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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
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Area Representatives:
(A)Jill Remelski, Area 1
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Committees:

(P)Yolanda Jones, Budget & Finance
(P)Rachel Capata, Planning & Land Use
(A)Leslie Evans, Public Safety &
Website
Jill Remelski/Shawn Simons/Max
Slavkin, Outreach
Celia Castellanos/Josh Watson, Youth
(A)Richard Enriquez, Seniors & Aging

At Large Representatives:

Christine Lee
Gabriela Garcia
Sharon Stewart
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2008
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library
3900 S. Western Ave
Los Angeles, 90062
(near MLK in Exposition Park)

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Call to Order 6:39 pm**
2. **Announcements**
 - a. ***Next mid-month meeting to be held at Loren Miller Park Rec Center 2717 Halldale (at 27th Street)***
 - b. **WORST OF THE WORST SIDEWALKS: please submit your locations for inclusion on a master list of the worst sidewalks in the NANDC area for submission to Council District 8's offices.**
3. **Public Comment**

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 about a current agenda item.
4. **Roll Call of Present Board Members**
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Council District 8 Report – Field Deputy(Absent)
 - b. Council District 1 Report – Field Deputy (Absent)
 - c. DONE Report – Deanna Stevenson (Absent)
 - d. Public Safety Committee Report – Leslie Evans (Absent)
 - i. **Vote to approve “List of Problem Properties”**
 - e. Website Committee Report – Leslie Evans/Max Slavkin
 - f. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Yolanda Jones (Absent)
 - i. "Aging in Place", Event Collaboration with the Department of Aging
 - g. Treasurer's Report – Guillermo Farias

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h. Youth Committee Report – Celia Castellanos - St. Agnes Team won an award. MLK Park is having public safety issues & want our support for approaching local officials for help. Celia C. will draft a letter for us to discuss & approve at our next mtg.

i. EXPO Update/Report - Celia Castellanos – no park & ride in our area, only Harvard & Farmdale “crossings” have been approved, no crossing gates east of Arlington. Want to re-open EIR to address safety issues. Ridley-Thomas is neutral re: fixing Expo.

j. Outreach Committee Report - Max Slavkin/Shawn Simons – Friends & Neighbors done in September. Less than 5% of 100 houses visited had ever heard of NANDC.

k. Planning/Land Use Committee Report – Rachel Capata – SLACPAC continues. Sharon Stewart: USC Master Plan looking at housing on campus first, preferential parking for residents, etc.

l. Economic Development Committee Report: Met with University Gateway, and Icon regarding what community would be interested in having there, etc.

6. Action Item: Aging in Place Event Funding Proposal - The Department of Aging is partnering with the Neighborhood Councils to host a conference entitled, "Aging In Place" in the local community to link seniors and caregivers with resources that will enable them to age in the comfort of their own home, with dignity and respect. Requested amount is \$5,000. Discussion: Motion by RC/2nd Guillermo Farias to approve contingent upon rest of the NC's participation, the City's ability to pay for the event, and it's taking placing in the next 90 days with a minimum of 25% NANDC senior participation – voted on at item (f) (**3 yes, 4 no 1 abstained. MOTION FAILED**)

7. Discussion/Action Item: January Meeting Schedule - January 1st is a Thursday and the day on which our meeting would be held. We need to decide on an alternative meeting time/day/place. Motion by J. Watson/2nd by Sharon to hold meeting on January 8, 2009. Unanimous approval.

8. Discussion Item: Finding a Permanent Board President - As previously agreed the current temporary assignment of board president expires on 12/31/2008. What procedure shall we use to secure a new president? What is timeline? Suggestion of March as target deadline. Discussion of casting the net widely. Set a deadline for applications, suggestion of deadline of February 28th. Board members can also apply to be appointed to Presidency. To be placed as Action Item at next Town Hall Meeting.

9. Discussion Item: Board Member Roles and Responsibilities - NANDC needs to decide how we can best serve the needs of the community. What role does each member of the board play in executing the mission of the board on a monthly basis? What deliverables should be required of every board member? How can we make our goals actionable? Simons re: how we can work to support the work of each other on the Board. Jones comments re: committee chairs to have agendas for their meetings, and post them on the website. Discussion of Area Reps being more involved with Block clubs, posting agenda more widely, making more of a connection with NANDC & the community we are supposed to be assisting. Simons wants keys to the office, Jones states that there are items taken from the room that have never been removed. Simons wants to have keys on the agenda at the next meeting, housekeeping, back-ups.

10. Discussion Item: Estrella Park Community Club Funding Proposal - Retroactive request for funding of the park's anniversary celebration held on November 8, 2008. Requested amount \$994.74. Discussion of money spent actually being \$812.98. To be voted on at next Town Hall Meeting.

11. Discussion Item: Foshay Robotics Club Funding Proposal - Foshay's Robotics Club is requesting funding for developing an engineering academy and participating in a local/national robotics competition. Originally requested amount is \$13,682. Revised amount and proposal is to be presented at the meeting. New amount is \$17,247.00. Got a \$10,000 grant from NASA already. Discussion of City's hesitation to pay for air travel, gets money from Raytheon, Northrup Grumman, \$1000 from USC. They have entered 2 competitions (which cost \$6k each). Sharon asks about having placed on Action Item on Town Hall agenda.

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13. Adjournment 7:50 p.m.

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	St. Marks Lutheran Church – 3651 S Vermont Ave	3 rd Thursday of every month. 4:30 PM
Budget & Finance	Yolanda Jones	nandc.vp@gmail.com	Bridge Hall 306 on the USC campus	3 rd Tuesday of every month (6 PM-7 PM)
Land Use & Planning	Rachel Capata	ecnandc.capata@gmail.com	Town Hall Meeting location	3 rd Saturday of every month, concurrent with Town Hall Mtg
Outreach	Jill Remelski	jremelski@sfcla.org	NANDC office 3990 S. Menlo Ave.	4 th Wednesday of every month (7 PM)
Youth Committee	Celia Castellanos/ Josh Watson		Town Hall Meeting location	3 rd Saturday of every month, following Town Hall Meeting
Seniors and Aging	Richard Enriquez	Richard.Enriquez@lacity.org	The Ahmanson Senior Citizen Center 3990 S. Menlo Ave.	last Tuesday of every month (12 noon)
Ad-Hoc Economic Development	Shawn Simons		USC campus	3 rd Monday of the month (7 PM)

The Next Town Hall Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is:

*** Corrected from 13th**
Saturday, December 20th – 10AM to 12:00PM
Loren Miller Park Rec Center
2717 Halldale (at 27th Street)

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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