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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Leslie Evans, Area 1
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Yelba Castellon
Gabriela Garcia
Christine Lee
Moises Matamoros
Hector Ramos

Community Interest Positions:
Andrea Canty, Education Rep
Eddie North-Hager, USC-Staff Rep

Regular Meeting
Thursday July 1st, 2010
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

University Village Community Computing Center
3355 South Hoover. Suite C-10.
(North Side of Jefferson Boulevard at McClintock Avenue.
Behind the Bank of America building by the Dollar store)

Meeting MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Call to Order & Translation Services (5 minute) (6:30pm)**
2. **Announcements (20 min)**
   - **a.** CD 1 Report – Richard Reyes – Requests stakeholders to report problem properties to CD1 Deputies.
   - **b.** CD 8 report – Cathy Davis – announcement for 4th of July fireworks at Exposition Park
   - **c.** LAPD report – Senior Lead Officer –ABSENT
   - **d.** Assemblymen Davis report – Raul Claros - ABSENT
   - **e.** Senator Price report – James Westbrooks - ABSENT
3. **Roll Call of Present Board Members: Shawn Simons, Rohan Gupta, Jill Remelski, Idolina Delgado, Leslie Evans, Ana Carrion, Al Foster, Ashley Ramos, Yelba Castellon, Gabriela Garcia, Christine Lee, Moises Matomoros, Hector Ramos and Eddie North-Hager (14).**
   - **a. Committee Reports: (20 min)**
   - **b.** Treasurer Report - Budget & Finance:Jill Remelski
     - i. Motion to approve Eddie/ 2nd Ana – All voted YES.
     - ii. Discussion about $1310 to water trees for Mayor's Million Tree Neighborhood.
   - **c.** Planning & Land Use: Update
     - **i.** Action/Discussion: Cell Phone Towers, action letter
     - **ii.** Motion for Board to send a letter opposing cell phone towers by Jill/2nd Rohan. The board voted YES. All oppose more cell phone towers in the

area that are not aesthetically pleasing and are constantly being set-up within the NANDC boundary. The dangers of potential health risks from radiation coming these cell phone towers is not known and was discussed that the board would investigate this as well.

d. Public Safety: Leslie Evans

i. Motion to approve Public Safety Committee Report by Eddie/2nd Yelba – All voted YES

ii. Public Safety Committee Reports will become available online.

e. Economic Development: Shawn Simons – June 24th forum

i. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM: forum update

ii. USC was present at the last forum, June 24th, to make a presentation about the UV project. At the next meeting there will be discussions between community members about the Community Benefits Package. All are welcomed to attend and give their input.

4. Discussion: 851 W. 23rd Street – **presentation** Carolina Abrego-Pineda (Carolina Abrego-Pineda Consulting Services) **(20 min)**

a. Motion to support building project Leslie/2nd Ashley – Majority Voted YES. Those that voted NO: Gabriela, Moises, Ana, Andrea and Hector.

b. The project consists of an application in variance to section 1209. The following changes will occur:

i. 2 new apartment units 636 sq fit, and 1500 sq ft

ii. There are 3 buildings with 8 legal units and 3 illegal units. The 3 illegal units will become legal under this application.

iii. There will be 11 parking spaces for all three buildings.

iv. There was discussion about affordable housing. Representatives of this unit said no one would be displaced. All tenants are still living in this complex.

5. Discussion: 1230 W 36TH ST 90007 **- presentation** CESAR AGUIRRE - L & V ARCHITECTS **(20 min)**

a. This application is by right. There were no ordinances opposing this project. The project will demolish a single unit house and will begin construction of a new house. There will be 5 units total, which will be offered to anyone in the community. The board asked if these units were specifically catered to students. Representatives for this project mentioned that the owner will be in charge of renting out apartments. Comments from community included USC Public Safety officer who asked that the owner be reachable and committed to community to ensure appropriate behavior from students.

6. **Discussion/Action:** FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS DAY - Ashley Ramos **(15 min)**

a. Friends and Neighbors Day will be August 21st from 8am to 1pm. USC students will meet on campus and go into the community to serve. NANDC will participate during this community service event.

b. Ideas for service are: health awareness event at Lyon Center/USC Gym, Tree Planting or Area Clean up with 3 different sites corresponding to the three NANDC Areas. The board decided to do the Area clean up with the following people submitting sites for clean up: Area 1 – Yelba, Area 2 – Ana, Area 3 – Al.

7. Discussion/Action: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - **(15 min)**

a. Motion to approve spending on a banner for National Night Out up to $500 and getting the banner from a local vendor – motion by Rohan/ 2nd Ashley – All voted YES.

b. NANDC will participate in National Night Out on August 3rd. In order for this event

ot be successful a strong police presense will be necessary so NANDC will need to partner with block clubs. Leslie Evans will coordinate event and contact block club captains.

8. **Discussion/Action:** Orientation and Strategic Planning – Shawn & Idolina **(40 min)**
   a. Board Appointments and further recruitment for vacancies
      i. Sabrina Brown for Public Safety Rep – Sabrina has been on DPS for 11 years and LAPD for 13 years. She studied at CalState LB, lives locally and is committed to community relations and community events. Motion to approve Sabrina Brown as Public Safety Rep – Jill/2nd Rohan – All voted YES.
      ii. Yelba Castellon for Area 1, lives locally, has a business on Budlong and Adams and wants to apply for Business Rep or Area 1 Rep.
      iii. Guillermo Garcia – application for Zero Waste Committee Chair. Guillermo works for Studio Green and are interested in outreaching the NANDC area and raise awareness for Green alternatives.
   b. Committee Sign Ups – Tabled for next meeting
   c. Strategic goals and calendar – Tabled for next meeting
   d. Outreach Strategy and board commitment
   e. New meeting location –New location will be at MLK Park
9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Project Updates (10min)**
   a. Website – board members need to submit their pictures and bios to Secretary or President
   b. Community board **-** deposit invoice submitted
   c. Community Involvement Program (CIP) – To be tabled for next meeting
10. **Agenda Setting for August Meeting (5 min)**
11. **Public Comment -** 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.
   a. Concern over 3 day Rave Concert was expressed. One girl overdosed during concert and community was not made aware that a Rave concert would take place. Meeting for Coliseum schedule are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2pm.
12. **Adjournment**

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	3rd Thursday of every month. 5:00 PM
Budget & Finance	Jill Remelski	nandc.treasurer@gmail.com	NANDC Office Ahmanson Senior Center, 3990 S. Menlo	3rd Tuesday of every month (6 PM-7 PM)
Land Use & Planning	Rachel Capata	ecnandc.capata@gmail.com	NANDC Office Ahmanson Senior Center, 3990 S. Menlo	3rd Thursday of every month, 6:00
Outreach	Idolina Delgado Shawn Simons	ld.nandc@gmail.com Shawn.simons@yahoo.com	NANDC Office Ahmanson Senior Center, 3990 S. Menlo	First Monday of the month 6:30
Seniors and Aging	Christine Lee	genesis.korea@yahoo.com	Ahmanson Senior Citizen Center 3990 S. Menlo Ave.	last Tuesday of every month (12 noon)
Economic Development	Shawn Simons	Shawn.simons@yahoo.com	Community Computing Center	July 29th 7:00 pm

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: ***THURSDAY August 5th***

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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