

Shawn Simons, President
Rohan Gupta, Vice President
Samantha Foley, Secretary
Jill Remelski, Treasurer

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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

Area Representatives:
Leslie Evans, Area 1
Josyel Castellon, Area 1
Ana Carrion, Area 2
VACANT, Area 2
Al Foster, Area 3
Ashley Ramos, 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
Gabriela Garcia
Christine Lee
Hector Ramos

Community Interest Positions:

Andrea Canty, Education Rep
Eddie North-Hager, USC-Staff Rep
Sabrina Brown, Public Safety Rep
Carlos Segovia, Youth Rep

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 3, 2011
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
MLK Park Gymnasium
(39th Street and Western Ave)**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order & Translation Services (5 minute)**
- 2. Announcements (20 min)**
 - a. LAPD report – Senior Lead Officers
Shooting on 24th and Congress. Looking for silver or light blue four-door car. Could be narcotics related. If you have any information please report it to the authorities.
Broke up transient encampment on Hobart.
Have new 16-man unit with borders of EXPO to south, Flower to east, Adams to the north and Normandie to the west. USC has requested more manpower for the area. They are a Z unit meaning they don't take radio calls.
Nicole Garner is now just USC and will be on campus. Sam Salazar is relocating to North University Park area.
 - b. CD 1 Report – Richard Reyes, not present
 - c. CD 8 report – Cathy Davis, not present
 - d. Assemblymen Davis report, not present
 - e. Senator Price report – James Westbrooks, not present
- 3. Public Comment and Announcements - Comments from the public are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless the presiding officer of the board determines a different limit for a particular item. (15 min)**

Job Fair at EXPO Park, expecting 50 employers from the area looking to hire.
Figueroa Corridor Streetscape Project round two workshops begin next week! February 8th, 6-8pm at FIDM and Thursday, February 10th at EXPO Rect Center from 4-7pm.
Health Fair, Saturday, April 23rd from 8am-2pm at MLK Park. Will be a 5k walk/run.
- 4. Roll Call of Present Board Members (5 min) Sabrina, Ana, Leslie, Ashley, Samantha, Rohan, Shawn, Hector, Jill, Eddie, Yelba, Chrisine**

- a. Action - Approval of Minutes for January – MOTION: Rohan motions to approve, Yelba seconds. All in favor, MOTION PASSES.

5. **Discussion/Action: Bylaw Committee of Neighborhood Councils (20 min)**

Will need supplemental meeting with at least 8 people to pass bylaws. Suggested time is February 24th, Thursday, at 6:30pm. Ana, Sam, Rohan, Shawn, Christine, Eddie, Jill, Hector will be present to vote on bylaws.

Andrea present.

Have several representative roles that have never been appointed.

Have quarterly Saturday meeting in the bylaws and never had it. Don't think need that anymore because have a lot of events.

Have "alternates" from when board had problems making quorum.

6. **Discussion/Action: Con Sabor Liquor License (15 min)**

Carlos, owner, Restaurant at 22nd St and Union, requesting a liquor license. Presented restaurant menu. Con Sabor owner is stakeholder in the community and wants to move the restaurant to the next level. Will still be a community/family restaurant. Culver City former Mayor and Council member spoke on behalf of their Culver City location.

Raphael Nadel, lives in neighborhood, spoke on behalf of owner.

Josyel and Gabriela present.

Leslie went to the restaurant and was very impressed with the quality and thinks it's a great addition to the community. Need a liquor license to survive as a business. Gabriela met owner at a block club meeting and lives near the restaurant. There are a lot of places in the area that sell alcohol. Afraid that bringing more into the neighborhood.

Rohan states that this is an opportunity for a business and the owner is taking an economic chance, adding jobs to the community. Don't see a lot of restaurants in the area so when we have a chance to have a nice place that we support that. Josyel lives very close by the restaurant and a lot of residential homes in the area, how late will the restaurant be open, will people be making noise after hours when they are intoxicated.

Hours of operation are currently set for Monday through Friday 10am-11pm, and weekends open until 12am. Will be enclosing the patio facility. Andrea asks if security will be present at close. Will have security cameras and lights. Requesting a full liquor license. Leslie says do not want to require conditions that no longer restaurants have like security guards. This is a restaurant, not a bar. Raphael – this used to be a taco stand and could go before and get a bottle of liquor next store, but would much rather sit down in a restaurant and have a glass of wine. Cannot succeed without this license and taking a tremendous chance in this neighborhood. Owner has had a liquor license before. Shawn- this is not a liquor store or a bar. Been very impressed with investment making in the community and working with the community. Stakeholder- against opening any more liquor stores in the area, oversaturated with liquor in the area. CD1 was in support and neighbors have signed letters of support.

MOTION: Jill moves to support the applicant's request for a liquor license. Andrea seconds motion (Leslie third). IN FAVOR: Rohan, Sam, Shawn, Sabrina, Anan, Leslie, Ashley, Andrea, Jill, Hector, Eddie, Yelba, OPPOSED: Gabriela, ABSTAINING: Christine, Josyel. MOTION PASSES.

Stakeholder- opposes liquor licenses in area, should be restrictions on how many types of liquor they can have.

7. **Discussion/ Action: Upcoming Election - Possible sub committee for a get out the Vote initiative (10 min)**

Election on March 8th. USC has the highest voter registration but lowest voter turnout, would like to reach out to USC and the community to get out the vote. Ashley will work with USC organizations to get out the vote. David Galaviz- working with Unruh Institute on ideas to get out the vote. Also important LAUSD election taking place as well.

Subcommittee: Ashley, Shawn, Andrea

8. **Discussion/ Action: NANDC Health Fair Funding request (15 min)**– Yelba Castellon
Yelba: Joint venture with NANDC so requesting funding. Will be educational session with community that will be led by Medical students, dental screenings, obstacle course for children to get active, 5k walk/run in the morning. Event is April 23rd at MLK Park. Will be a lot of giveaways, cooking demonstrations. Requesting for funding for promotional materials to give out that day, pedometers with NANDC logo and website. 150 yoga mats for \$10 a piece. Shawn- thinks should give more, about \$5,000 to get co-sponsorship. Expecting 500-1,000 people.

MOTION: Shawn motions to give \$5,000 to Health Fair, Rohan seconds.

All present.

ABSTAINING: Hector, everyone else in FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.

Go to Council Office for tables and chairs.

9. **Committee Reports: (40 min)**

- a. Treasurer Report - Budget & Finance: Jill Remelski
- b. Planning & Land Use: Rohan Gupta
- c. Public Safety: Leslie Evans

Trying to get rid of homeless encampment on Normandie near 10 freeway.

Working with SLO in area and commanding officer in Olympuc division and said they would work on it.

Car sales on Hoover between the 10 freeway and Adams, doesn't seem to be very serious, 3-5 cars usually. Only solution is for CD1/8 to put up parking restrictions. 1264 West Adams is vacant with derelict truck, Monday vehicles will be removed. La Salle and Adams recycling center being prosecuted. Had hearing the other day, requested that judge hold until appeal of civil lawsuit is heard but hopefully judge will let it go forward.

38th and Normandie derelict building abandoned in 2009, trying to get graffiti off of it. Reached inspector and building was sold and new permits issued and construction will begin again soon and be a 17 unit apartment building.

MOTION: Yelba moves to accept report, Ashley seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

- d. Youth/Seniors: Al Foster

No meeting last month.

Soledad, school that works with youth and getting them back on track- Cesar Calderon, the founder has passed away.

West Adams Pride, parent group in preparation of budget cuts want to join up and do a scholarship program for athletes and a mentoring sports program.

- e. Block Club and Beautification: Gabriela Garcia

If would like to start a block club, let us know, get up to \$500 after have first community event.

Had fruit tree giveaway at MLK Park. Passed out trees also at Denker Park. Gave out 100 fruit trees. Looking to partner with schools to educate on trees, nature and health.

Leslie: Need funding to keep trees on Adams alive. Will be requesting funding (\$1,200), current funding ends in April, would like funding for summer months. Put on Agenda in April

- f. Outreach: Eddie North-Hager – Action: Funding request for mailing list & post card
Passed around pamphlet to show Board what will be printed/circulated. No vote required on funding because included in committee budget. Add committees, dates and locations. Discussion of changing the pamphlet color from red to yellow, blue, something less militant.

MOTION: Jill moves to approve flier. Ashley seconds. IN FAVOR: Ana, Ashley, Sam, Rohan, Shawn, Jill, Hector, Josyel, Eddie, Yelba, Christine, Gabriela.

OPOUSED: AI, Sabrina, Leslie, Andrea. MOTION PASSES.

Request for \$864 for registered voter mailing list with detailed resident information.

MOTION: Yelba moves to approve funding, Ashley seconds. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION PASSES.

- g. Economic Development: Shawn Simons – Action: on Community Benefits Draft *Eddie, Sabrina, Sam and Hector recuse themselves from debate.*

Shawn goes through CBA with Board. Jobs is primary focus.

Reading of Jobs section. Jonathan (USC Student)- worked with many different community groups on CBAs, think we should unite NANDC CBA with ones from UNIDAD and other community groups. UNIDAD has experience with producing CBAs and researching. Look at both CBAs and work together towards one CBA.

Reading of Small Business/Economic Development section. David Galaviz- if you know of local vendors that are interested, please let USC know.

Reading of Housing section. Jonathan- would like to add numbers of percentage of undergraduate and graduate units. David Galaviz- putting percentages and dollar amounts on things can help. Not an issue with any of this and will be dealing with numbers. Jonathan- define what “affordable housing” is for students. Jesus (SAJE)- been looking at numbers/percentages for affordable housing based on Enterprise study produced by USC.

Reading of Physical Rehabilitation section.

Reading of Community Resources section. Gabriela- there is a strong coalition in existence that covers every issue and has the experience and research so what is NANDC’s purpose in putting this forth. Shawn- don’t want to compete with other CBAs. Gabriela concerned that groups should hold USC accountable to agreement. Jill- would vote against it because have a coalition of 20 other organizations and should have a united front. The coalition is not aware that NANDC is interested in partnering. Shawn- spoken with UNDIAD leadership about coming up with a unified CBA, and they have not been responsive to the request.

Ana questions creation of affordable housing for the community versus student housing. Shawn- project is for student housing, but asking for additional affordable community housing. Andrea- how come these groups haven’t come forward before today to work with us? Gabriela- been to most of Economic Development meetings. Jill- wants NANDC to join UNIDAD and they have the resources to follow through. Shawn- this has been in the works for 8 months with several community members and it is unfair to them and to us not to move forward.

MOTION: Ashley moves to approve the CBA and send to USC, Rohan seconds.

Yelba amends the motion to meet with USC on NANDC CBA and at some point to combine NANDC CBA with UNIDAD CBA. Shawn- everyone is not part of UNIDAD. Amendment accepted by Ashley. IN FAVOR: Yelba, Christine, Rohan,

Shawn, Andrea, Ashley, Ana, OPOSED Leslie, Josyel, Jill, Gabriela,

ABSTAINING: AI. MOTION PASSES.

- h. Park Partnerships: Shawn Simons

Anyone want to join the Parks committee as a NANDC Representative?

- i. SLAANC Update: Andrea Canty

February 13th next meeting at 3731 Stockard Blvd. Suite 201, 6:30pm

- j. Budget Update: Rohan Gupta

10. Project Updates (10 min)

- a. Illegal Vending, Lou

- b. Parent Education Internet Safety Presentation, Andrea

Met with families and schools and safety committee at USC and working on internet safety presentation

c. Community Board

11. Agenda Setting for March Meeting (5 min)

a. DONE strategic planning presentation/workshop - Point Person

b. CD8 election debate

12. Adjournment 9:14pm

Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees				
COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE/TIME
Public Safety	Leslie Evans	lbevans@earthlink.net	Bethune library at 39th Street and Western Avenue	Third Thursday of every month. 5:00 pm
Budget & Finance	Jill Remelski	nandc.treasurer@gmail.com	NANDC Office Ahmanson Senior Center, 3990 S. Menlo	As needed
Land Use & Planning	Rohan Gupta/ Samantha Foley	rohan@stuhoc.com / sam.r.foley@gmail.com	Community Computing Center, University Village	Last Thursday of every month, 6:00 pm
Outreach	Eddie North-Hager	edwardnh@usc.edu	Community House, 28 th and Hoover	Last Tuesday of every month, 6:00 pm
Youth/Senior	Al Foster	aljfooster@yahoo.com	Starbucks on Hoover	Last Sunday of every month, 9:00 am
Economic Development	Shawn Simons	Shawn.simons@yahoo.com	Community Computing Center, University Village	Last Thursday of every month, 7:00 pm
Block Clubs and Beautification	Gabriela Garcia	gabriela.unidad@gmail.com	Community House, 28 th and Hoover	Last Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **THURSDAY March 3rd**

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)

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.