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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
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Leslie Evans, Area 1  
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**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

**Regular Meeting  
Thursday March 3, 2011  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
MLK Park Gymnasium  
(39<sup>th</sup> Street and Western Ave)**

**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order & Translation Services**
- 2. Announcements (10 min)**

- a. LAPD report – Senior Lead Officers

New SLO, Officer Thomsen (speaks Spanish) for the North University Park Area: looking into illegal vending by Vermont and Normandie Elementary Schools. 28<sup>th</sup> and Figueroa, robbery at McDonalds, purse taken from unlocked vehicle by a local transient. Menlo and Adams, students are not locking their apartments and cars, so laptops etc. are being stolen. Officer Thomsen: 213-847-5800

SLO Olega: Southwest Division will be starting a Twitter page. Double homicide two weeks ago, gang related. Shooting at Normandie and 39<sup>th</sup> a few days after, unrelated. Putting officers on buses to deter robberies.

- b. CD 1 Report – Richard Reyes
- c. CD 8 report – Cathy Davis

Dealing with disconnect with DOT such as parking restrictions. Lane closures on Exposition Blvd. to install storm drains and basins. Budget and Finance meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, in West LA and next will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>, no location yet. Lot on 27<sup>th</sup> and Western had temporary sewer pipes and crane on lot.

- d. Assemblymen Davis report
- e. Senator Price report – James Westbrooks

Budget: Senate and Assembly finished today deciding what would be cut, doesn't have details yet, but will have public townhall to discuss affects of budget cuts.

Townhall on High Speed Rail: will outline business opportunities as well, 1-3pm, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at CA Science Center.

SHeroes event: deadline is Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> for submissions, next month honor the selected women who have exhibited outstanding service to the community.

Additional Announcements:

-LA Neighborhood Land Trust is having bike repair and maintenance and bike giveaway Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1-2:30pm at Richardson Family Park on Budlong

-Electric Daisy Carnival moved to Las Vegas

**3. Roll Call of Present Board Members (5 min) Yelba, Josyel, Ashley, Sam, Jill, Shawn, Rohan, Christine, Leslie, Sabrina, Andrea, Ana, Al**

a. Action - Approval of Minutes for February Board Meeting

Jill MOTION TO APPROVE, Christine seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED.

b. Action- Approval of Minutes for February Special Meeting

Jill MOTION TO APPROVE, Yelba seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED.

**4. Discussion/Action: MLK community Garden Presentation - Park Committee & Garden School (10 min)**

Garden School Foundation and Foundation for Second Chances: have ¾ acre vegetable garden at school currently, promote healthy living and eating. Want to have a community garden that is open to the public. Found space behind the little league field at MLK Park that is open and had design created for the space. Rec and Parks would not need to put in any money, will facilitate programming through various organizations and schools. Project would be self-sustained.

Yelba: MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT, Ashley seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED

**5. Committee Reports: (30 min)**

a. Planning & Land Use: Rohan Gupta

i. **Discussion/Action:** Community Letter regarding Boarding House Ordinance

Rohan: submitting letter for approval to the Board to Planning Commission in support of the Community Car Ordinance with following changes: eliminate its application to owner-occupied housing, exempt student housing, remove definition of single housekeeping unit

Yelba MOTIONS TO APPROVE LETTER, Leslie seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED.

b. Public Safety: Leslie Evans

Leslie: Closed 5 cases this month. Ongoing cases: Houseless encampment east of Normandie, trying to clear. Recycling Center and La Sal and Adams going back to court  
Rohan MOTIONS TO ACCPET REPORT, Josyel seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED.

c. Youth/Seniors: Al Foster/Andrea Canty

i. **Discussion/Action:** Funding for Internet Safety Presentation

Andrea: requesting support form Board for Internet safety presentation. Working in conjunction with Kid Watch. March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at Norwood Elementary, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at John Mack Elementary, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at Vermont Elementary.

Jill MOTIONS TO APPROVE DONATION OF \$500 FOR TRANSLATION SERVICES, Leslie seconds. ALL IN FAVOR, APPROVED.

d. Economic Development: Shawn Simons

i. **Discussion/Action:** Community Benefits Agreement

In talks with UNIDAD to form a coalition, still in talks because UNIDAD wants NANDC to take a backseat. No action to be taken at this meeting.

**6. Project Updates (10 min)**

a. Figueroa Corridor Streetscape Project Update – Samantha – Item postponed

b. Health Fair Update – Yelba

Yelba: holding a Health and Fitness Festival on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at MLK Park. Starts with 5k park. Collaboration between 5 organizations including NANDC. Taking over the park, will have activities, screenings, health vendors. Whole Foods sponsoring and other large sponsors will have giveaways.

**7. Agenda Setting for April Meeting (5 min)**

**8. 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. (5 min)

**9. Adjournment 7:14pm**

**SPECIAL CANDIDATE FORUM TO FOLLOW**

**Please write your questions down on question cards and they will be picked up by NANDC board members**

**Official public notice for all committees:**

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