

**Shawn Simons**, President  
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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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**Area Representatives:**  
Leslie Evans, Area 1  
Josyel Castellon, Area 1  
Ana Carrion, Area 2  
VACANT, Area 2  
VACANT, Area 3  
Craig Dietrich, Area 3

**Committees:**

Jill Remelski, Budget & Finance  
Rohan Gupta, Planning & Land  
Use  
Leslie Evans, Public Safety  
Eddie North-Hager, Outreach  
Al Foster, Youth/Senior  
Gabriela Garcia, Block Clubs and  
Beautification  
Shawn Simons, Economic  
Development

**At Large Representatives:**  
Yelba Castellon  
Christine Lee  
VACANT

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Andrea Canty, Education Rep  
Eddie North-Hager, USC-Staff Rep  
Sabrina Brown, Public Safety Rep

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
MLK Park Gymnasium  
(39<sup>th</sup> Street and Western Ave)**

**MINUTES**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Announcements** – Shawn Simons noted absence of city and police officials at recent meetings. Shawn will send letters requesting presence or a report.
  - a. Community announcements –
    - i. Open houses for USC Village at Expo – Saturday Jan. 7 10 to noon, and Thursday Jan. 12, 6 to 8
    - ii. Redistricting District 8 Jan. 10 Tuesday at Expo
    - iii. Figuera Corridor Community workshop with CRA LA Feb. 8 – 10, Expo Center
- 3. Roll Call of Present Board Members** - Eddie, Craig, Leslie, Christine, Josyel, Rohan, Andrea, Yelba, Ana were in attendance.
  - a. November Minutes approved
- 4. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Community Committee:
    - i. Treasurer Report - Budget & Finance: Tabled
    - ii. Outreach – Eddie North-Hager – Street beautification of Vermont in partnership with community groups. Shawn cited the Issues are maintenance.  
Western and King – crime could be reduced by heading west first and then going to their destination. Shawn suggested to send a letter Leslie will interface with the police and see what could be done.
    - iii. Youth – Andrea Canty is still looking into purchasing Trash Cans.
    - iv. Toy giveaway – Josyel reported a successful toy event with 24<sup>th</sup> St.

Theater through the Fire Department.

- v. Health fair – Josyel and Yelba – planning continue for April event.
  - vi. Block Club and Beautification – Craig Dietrich – may do a dig in greening of Yelba’s house. Needs to get block club packet from Gabriella,
- b. Policy Committee – Did not meet
- i. Public Safety: Leslie Evans  
Andrea talking with Ofcr. Hauter regarding prostitution on Western. She has made 40 calls in two months. Now prostitute watch committee has formed. Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday meeting of month. Shawn asked the meeting move to last Thursday of month to meet with Policy meeting  
NOTE: Adams and Kenwood area has a problem with drunks. The Mexican restaurant applying for wine permit, hearing on Jan. 17. Leslie will plan to oppose the permit because of the issues in the area.  
Letter from the board to CRA will be sent regarding the Bishop regarding pipes on lots.

**5. Action/Discussion: Odd Fellows MOU presentation (1828 Oak Street)**

Rachel of EPG followed up with a letter apologizing not being able to give specifics. Invited the neighborhood council to meet at the location. Still requesting support but not proving specific community benefits. Yelba want more specifics regarding community benefits because the prices are out of reach for residents. Also concerned with parking though there is parking at the venue. Josyel concerned with noise, which she can currently hear at her home.

Leslie supports the project because the community needs new businesses.

Nay – Yelba, Josyel, and Craig. Yays pass to support project.

Will return for April meeting.

- 6. Action/Discussion: Open Neighborhoods solar group-purchasing program**  
presentation by James Brennan. (15 min) – He organized 30 Mar Vista homes in 3 months. Shawn wants them to give preso at community events. He said that with leasing program solar power for homes can be less than electricity bill. Board interested in next steps.

- 7. Action/Discussion: Street Cleaning Watch Dog Report – Craig Dietrich -**  
Submitting survey questions to pass out to community. Used google docs to create questionnaire. Shawn suggested survey monkey.

- 8. Action/Discussion: Neighborhood Council Election Preferences –**  
Board decided not to do the survey. Tuesday the city will allow DONE to do the elections 2012. Shawn says the board needs to put together an election plan to bring people on board.

- 9. Action/Discussion: Treasurer position vacancy –** Treasure, budget and finance director Jill Remelski announced she is resigning from the board. Jill has offered to train a current member of the NANDC board about the rules and regulations of the finances and the responsibilities of the treasurer.

- 10. Action/Discussion: New welcome to the audience – Eddie North-Hager –** Unlike most formal city-approved bodies, the NANDC board has a more informal nature and encourages audience participation during the meeting. But our constituents have

complained about knowing their role. Voted to ask the audience to introduce themselves and their neighborhood at the beginning of each meeting and move public comment to the middle. **Citizens in attendance** - Kenneth Wyrick, Peter , Chen Le – Chrstine Husband, Hasaan, Ron from Echo Park community, Yohey – USC Graduate.

**11. Discussion – Goals and resolutions for 2012 – Eddie North-Hager –**

Board is interested in outreach to get more members but unclear what is the answer. Eddie and Craig suggest taking meeting to the communities like we are doing with the block clubs. Resident James suggested booth at the local farmers market.

**12. Action/Discussion: Board members**

- a. New Board members – Approved as a new member USC Graduate and Professional Student Senate director of campus affairs Yohey Daniel Tokumitsu. Shawn wants a bus to bring students
- b. Recruitment strategies – Every board member should submit one name for a potential board member ready for the February meeting.

**13. Agenda Setting for Feb. Meeting**

Budget Rep - Shawn  
 Standing election and recruitment – Discussion  
 Rebate solar program Peter Nam – Christine  
 Funding request for March 31 health fair – Peter  
 Retreat – 4 hours on a Saturday -  
 Andrea will pick up food.  
 Ron Lopez – would like to be on the board

**14. Public Comment and Announcements –**

**15. Adjournment**

**Official public notice for all committees:**

<b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>				
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	<b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>
Community Committee (Outreach / Youth and Senior / Block club/ Beautification / Budget and Finance)	Jill, Ana, Craig, Eddie, Andrea. Josyel, Yelba, Shawn	<a href="mailto:edwardnh@usc.edu">edwardnh@usc.edu</a>	USC Community House, 28 <sup>th</sup> and Hoover	Last Monday of every month, 6 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety / Economic Development / Land Use)	Sabrina, Christine, Leslie, Rohan, Andrea, Shawh	rohan@stuho.com	USC Computing Center in University Village	Last Thursday

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **THURSDAY December 1<sup>st</sup>**

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)

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