

Michael Ureña, President
Yolanda Jones, Vice President
Nancy Aguilar, Secretary
Guillermo Farias, Treasurer

Committees:

Leslie Evans, Public Safety & Website
Eryn Young, Outreach
Yolanda Jones, Budget & Finance
Rachel Capata, City Services
Jairo Umaña & Celia Castellanos, Youth
Richard Enriquez, Seniors & Aging
Elena Farias & Lizette Hernández,
Land Use and Planning

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



**PO Box 7536
Los Angeles, CA 90007
ecnandc@gmail.com
www.nandc.org**

Area Representatives:
Elena Farias, Area 1
Carlos López, Area 1
Celia Castellanos, Area 2
Rossana Cabrera, Area 2
Joshua Watson, Area 3
Jairo Umaña, Area 3

At Large Representatives:
Christine Lee
Sharon Stewart
Rachel Capata
Lacey Goode
Maggi Fajnor

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2007
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
EPICC Community Room - 2nd Floor
3980 S. Menlo Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(near Menlo & MLK in Exposition Park)**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- By Michael Ureña

2. Announcements

- Daphne Rosales – USC Study involving Spanish-speaking new parents in the area – participants needed
- Richardson Family Park Celebration – May 12, 2007 – 11:30AM to 3PM
- Kevin Melton, Candidate for Council District 8 seat
- Community in Action – Denise (last name unknown) – would like to see more Native American outreach efforts in South LA

3. Public Comment

- a. Comments from the public are limited to items included on the agenda and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless the presiding officer of the board determines a different limit for a particular item. Please complete the public speaker card and submit it prior to the Call to Order if you would like an opportunity to speak about a current agenda item.

4. Roll Call of Present Board Members

- Board members present: Celia Castellanos, Yolanda Jones, Nancy Aguilar, Michael Ureña, Sharon Stewart, Carlos Lopez, Guillermo Farias, Jairo Umana, Maggi Fajnor and Joshua Watson.
- Board members not present: Rachel Capata (excused), Rossana Cabrera (excused), Christine Lee (excused), Lacey Goode (not excused) and Elena Farias (not excused)

5. Community Reports

- a. Council District 8 Report – Cathy Davis, Field Deputy
 - Not present
- b. Council District 1 Report – Suzanne Jimenez, Field Deputy
 - Not present
- c. Report from Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment – Deanna Stevenson
 - Bylaws were approved by the Department
- d. Public Safety Committee Report – Leslie Evans
 - ii. Vote to approve “List of Problem Properties”
 - Cleared 6 locations
 - Working on 24 locations
 - 833 W 23rd St will be removed from report. Agreed by all present NANDC board members to remove it for legal reasons

Motion by Carlos Lopez to approve Public Safety Report. Motion seconded by Yolanda Jones. Motion passes unanimously.

- a. Website Committee Report – Leslie Evans
- b. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Yolanda Jones
- c. Treasurer’s Report – Guillermo Farias
 - Bank has been changed to US Bank
 - Currently purchasing furniture for the NANDC Office
 - Open House for the Office Space set to occur
 - Quarterly Report – Agendize for approval
- d. Land Use and Planning Committee Report – Maggi Fajnor/Elena Farias
 - i. Planning Oversight Committee Report by Maggi Fajnor
 - Planning Dept. cooperation in regards to cooperation with Neighborhood Councils
 - Smart and Final – 3607 S Vermont Ave – NANDC Letter re: Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
- e. Youth Committee Report – Celia Castellanos/Jairo Umaña
 - Book Project: 9 schools, received \$1000/ea
 - April 21, 2007: Kids Science Days
 - May 12, 2007: Kids Science Days at Richardson Family Park
- f. Seniors and Aging Committee Report – Richard Enriquez
 - Richard Enriquez, Chair, not present
- g. City Services Committee Report – Rachel Capata
- h. Election Committee Report – Jacqueline Hamilton
 - Jacqueline Hamilton, Chair, not present
 - NANDC Election - 10/23/07 – 12PM to 8PM

6. Action Item: Approval of 2nd Submission Election Procedures

Motion by Sharon Stewart approving the 2nd submission of the NANDC Election Procedures which state NANDC Election be held on October 23, 2007 and also includes an election.

Motion seconded by Yolanda Jones. Unanimous approval.

7. Action Item: Approval of Phi Delta House – Letter of Support for Variance to the Zoning Administrator

- Presentation has been made to the University Park HPOZ Board by the architect

Motion by Celia Castellanos approving letter of support to the Zoning Administrator.

Seconded by Sharon Stewart. Unanimous approval.

8. Action Item: Richardson Family Park Proposal

- Celebration will be part of the NANDC Youth Committee, not City Services Committee, as well as with Van Buren Block Club, LA Neighborhood Land Trust, LA

ECNANDC Regular Meeting

Minutes 5/3/07

Page 2 of 4

Starts, Comunidades Unidas en Progreso (Block Club), LA City Recreation and Parks and USC

- Highlight of project: LA Land Trust will take over the maintenance of the park and USC will grant \$20,000 for the park

Motion by Yolanda Jones to approve Richardson Family Park Proposal. Seconded by Celia Castellanos. Unanimous approval.

9. Action Item: Letter of Support for Transitional Housing Appeal – ZA-2006-3228-ZV-2A-1564 W 36th PL

- Changes in letter: Letterhead needs to be updated to reflect current NANDC board/committee members/chairs
- Letter is needed 10 days before the hearing

Motion by Unanimous approval.

10. Action Item: Approval of Proclamation for Fire Engine No. 18

11. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2007

12. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2007

13. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2007

Motion by Sharon Stewart to approve Minutes for 2/1/07, 2/17/07 and 3/17/07. Motion seconded by Yolanda Jones. Unanimous approval.

14. Public Comment

- Comments from the public are limited to items not included on the agenda and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless the presiding officer of the board determines a different limit for a particular item. Please complete the public speaker card and submit it prior to the Call to Order if you would like an opportunity to speak about a current agenda item.
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Diane Middleton. Suggestion: Performance reviews for budgeted items

15. Adjournment

Minutes by Nancy Aguilar
(1) Speaker Card submitted

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees				
COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE/TIME
Outreach	VACANT	VACANT	TBD	TBD
Land Use & Planning	Elena Farias & Lizette Hernandez	Lizettecorazon@yahoo.com	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3 rd Saturday of every month
City Services	Rachel Capata	Ecnandc.capata@gmail.com	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3 rd Saturday of every month
Rules & Procedures	VACANT	VACANT	TBD	TBD
Youth	Jairo Umaña & Celia Castellanos	castellc@gmail.com	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3 rd Saturday of every month
Public Safety	Leslie Evans	lbevans@earthlink.net	St. Marks Lutheran Church – 3651 S	3 rd Thursday of every month. 4:30 PM

			Vermont Ave	
Budget & Finance	Yolanda Jones	Nandc.vp@gmail.com	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3rd Saturday of each month
Seniors & Aging	Richard Enriquez	Richard.enriquez@lacity.org	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3rd Saturday of each month
Website	Leslie Evans	lbevans@earthlink.net	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY – Meets as needed	3rd Saturday of every month
Election	Jacqueline Hamilton	jhamilton@eccla.org	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3rd Saturday of every month

The next meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is **Saturday, May 19, 2007 - 10AM to 12NOON at MACK Elementary School, 3020 S. Catalina Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (near Jefferson and Vermont)**. You are encouraged to visit a NANDC posting site 72 hours prior to the Regular and Town Hall Meeting at the following locations:

- Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, 3787 South Vermont Avenue (near Vermont & Exposition)
- Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 3916 South Western Avenue (near King & Western)
- Supermercado Latino, 1049 West Martin Luther King Boulevard (near Vermont & King)
- Food 4 Less, 1748 West Jefferson Boulevard (corner of Western & Jefferson)
- Smith's Quick Cleaners, 1901 Rodeo Road (near Rodeo & Arlington)

For further information on what this Neighborhood Council is doing, you are encourage to visit our website at www.nandc.org, contact committee chairs or the NANDC secretary by email at ecnandc@gmail.com.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment at 3-1-1.

