

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

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Elected Board

Michael Ureña
President

Yolanda Jones
Vice President

Nancy Aguilar
Secretary

Appointed Board

Shane Hapuarachy
Treasurer

At Large Representatives:

Sharon Stewart
Emmanuel Caudillo

Neighborhood Representatives

Area 1:

Elena Farias
Carlos Lopez

Area 2:

Bethany Leal
Quentin Moreland

Area 3:

Diane Rodriguez
Jairo Umaña

1. Welcome

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

3. General Announcements

- a. City Services Committee Report available on-line www.nandc.org
 - i. Resignation of Jacqueline Hamilton as City Services Chairperson
- b. Rules and Procedures Committee Report available on-line www.nandc.org
 - i. Resignation of Maggi Fajnor as Rules and Procedures Chairperson
- c. Block Club Canvassing Huge Success: Thanks You Carlos Lopez and Bethany Leal
- d. ECNANDC Decision Making Process Explained – www.nandc.org Committee's Webpage

4. Public Comment

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

5. Approval of July 16th 2005 Minutes

6. Approval of August 4th 2005 Minutes

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report – Shane Hapuarachy
- b. Public Safety Report – Leslie Evans, Chairperson
- c. Council District 8 Report from Field Deputy Cathy Davis
- d. Council District 1 Report from Field Deputy Monica Aleman
- e. Land Use Committee Report
 - i. Re-appointment of Suzanne Lloyd-Simmons as Land-Use Chairperson
- f. Budget and Finance Committee Report
 - i. Re-appointment of Yolanda Jones as Budget and Finance Chairperson
- g. Seniors and Aging Committee Report
 - i. Re-appointment of Donna Williams as Seniors and Aging Chairperson
- h. Youth Committee Report
 - i. Appointment of Interim Co-Chairs: Celia Castellaños and Jairo Umaña

8. New Business:

- a. Discussion Item: Clean Money and Fair Elections Act; Presentation (20min)
- b. Action Item: Appointment of Lacy Goode as at-large governing board member.
- c. Action Item: Approval or Web Site Enhancement Web Site Committee (Alan Dale and Associates)
 - i. Bulletin Board Feature - Estimated Fee \$1350, \$850 to begin balance upon delivery.
 - ii. Calendar Feature - Estimated Fee \$1330, \$850 to begin balance upon delivery.
- d. Action Item: Approval of Anti-Crime & Nuisance Lighting Locations:
 - i. 3013 S. Budlong Ave., 90007
 - ii. 2911 S. Budlong Ave., 90007
 - iii. 2626 S. Budlong Ave., 90007
 - iv. 1419 29th St., 90007
 - v. Intersection of 29th Street and Catalina Ave.

- e. Action Item: Purchase of gates for alley closing the north-south alley between Normandie Ave. and Brighton Ave. Map of alley and gate placement to be reviewed. Estimated cost \$6,500.
- f. Action item: Letter in Support of California Assembly Bill (AB 795), Authored by Assembly Member Mark Ridley Thomas, Authorizes a Peace Officer Standard Study for the need for a peace officer presence on the state grounds of the 130 acre California Exposition Park.
- g. Discussion Item: Engine House No. 18 - Community desire to maintain Fire House No. 18 as a public space was the unanimous outcome of recent Charette. Should the neighborhood council be a partner in a coalition to preserve the Engine House for public use?
- h. Action item: Vacate Area 2 Governing Board Seat held by Quentin Moreland
 - i. Bylaws Article VII, Section D
 - 1. Any vacancy may be filled by recommendation from the Governing Body, Neighborhood Council Member or the city Council Member and approved by majority vote of the Governing Body.
 - 2. Reason: Poor attendance and/or participation on the Governing Body and/or meetings, events and activities.

9. Public Comment

- a. Comments from the public on items not included on today's agenda. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker, unless the presiding officer of the Board determines a different time limit for that particular item. Please complete a speaker card and submit it prior to the Call to Order if you would like an opportunity to speak.

10. Adjournment

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council						September 2005 Calendar
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u> Regular NANDC Meeting 6:30 pm Child Guidance Clinic 3787 S. Vermont	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Land Use & Planning Committee 6:30 pm Bethune Library Community Room 3665 Vermont	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Outreach Committee 6:30 pm Weemes Elementary 1260 W. 36 th Place	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> NANDC Planning Meeting 10 am Child Guidance Clinic 3787 S. Vermont
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> City Services Committee 6:30 pm Child Guidance Clinic 3787 S. Vermont	<u>22</u> Public Safety Committee 7:00 pm St. Marks Church 3651 Vermont	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	

For more information on any of the ECNANDC committees, please contact:

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Interim organizer BETHANY LEAL – bethany.ecnandc@gmail.com

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE - SUZANNE LLOYD-SIMMONS - 323.493.4859 - SLS@ICCIDESIGN.COM

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - Interim organizer–MICHAEL URENA –NANDC.PRES@GMAIL.COM

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - LESLIE EVANS - LBEVANS@EARTHLINK.NET

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE - YOLANDA JONES – nandc.vp@gmail.com

RULES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE – TBA

SENIORS AND AGING COMMITTEE - DONNA WILLIAMS - 323.290-0080 - ladydimarie4@dslextreme.com

WEBSITE COMMITTEE - LESLIE EVANS - LBEVANS@EARTHLINK.NET

YOUTH COMMITTEE – JAIRO UMANA – jairo.nandc@gmail.com

For any ECNANDC related information, please contact **MICHAEL URENA – 323.229.7834** or nandc.pres@gmail.com

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) Governing Board is **Thursday October 6th, 2005** at the Child Guidance Clinic, 3787 S. Vermont Ave. (corner of Exposition and Vermont). You are encouraged to visit a NANDC posting sites 72 hours prior to the Regular and Planning/Discussion 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)

Also, watch for future agendas to be posted on the DONE webpage approximately 72 hours before our meetings. You can view it by simply going to www.lacityneighborhoods.com and click on the early notification system link at the top of the page. Once in click on Neighborhood Councils Subscriptions, and scroll down to our neighborhood council and click on it. You will be able to see the agenda.

Everyone in the neighborhood is welcomed! Please join us!

ISSUE

AB 795 (Ridley-Thomas) authorizes a Peace Officer Standard Study for the need for a peace officer presence on the state grounds of the 130 acre California Exposition Park. Since 1995, the number of large events has grown. The IMAX theater has become a permanent fixture, an elementary school has been added to the grounds (the school has a mutual assistance contract with the CMSI for the school) and the Body Works Exhibit at the CMSI has brought almost one million people through the doors to date. The issues of security are no longer limited to the Science center alone.

BACKGROUND

The California Museum of Science and Industry (CMSI), a department of the State of California, was official designated the Sixth Agricultural District in 1962. It is a 130 acre, inner city, educational/recreational area dedicated to serve the people of California by stimulating interest in science. The grounds belong to the State of California and include Exposition Park. CMSI consists of eight separate buildings, nine parking lots and the grounds around this area. The park includes the Coliseum, Sports Arena and the City Rose Garden, which are leased to the City of Los Angeles; and the County Museum of Natural History which is leased to the County of Los Angeles.

AB 1196 (Hughes) added section 4108 to the Food and Agricultural Code, to employ peace officers. AB 1196 also added Section 830.3 to the Penal Code

designating the chief and assistant chief as peace officers.

In 1991 and in 1995, the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) completed a POST study on the needs of the CMSI. There findings concluded that there was not a need for the peace officer status for the security officers. During the 1984 Olympic

Games, Exposition Park contracted with the State Police to provide security during the Games. The State Police have also provided support for large events on a per event basis.

THIS BILL

1995 allows POST to complete a study of the changes in security needed with the growth of Exposition Park. The changes include:

- Add a new elementary school on the grounds.
- Add a new IMAX Theater.
- Withdraw of Body Works I and add Body Works II Exhibits at the
- The proposed addition of a NFL franchise at the Coliseum.
- The decreasing ability for the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department to respond given the staffing shortages and the limited budget resources available.



EXISTING LAW

- AB 1196 (Hughes) granted Peace Officer status to the chief and assistant chief of the CMSI.
- SB 353 (Presley) added Penal Code Section 13540 requiring the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training in response to a request for peace officer designation.

RELATED LEGISLATION

None at this time.

SUPPORT

California Union for Safety Employees
(CAUSE) (Sponsor)

OPPOSITION

None on file.

STATUS

April 12- Bill set to be heard in Assembly
Public Safety Committee.

February 18- Introduced

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Luanne Morikawa, Principal Assistant
Assembly Member Mark Ridley-Thomas
(916) 319-2048



August 24, 2005

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas
Assembly Member
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 795 Peace officers: California Science Center

Dear Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas:

We, the Governing Board of the Empowerment Congress, North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC), are writing to express our support for AB 795. We applaud this piece of legislation to authorize a Peace Officer Standard Study for the need for peace officer presence in Exposition Park.

The NANDC has four issue areas: public safety, youth, outreach and block clubs. The passage of AB 795 would further two of our primary concerns, public safety and youth. As you are aware, public safety is the most important issue in our community, indeed in most Los Angeles communities. Moreover, public safety and youth are interconnected in that structured, adult-supervised youth activities - available in the park - steer children away from crime.

NANDC views Exposition Park as a jewel in the center of our community. It is enjoyed by all the members of our community, as well as visitors from other areas of Los Angeles and beyond. As usage of the park grows, it is imperative that services which protect its serene atmosphere, grow as well. AB 795 is a step in the right direction with regard to ensuring Exposition Park remain a safe, clean, and public space. Thank you for your leadership on this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,
NANDC Governing Board

Michael J. Urena, President
Yolanda Jones, Vice President
Nancy Aguilar, Secretary
Shane Hapuarachy, Treasurer

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Brighton/Normandie Block Club

May 23, 2005

Dear NANDC Board of Directors,

The members of the Brighton/Normandie Block Club and surrounding residents request \$7,225 for gating the alley between Normandie Ave. and Brighton Ave. from 27th St. to 29th St.

Current Situation

The north-south alley between Normandie Ave. and Brighton Ave. provides a dark passageway for gang members, drug dealers and users, prostitutes and their "Johns", and homeless scavengers traveling between Jefferson and Adams Blvds. The alley is routinely used for illicit sexual encounters, smoking crack, selling dope, urination and defecation, illegal dumping, car abandonment, and tagging. Used condoms, drug paraphernalia, graffiti, abandoned furniture and all manner of trash are commonly found

Over the last year several of our homes have been burglarized by thieves entering from the alley. The most brazen break-in involved a prowler who smashed through a bedroom window at midnight.

Other neighbors have encountered people shamelessly engaging in sex, dumping trash, smoking crack, and painting graffiti. In short the alley is a magnet for criminal activity and a grave danger to residents, especially our children and youth.

Rationale

Gating the alley between 27th St. and 29th St. will have a broad positive impact on the community. The open alley between Normandie and Brighton Ave. runs uninterrupted for four blocks from Jefferson Blvd. on the south to Adams on the north. This proposal shuts the door on this passageway. It will force the criminal element into the light and accountability of our streets where the activities described above are far less likely to occur. In short, gating the alley will reduce crime and improve public safety.

Cost and Logistics

The attached estimate to gate the alley was provided by Bobco Metals, the City's gate vendor before the Nuisance Alley Conversion Project was discontinued. Residents along the alley have signed a petition requesting the gates and have identified members who will take responsibility for opening and closing the gates on trash day.

If you need additional information please contact Richard Parks at (323) 732-9881.

This proposal promises to have a transformative impact on our community by decreasing crime and improving public safety. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brighton/Normandie Block Club