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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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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

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, January 4, 2007
6:30PM to 8:30PM
EPICC Community Room, 2nd Floor
3980 S. Menlo Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- By Michael Urena

2. Announcements

- a. Empowerment Congress Event – January 16th
 - Fortunato Tapia, LAUSD Community Relations. New High School to alleviate over-crowding at Manual Arts High School. Proposed site at Hoover & Slauson. Public meeting to be held on Jan. 23, 2007 at Budlong Elementary Auditorium at 6PM. Contact Fortunato at (213) 893-6805.

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.

4. Roll Call of Present Board Members

- Board members present: Nancy Aguilar, Guillermo Farias, Christine Lee, Maggi Fajnor, Michael Urena, Yolanda Jones, Joshua Watson, Celia Castellanos, Sharon Stewart, Rachel Capata, Jairo Umana (came in at Item #5a) and Elena Farias (came in at Item #5a).
- Board members not present: Rossana Cabrera (not excused), Lacey Goode (not excused) and Carlos Lopez (excused).

5. Community Reports

- a. Latino National Congress Report – NANDC Delegates
 - Gabriela and Norma Fernandez attended

- Theme: Environment and more green space is needed in the US
- b. Council District 8 Report – Cathy Davis
 - Not present
- c. Council District 1 Report – Monica Aleman
 - Not present
- d. Report from Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment – Deanna Stevenson
 - Waiting for ECNANDC Election Procedures
 - Ethics test needs to be taken by board members (available on DONE website)
 - Public Hearing on 9/12 Commission – January 19, 2006 at 6:30PM. For information call Esther Cepeda (310) 809-0851
- e. Public Safety Committee Report – Leslie Evans
 - Closed 5 cases
 - 18 cases active
 - i. Vote to Approve “List of Problem Properties”

Motion by Yolanda Jones to approve “List of Problem Properties” with the following amendment: RV parked in front of 24th St. Theatre has a legitimate license; registration is in progress. Motion seconded by Celia Castellanos. Motion passes unanimously.

- f. Website Committee Report – Leslie Evans
 - Nothing to report
 - g. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Yolanda Jones
 - Meeting held on Dec. 19th
 - Reviewed expenditures for NANDC
 - Need to review Office Space expenditure list (furniture, equipment, etc.)
 - Need Updates for the following: Joshua Watson’s Book Drive & Rachel Capata’s Richardson Family Park Mural Project
 - Note: Ad-Hoc Office Space Committee is no longer in existence
 - h. Treasurer’s Report – Guillermo Farias
 - Reports available online
 - i. Land Use and Planning Committee Report – Maggi Fajnor and/or Elena Farias
 - 6 entitlement reports, cell phone towers & St. Mary’s Project also on the report given by the Planning Dept.
 - Student Housing Overlay Zone is currently at the City Attorney’s Office.
 - j. Richardson Family Park Update – Sharon Stewart / Lillian Marengo
 - Sharon Stewart and Lillian Marengo is planning a Town Hall with community to discuss plans and/or ideas for the park. Proposed date in Jan. 9th. Expected number of people will be 75 to 100.
 - k. Youth Committee Report – Celia Castellanos and /or Jairo Umana
 - Currently scheduling 2 “Kids Science Days”
- 6. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2006**
- 7. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2006**
- 8. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2006**
- 9. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2006**
- Tabled for next Mid-month meeting
- 10. Action Item: Approval of Election Procedures including Committee Chair and members**
- Tabled for next month’s meeting and will vote
 - Copy is available on NANDC website (www.nandc.org)

11. Action Item: Approval of Letter of Support Community Land Trust

- Item is to support the Figueroa Corridor Community Land Trust
- Letter written by Michael Urena and will be signed by Michael Urena

Motion by Sharon Stewart to authorize Michael Urena to sign the Community Land Trust letter, as written by Michael Urena. Motion seconded by Joshua Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Discussion Item: Letter of Support for LANI proposal – President’s Signature Needed

- Letter not formally voted on, but no board member objected the letter
- Letter is written to Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer of LA Metro
- Letter written by Michael Urena and will be signed by Michael Urena

13. Action Item: Approval expenditures Related to Land-use Training for Board Members

- Training is on January 18th at \$200 per training for a total of \$1200 (5 board members to attend and 1 ticket just in case another board member is going to attend)
- Board members to attend: Lacey Goode, Yolanda Jones, Michael Urena, Rachel Capata and Christine Lee

Motion by Yolanda Jones to approve \$1200 for Land-Use Training. Motion seconded by Sharon Stewart. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Action Item: Approval of Recommendations to Zoning Administrator regarding Pablo’s Restaurant

- See Proclamation letter written by Michael Urena
- In proclamation make the following changes:
 - i. #5c-Remove the word “grocery”
 - ii. After Item#6a, should read “State Alcoholic Beverage Control”

Motion by Sharon Stewart to approve Pablo’s Restaurant Proclamation with the above 2 changes. Motion seconded by Elena Farias. Motion passes unanimously.

15. Action Item: Approval of Ad-hoc Emergency / Earthquake Preparedness Committee

- a. Generate interest and lead in the creation of area CERT Team.
- b. Develop DVD and information pamphlets to prepare area residents for an eventual earthquake, home preparation, during the event, and hours immediately following.
- c. Distribute DVD and Information materials to area stakeholders and hold small training events.
 - Tabled until next month’s meeting, but Rossana Cabrera has expressed interest in being the Committee Chair

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17. Adjournment

- By Michael Urena

Minutes by Nancy Aguilar

Official Public Notice for all Standing Committees.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Eryn Young – Time and Location TBD

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Elena Farias & Lizette Hernandez – lizettecorazon@yahoo.com – Immediately after Town Hall Meeting

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Rachel Capata – ecnandc.capata@gmail.com – Immediately after Town Hall Meeting

RULES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE – Immediately after Town Hall Meeting

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Jairo Umaña & Celia Castellans – castellc@gmail.com – Immediately after Town Hall Meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Leslie Evans – lbevans@earthlink.net - Third Thursday of every month - 6:00 pm at the Exposition Regional Library - 3665 S. Vermont Avenue

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Yolanda Jones – nandc.vp@gmail.com - Third Tuesday of the Month - 6:00 - 7:00 PM - On USC campus Bridge Hall 300

SENIORS AND AGING COMMITTEE – Richard Enriquez – Time and Location TBD

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – Leslie Evans - lbevans@earthlink.net Immediately after Town Hall Meeting

The Next Town Hall Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is **Saturday, January 20, 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.

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Everyone in the neighborhood is welcomed to attend!

