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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
NORTH AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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**Area Representatives:**  
Marco Flores, Area 1  
Joel Vaca, Area 1  
Steve Pepdjonovic, Area 2  
B. Yohaun Walker, Area 2  
Jean Frost, Area 3  
Rogelio Zambrano, Area 3

**At Large Representatives:**  
Jon Tieuel  
Nina Womack  
Cindy Gaete

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Amy Carnes, USC  
Jim Childs, Business

**Committees:**

*Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month* – Julianne Burg, Chair, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Thryeris Mason & Joel Vaca

*Marketing & Outreach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month* – Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, & Samantha Burg

*Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month* – Jean Frost, Chair, Amy Carnes, Jim Childs, Marco Flores, Cindy Gaete & Jon Tieuel

*Homelessness – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, bi-monthly* - Nina Womack, Chair

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**  
University of Southern California (USC) Village  
3015 S. Hoover Street, Building 1-189  
Los Angeles, CA 90007

**I. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Steve Pepdjonovic, Jean Frost, Rogelio Zambrano Jr., Jon Tieuel, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete and Jim Childs. Yohaun Walker joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Quorum was established, 14 members present initially at the start of the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Motion to approve February's minutes
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- (12,0,2)

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Godfrey Santos, Assembly 53 Candidate, came and spoke to everyone in attendance. He spoke about his background. Godfrey is a renter, immigrant, educator, and democrat running for the California State Assembly in District 53 (Los Angeles, Huntington Park, and Vernon). He sees rent, homelessness, and affordable housing as some of his top issues in the state. He also stated that Sacramento needs someone who understands education and renter issues.
- Andres Medina, LANCC, spoke about issues with retail workers. He invited everyone to join LANCC on March 24, 2020 to raise awareness about retail workers.

**IV. TREASURER REPORT**

- Motion to approve March's MER Report
- Motioned by Steve, second by Jon
- (14,0,0)

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price-Not Present
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers-Sergeant Ware reported that auto theft numbers have increased. He reminded everyone to “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It”. LAPD has seen thefts due to unattended property. He also informed everyone about the Safe Ride Initiative to make riders become more aware about Uber and Lyft drivers.
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers-Not Present
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ricardo Flores- Not Present
- e.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael Del Valle introduced himself to everyone. He informed everyone about Councilmember Harris-Dawson having the planning department address CPIO’s at a special meeting; there will be a formal invitation sent out to NANDC to join this meeting. The meeting will take place on March 25, 2020 (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.). Albi asked to please submit your questions by the end of next week to him for the Special Meeting. He also spoke about the great work being done in CD 8 such as work at MLK Park, Bethune Library, Loren Miller Park, and the King Estates Project. Albi also informed everyone that he still does not know anything about the RFP lots in question, he informed everyone he would speak to Lucy to try to get some answers. Albi also gave everyone a copy of “Pulse in the Eight” a monthly newsletter update from Council District 8. Amy stated that she would like to see in “By the Numbers Report” for the “Illegal Dumping Requests” numbers to go down. Amy would like to see less numbers, perhaps an enforcement of illegal dumping. One recommendation would be adding cameras as a means of enforcement.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez-Not Present
- g.* Senator Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan-Not Present
- h.* Assembly District 59 for Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer –Not Present
- i.* USC Community Report – Gloria Hernandez spoke about the Festival of Books taking place from April 18-19, 2020 at USC. More details to come soon. Gloria also spoke about the COVID-19 updates, and informed everyone to visit USC’s website to learn more.
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Brett Shears spoke about working with Julianne on NANDC’s By-Laws. He also informed everyone that he would be leaving DONE at the end of March 2020.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* **Crosstown LA: Sarah Martin, Outreach Coordinator** – ECNANDC Area Crime statistics-Not Present  
**South Los Angeles Alliance Neighborhood Councils:** Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair, spoke about the Cannabis Committee, which will educate everyone on cannabis issues. The committee will be educating the Neighborhood Councils, SLAANC, etc. They will be partnering with DONE, USC and the Community Collisions.
- b.* **Area 1 Representatives Report:** Marco Flores & Joel Vaca informed everyone that the Adams Farmers Market is back. They are open every Sunday from 9-2. The farmers market is located next to the FAME Building on the Southeast corner of Adams and Western.
- c.* **Area 2 Representatives Report:** Steve Pepdjonovic & Yohaun Walker informed everyone that Area 2 suffers from lack of block clubs. A “Denker Park Area Block Club” is in the works; community members are trying to find a location and time to meet. Area 2 is also starting an effort to have speed bumps on 36<sup>th</sup> Street (Application is in)
- d.* **Area 3 Representatives Report:** Jean Frost & Rogelio Zambrano (Area 3 Reps) will have their Coffee with Area 3 Reps on Saturday (March 15, 2020) at Pete’s Café .
- e.* **Homelessness Committee Update:** Thryeris Mason informed everyone that the Homelessness Committee was being placed on hiatus status for the time being.
- f.* **Senior Fest Planning Update:** Julianne Burg invited everyone to Seniorfest 2020 event, which will take place at the Ahmanson Senior Center on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Julianne informed everyone about the workshops, resources and all the information which will be passed out on that date. Please “SAVE THE DATE and join NANDC” at this exciting event.
- g.* **The NANDC Demolition Impact Task Force:** Steve Pepdjonovic spoke about the mission and boundaries of the Demolition Task Force. The Demolition Task Force will within the boundaries of Vermont Avenue & Western Avenue/Arlington Avenue, and Santa Monica Freeway & MLK Blvd.

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Action/Discussion: Partnership with LAPD Southwest Division (\$1,000)** LAPD would like to partner with NANDC to support local NANDC schools such as John Mack and Weemes Elementary School during their culmination periods. They are seeking financial support of \$1,000 to ensure these events are able to take place. **Recommendation: To support a partnership with LAPD Southwest Division for their event and to not exceed \$1,000. (4-0-0)**
- Motion to partner with NANDC to support local NANDC schools such as John Mack and Weemes Elementary School during their culmination periods. They are seeking financial support of \$1,000 to ensure these events are able to take place
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Steve
  - (14,0,0)
- b. Action/Discussion: Partnership with LAPD Cadets (\$1,000) Representative, Sadia Hutchins.** LAPD would like to partner with NANDC to support the cadet program participants that reside in the NANDC area. They are seeking financial support in the amount of \$1,000 to support this endeavor. **Recommendation: To support a partnership with LAPD Cadets to not exceed \$1,000 for supplies needed. (4-0-0)**
- Motion to partner with LAPD to support the cadet program participants that reside in the NANDC area. They are seeking financial support in the amount of \$1,000 to support this endeavor
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Marco
  - (14,0,0)
- c. Action/Discussion: Space Shuttle Funds**  
The community committee recommends supporting the USC Viterbi Summer of STEM as recipient of the Space Shuttle Funds. (4-0-0)
- Motion to support the USC Viterbi Summer of STEM as recipient of the Space Shuttle Funds.
  - Motioned by Joel, second by Samantha
  - (15,0,0) (Yohaun arrived and voted)
- d. Action/Discussion: Redeemer Community Partnership (RCP) Make Jefferson Beautiful, Make Normandie Beautiful ATP Proposal and Request for Letter of Support**  
Presented by Nikki Wong – Update on projects and request for a letter of support for the Normandie Beautiful ATP proposal. RCP has provided a draft letter. **Recommendation: to submit a letter of support for the Normandie Beautiful ATP proposal. (3-0-1)**
- Motion to support Redeemer Community Partnership (RCP) with a letter of support for the Normandie Beautiful ATP proposal.
  - Motioned by Amy, second by Jean
  - (9,1,4) (Yohaun present and voted)
- e. Action/ Discussion: Sola Community Peace Center NPG Request (\$1,000)**  
**Presented by Dr. Susan Stouffer, Executive Director.** Requesting an NPG in the amount of \$1,000 to create a new program called “Peace Projects”. These projects will be created by teams of 4 youth with a young adult facilitator. Each team will come together around a social justice issue such as immigration or education. This NPG will support coordinating logistics for the projects including budgets, space, and supplies. **Recommendation: to support the NPG request of \$1,000. (4-0-0)**
- Motion to support the NPG request in the amount of \$1,000 to create a new program called “Peace Projects”. These projects will be created by teams of 4 youth with a young adult facilitator. Each team will come together around a social justice issue such as immigration or education. This NPG will support coordinating logistics for the projects including budgets, space, and supplies.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Samantha
  - (14,0,0) (Marco recused himself from this entire item) (Yohaun present and voted)
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## VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Confirmation of new community/stakeholder members of standing committees
- Jesus Garcia (Policy Committee)

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Thryeris introduced Austin who was present during the meeting, and took photos for our social media.

**X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Jim Childs would like to put RFP to be further discussed with Lucy (CD 8) present.
- Julianne-By-Laws
- Address demolitions along 36<sup>th</sup> Street

**XI. ADJOURNMENT-** President Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Official public notice for all committees:**

<b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>			
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	<b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>
<b>Community Committee</b> (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance)	<b>Julianne Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area2a@nandc.org">area2a@nandc.org</a> <b>Samantha Burg, Co-Chair</b> <a href="mailto:secretary@nandc.org">secretary@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Policy Committee</b> (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	<b>Jean Frost, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Nina Womack, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a>	USC Village Community Room	Inactive

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: ***Thursday, April 2, 2020 at USC Village (The Community Room).***

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The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

54954.2. (a) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. If requested, the agenda shall be made available

inappropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

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Government code Section 54957.9

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