

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

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**Appointed Board**

Shane Hapuarachy  
Treasurer

At Large Representatives :

To be determined.

**Elected Board**

Michael Ureña  
President

Yolanda Jones  
Vice President

Nancy Aguilar  
Secretary

**Neighborhood Representatives**

**Area 1:**

Elena Farias  
Carlos Lopez

**Area 2:**

Bethany Leal  
Quentin Moreland

**Area 3:**

Diane Rodriguez  
Jairo Umaña

**Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 7, 2005  
6:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic  
3787 S. Vermont Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007**

**Minutes**

**Note: Motions and board approvals are in bold for your convenience.**

**1. Welcome**

Welcome was conducted by Michael Ureña. Senior Lead Officer Gary Cantu did the pledge of the newly elected board members.

**2. Call to Order and Roll Call of present Board Members**

Present board members were: Michael Ureña, Yolanda Jones, Nancy Aguilar, Elena Farias, Jairo Umaña, Bethany Leal and Carlos Lopez

Board members not present: Quintin Moreland (not excused) and Diane Rodriguez (excused)

**3. Public Comment**

By Senior Lead Officer Gary Cantu. The Southwest Police Station will be hosting their Open House on July 16<sup>th</sup> it will begin at 10 am.

**4. Officers Report**

a. Treasurer's Report. Shane Hapuarachy. ECNANDC began the year with about \$84,000. So far ECNANDC has spent \$9,000 on the credit card and purchase orders. We have roll over funds of

\$66,000. Please note that Shane tried to figure out the numbers with what he was previously given by the previous secretary. ECNANDC will be receiving \$50,000.

b. Proposed ECNANDC Budget. The budget is designed to spend a lot more on special projects. ECNANDC will have \$116,044, which includes roll over funds. Budget can be changed if needed. Each quarter ECNANDC receives \$12,500. Budget will be approved in the next ECNANDC Regular Meeting.

Question from Audience: Who votes on budget?

Answer by Michael Ureña: The ECNANDC board members vote

## 5. Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – Report by Chair, Leslie Evans

- This month 4 properties were cleared.
- Salvin Elementary School on Budlong and Washington was having a problem with the homeless hanging around the fence around the school. The Public Safety Committee got the Rampart Division of the LAPD to clear the area.
- 2 properties were cleared on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. that had a problem with junk cars on the property. Worked with Building & Safety and Deputy District Attorney to clean them up.
- 1723 W. 28<sup>th</sup> St. had excessive dumping on property. Got the responsible person to put up a fence around the property.
- Mr. X Bar near Vermont. Gang hang-out. Leslie Evans testified at the recent Zoning hearing. The appeal will be heard on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Deputy City Attorney is prosecuting the owner.
- Most cases are resolved within 2 to 3 months, however, when property is in probate it might take up to 2 years to resolve. (Sparked by Lament Johnson's inquiry on how long these cases take to resolve).
- Next meeting: St. Mark's Church. Call for volunteers.

## 6. New Business

- a) Appointment of Shane Hapuarachy as Treasurer and approval for Yolanda Jones as second signatory on ECNANDC credit card.
- **Motion by Bethany Leal to approve Shane Hapuarachy as Treasurer and Yolanda Jones as second signatory on ECNANDC credit card.**
  - **Motion amended by Carlos Lopez to appoint Shane Hapuarachy as Treasurer and Yolanda Jones as second signatory on ECNANDC credit card and all ECNANDC related material and ECNANDC related measures.**
  - **Seconded by Elena Farias**
  - **Unanimous approval by all board members present.**
- b) Approval of new appointed board member application process, which includes:
- i. A typed 1 page letter addressed to ECNANDC stating the applicant's stakeholder status and summarizing the value the applicant would add to the community, as well as ECNANDC.

- ii. Applicant must include their name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- iii. Applicant must also obtain signatures from a quantity of 10 ECNANDC stakeholders in support of their application. Please include written name, address, stakeholder status and telephone number of signatory's so they may be contacted.
- iv. A copy of applicant's current resume
- v. Membership on the council required commitment of two meetings per month, plus committee work.
- vi. Applicants for open seats must be received by the Secretary Nancy Aguilar no later than midnight July 20, 2005 via email to [ecnandc@gmail.com](mailto:ecnandc@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 7223, Los Angeles, CA 90007.
- vii. Note: Application letters and resumes will be posted on [www.nandc.org](http://www.nandc.org) minus addresses and telephone numbers for public review.

Discussion:

- If some ECNANDC community members don't have email addresses will the application be considered incomplete? (Question by Elena Farias)
- Answer by Michael Ureña. No, the application will not be incomplete if community member doesn't have an email address.
- Will the application process be spread out within two meetings? If so, how will that be in compliance with the July 20, 2005 deadline? (Question by Rachel Capita)
- Answer by Michael Ureña. Idea is to make process as transparent as possible. Suggestion is that if more than 5 people apply then we won't decide by the deadline, which is July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Comment by Bethany Leal. Positions should be on a first come first serve basis.
- Clarification by Rachel Capita. Applications will be received after the July 20<sup>th</sup> deadline, if the board doesn't receive enough applications or is satisfied with the applicants. In the event that we do end up with 5 applicants then will those 5 applicants be in place. Application if received after the 20<sup>th</sup> will they still stand a chance?
- Has the board looked at diversity issues? What criteria has the board looked at? (Question by Sharon Stewart)
- Answer by Yolanda Jones. The application process is open to everyone. No, we haven't outlined anything that addresses that specifically.
- The board will be mailing letters to our database to request for applicants.
- What's the process going to be to make an announcement? (Question by Lillian Marengo)
- Audience suggestion: Bring a third party that is neutral to make the process simple and so loop holes will be non-existent.
- **Motion by Michael Ureña to approve the new appointed board process.**
- **Motion amended by Bethany Leal to have the application process continue until all appointed board seats are filled.**
- **Application process approved unanimously board.**

c. Spending Approval: Expenditures related to call for appointed board members which includes cost of mailing and newspaper advertisement not to exceed \$150.

- **Motion by Elena Farias to approve the expenditures relating to new appointed board.**
- **Motion amended by Bethany Leal to change expenditure amount of new appointed board from \$150 to \$300.**

- **Expenditure approved by unanimously by board.**

d. Establish 2<sup>nd</sup> ECNANDC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Location to be determined.

- **Motion by Shane Hapuarachy establishing 2<sup>nd</sup> ECNANDC meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.**
- **Motion seconded by Yolanda Jones.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> ECNANDC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month passed unanimously by board.**

e. Spending approval to co-sponsor Block Club Breakfast for USC Friends and Family Day.

- Explanation of what USC Friends and Family Day is. USC has over 900+ students that will volunteer on the day of August 20 to do door-to-door outreach, tree planting, etc., whatever the block clubs think is needed in their community. The breakfast is the brainstorming session where block clubs will come together and brainstorm ideas on what the students should do.
- Is \$450 enough money to cover the entire breakfast? (Question by Shane Hapuarachy)
- Answer by Sharon Stewart. Yes, breakfast is only \$7, including drink.
- **Motion by Yolanda Jones to approve ECNANDC to co-sponsor Block Club breakfast for USC Friends and Family Day in the amount of \$250.**
- **Motion seconded by Elena Farias**
- **ECNANDC to co-sponsor USC Friends and Family Day in the amount of \$250 passed unanimously by board.**

f. Spending approval for business cards for each board member not to exceed \$50 for each board member.

- **Motion by Bethany Leal to approve ECNANDC board member business cards not to exceed \$50 for each board member.**
- **Motion seconded by Elena Farias.**
- **Business card approval not to exceed \$50 per board member of ECNANDC approved unanimously by board.**

g. Discussion: Committee review process. Have the committees to be goal oriented to the goals of ECNANDC.

- Information will be emailed to committee chairs. (by Michael Urena)

## **7. Public Comment**

- The Bethune Library located on Vermont between Jefferson and Exposition will soon be closed. Community help is needed to keep it open and in the hands of the community. There are 8 to 10 people trying to fight to keep it open. The normal city process is for it to be sold to a business.
- Request for this Library Committee to present a presentation about the library. (by Lillian Marenco)
- Library Committee wants support to maintain it as a public space.
- Fire Station #18 located on Hobart and Adams Blvd. The CRA owns this space and is planning to convert it to a 6 unit low-income housing building. Members of Normandie 5

are uniting to keep this Fire Station as a historical landmark and maintain it as a community center to something to do with the community. Would like ECNANDC to write a resolution. The CRA will meet on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the FAME Renaissance Center on the corner of Adams and Western. The CRA representative is Donna Hemer. (by Rachel Capata)

- Daren, MESA Representative. Presented to board with more information on what he is trying to achieve with the students of South LA.
- Seeking people to solve the abundance of sex offenders in South LA. Next meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup>. (by Angela Evans, Field Deputy Councilman Parks)
- Homes in our area are being marketed to ex-sex offenders. (by Leslie Evans)

## **8. Announcements**

- Will make application process in English and in Spanish and post it on the website. (Michael Ureña)
- Call for written reports from the committee chairs. Will post requirements on ECNANDC website. (Michael Ureña)
- Block Club breakfast that ECNANDC is co-sponsoring on July 23, 2005 at the Eat Street Grill. 9 a.m. (Nancy Aguilar)
- MTA is holding a meeting on the light rail line on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- Multi-University Academy has free computer training for young people that live in the community. Location is at the Shrine Auditorium. More information: contact the New University Academy.

## **9. Adjournment**

- By Michael Ureña

Appendices: Public Speaker Cards  
Minutes by Nancy Aguilar