.
- g. Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, working to secure solid program for the month of April 2022, pending the Councilmembers availability. The Community Committee is working with the Marketing and Outreach Team on this event too.
- h. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, working with the Community Committee on the upcoming April events. Mehul will continue to work on the Call for Artist for Utility Boxes flyer, the committee is still waiting for the presentation from Jesus to continue working on the awareness of the demolitions in area 2 and area 3
- i. Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, announced that the policy items are on the agenda. The only announcement was the upcoming Plan Check meeting on Saturday, April 8th via zoom.
- j. NANDC Taskforce Update – Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, CPIO process has started, also there is an upcoming preservation survey coming with the assistance of USC funds.
- k. Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President: Announced that there were 2 vacant board positions, USC Community Representative and Business Representative. She encouraged anyone who was interested in visiting www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified stakeholders to currently vacant seats on the Governing Board.**
 - 1 Interest Submitted for Business Representative by Joe Ward
 - There were no other nomination, Joe Ward was nominated for the position of Business Representative
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
 - 12,0,0
- b. **Action/Discussion: Nomination & Appointment of Marketing & Outreach 2nd Co-Chair**
 - Motion to appoint Nicolas Creighton as the Marketing & Outreach 2nd Co-Chair
 - Motioned by Julianne, second by Joel
 - 13,0,0
- c. **Action/Discussion: Request for Encumbrance Funds --** Requesting board approval of a letter to Councilmember's Cedillo, Harris-Dawson and Price requesting a motion be made to allow neighborhood council's to encumber funds up to \$15,000.00 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

- Without objection the board motions to approve a letter to Councilmember's Cedillo, Harris-Dawson and Price requesting a motion be made to allow neighborhood council's to encumber funds up to \$15,000.00 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget
- Motioned by Samantha, second by David
- 12,0,0 (Joe unable to vote)

d. Action/Discussion: NANDC Senior Appreciation Day - The community committee would like to purchase up to 330 food boxes from With Love Cafe for a NANDC Senior Appreciation on Saturday, May 14th. **Recommendation/Motion:** to approve a budget up to \$12,000 for the NANDC Senior Appreciation Day, May 14th, event to purchase food boxes, print NANDC outreach fliers/materials, boxes handling and deliver charges of food boxes, up to 330 food boxes.

- Without objection the board approves a budget up to \$12,000 for the NANDC Senior Appreciation Day, May 14th, event to purchase food boxes, print NANDC outreach fliers/materials, boxes handling and deliver charges of food boxes, up to 330 food boxes
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jim Childs
- 12, 0, 0 (Joe unable to vote)

e. Action/Discussion: 2323 Scarf Street, ZA-2021-6672-DB-CU-CCMP, ENV-2021-6673-CE, 10 unit(5-5 BR, 5-4BR), density bonus, requesting 2 on menu incentives, (35% height increase and 20% open space reduction, CUP to comply with NSO, CCMP to comply with HPOZ, Henry Fan <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ5NzU00> **Recommendation/Motion:** That NANDC support University Park HPOZ Board recommendation to deny the DB CU and CCMP for this project as it does not conform to the HPOZ Preservation Plan, find that the current project would have severe adverse effects on the historic district and the surrounding community and find that a categorical exemption is not adequate. 8-0-0

- Without object the board supports the University Park HPOZ Board recommendation to deny the DB CU and CCMP for this project as it does not conform to the HPOZ Preservation Plan, find that the current project would have severe adverse effects on the historic district and the surrounding community and find that a categorical exemption is not adequate
- Motioned by Jean, second Jon
- 13, 0, 0

f. Action/Discussion: Action/Discussion: VTT-83081-SL-HCA, 1840 1848 W. Adams, decision letter, copy received from Greater Page Temple dated February 24, 10 small lot subdivisions, after appeal date. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM4MjA00> **Recommendation/Motion:** the NANDC Board to ask CD8 and the City Attorney to intervene and require a new determination letter be issued with a new decision date with proper notice given to all concerned parties and anyone who was present at previous hearings on this project. 8-0-0

- Without objection the board motions to ask CD8 and the City Attorney to intervene and require a new determination letter be issued with a new decision date with proper notice given to all concerned parties and anyone who was present at previous hearings on this project.
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Joe
- 13, 0, 0

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jon Tieucl, Blood Drive at the African American Firefighter Museum (1401 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles CA - Saturday, April 9th

- Steve Wesson, University has finalized their search for DPS Chief - Community opportunity for the community to give feedback on Friday, April 8th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Maria Patino, SAGE, working to increase awareness of the Vermont Metro Rapid - Saturday April 9th, at the Ward AME
- Marco - ANNA - Tentative National Night Out- 1st Tuesday in August

- Thryeris Mason, In 2019 ECNANDC funded box trees for the Make Jefferson Beautiful Project. Redeemer Park in partnership with KYCC were to do adequate maintenance, giving them adequate water and unfortunately some did not survive. We will request for Redeemer Park to figure out if the trees will be replaced or how this issue be remediated
- Joe Ward, embarking on another South LA Cafe, in the next 16 weeks.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT- Adjourned at 8:58 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

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- Hoover Recreation Center, 1010 W. 25th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007
- 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
- Loren Miller Recreation Center, 2717 S. Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)

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