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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
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Committees:

Leslie Evans, Public Safety & Website
Yolanda Jones, Budget & Finance
Celia Castellanos, Youth
Richard Enriquez, Seniors & Aging

At Large Representatives:
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Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2008
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
EXPO CENTER
Community Room - 2nd Floor
3980 S. Menlo Ave. LA, CA 90007
(near Menlo & MLK in Exposition Park)

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Call to Order 6:46 p.m.**
2. **Announcements**
 - a. *May 1st International Workers March at 5th & Broadway (Rally at 2 p.m.)*
 - b. *May 3rd Board of Supervisors Debate 6 p.m. at New Creation Christian Faith Center 8862 S. Western Avenue*
 - c. *May 15th Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) 6th Annual Community Forum 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., USC Davidson Conference Center*
 - d. *May 17th MLK Park Townhall, 2 p.m. at MLK Park Recreation Center*

Park Advisory Board has been established, hosting a public forum to discuss problems. Cameras to be installed at library, seeking public input (we are sponsoring a/v equipment/translators).
 - e. *May 29th Exposition Light Rail Safety Forum, 6:30 p.m. Foshay Learning Center*

\$50 million has been approved to run rail underground thru Culver City after telling us there is no \$. Many think it is a civil rights issue now.

Community Day of Dialogue at LA Trade Tech
3. **Public Comment**

Preservation Plan for Adams Normandie (Blake Kendrick, City Planning Dept & Josh Kolodny, Adams/Normandie Board member/architect) – *what is an HPOZ?*
A lot time is spent at each mtg discussing what historic preservation is, why it's important, sent out a brochure earlier in the year to explain what the HPOZ means. Now they want to send out a survey of 3 questions: What are most important parts to preserve, what would you like to see change, and do you want to help create preservation plan? HPOZ board available to assist, doesn't want to hinder. Want to have a full workshop at a

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Townhall meeting. Can NANDC assist with distribution of survey? Recommendation of talking to Gabriella Garcia/Tsilah Burman at LANLT, Jill Remelkski, Page AME Church, Miracle Center, Sta. Ines. Focus is to be on community development, 32 page booklet written in English, Spanish & Korean at 4th grade level. Effort to engage owners, occupants, business owners, etc. Preservation plan will help create consistency in reviewing projects, both for owners and the board members.

4. Roll Call of Present Board Members (Celia, Josh, Yolanda, Shawn, Rachel, Mike & Max – Jill absent, so no quorum)

5. Action Item: Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting 3/6/08, Townhall 3/15/08 and Townhall 4/19/08

Only 3/15/08 distributed, changes to be sent to Rachel; TABLED for no quorum

6. Action Item: Approval of NANDC policy statement

See attached sheet

Question from Leslie (to board & Deanna) re: whether we can just have these ad-hoc committees with no time limit, etc. Clarification from Rachel that intent is to be able to meet & conduct business until we can revise bylaws to reflect new committee structure; therefore, there IS a limited time period/scope for the committees.

Question from Sharon as to what the specific goals/activities are to be for each of the various committees (explanation from Mike as to brain-storming process, how structure was created around passions of elected board members)

7. Action Item: Foshay Robotics Proposal

Went to San Diego, got the Chairman's Award & Safety award, they also got to go to Hawaii and got the engineering award. This year, finished 25th of 500 teams at Nationals. THANKS! No further action requested at this time.

8. Action Item: MLK Little League Baseball

Revised budget request from \$30k to \$20k, he is securing a BTRC application tomorrow. He has met with Celia re : programming, to do more than Little League, and address community concerns at the Townhall meeting , discuss Life Skills Sports Academy. Work on time sensitive items first. Question from Shawn: Solicitation of grants/donations thru 501c3 status? They are getting grants now, according to Celia. Got some donations for Winter Season (picture day, banquet, LA4 Foundation, vendors, etc.). Question from Mike: can we ask around to see if we can get you donations of "grocery list" of supplies? Yes.

9. Discussion Item: NANDC and the democratic process

PDF presentation from Yolanda re: same (see slides)

10. Committee Reports

a. Council District 8 Report – Cathy Davis, Field Deputy ABSENT

b. Council District 1 Report – Suzanne Jimenez, Field Deputy, PRESENT

c. Public Safety Committee Report – Leslie Evans

i. Vote to approve "List of Problem Properties" **CANNOT VOTE, NO QUORUM**

8 homicides around our area, one within the area. 25 conditions imposed on Century Liquor. Building & Safety has come out twice during course of trial and they've been "tipped off." Write letter, we need a new Zoning Administration hearing. See report.

d. Website Committee Report – Leslie Evans

- We don't have direct access to the backend of the website, what can we do? How much work and how much money will be involved? Mike we want a gallery page, blog,

without having to write “code”. We can’t have a new contact management system right now with PDF.

e. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Yolanda Jones
A/V & translator have NOT been paid. Yolanda to follow up with Guillermo. Add item to next agenda allowing us to vote on payment of

i. Proposed Funding Changes and Revised Proposal Requirements *TABLED (to be TOWNHALL DISCUSSION ITEM 5/17/08)*

f. Treasurer’s Report – Guillermo Farias *ABSENT-tabled*

g. Youth Committee Report – Celia Castellanos – *nothing to report*

h. Community Redevelopment Agency Report – Rachel Capata – *The CRA is actively working on consolidating all the South LA Redevelopment Plan Areas into one BIG area, with the current PAC?CAC chairs serving on an advisory committee. We need to learn more about what the implications of this will be going forward.*

20. Public Comment

1. *Idolina Delgado – At-large rep candidate for Area 2 – would like to be in agenda for 5/17/08 consideration.*

21. Adjournment 8:31 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	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY	3 rd Saturday of every month
Website	Leslie Evans	lbevans@earthlink.net	Immediately following Town Hall @ MACK ELEMENTARY – Meets as needed	3 rd Saturday of every month

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

Saturday, May 17, 2008 – 10AM to 12:30PM
John Mack Elementary School
3020 S Catalina Ave 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 encouraged to visit our website at www.nandc.org, contact committee chairs or the NANDC secretary by email at ecnandc.capata@gmail.com.

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