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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Amy Carnes, USC  
Jim Childs, Business  
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**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 Tieucl*  
*Homelessness – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, bi-monthly - B. Yohaun Walker & Nina Womack, Co-Chairs*

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 4, 2020, 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), and due to public health concerns and directives issued by the Mayor of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Public Health Department regarding reducing the spread of COVID-19, meetings of the ECNANDC will be conducted entirely by video conference or telephonically. This will be effective starting May 1, 2020 and will continue during the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

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**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, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Steve Pepdjonovic, Jean Frost, Rogelio Zambrano, Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, Amy Carnes, Jim Childs and Julie Burg. Yohaun Walker not present. Quorum established 14 members present.

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

- Motion of approve May's minutes
- Motioned by Steve, second by Jon
- (13,0,0) (Julie Burg not present)

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

- Pete King was part of the ANNA meeting and was wondering if there were any funds for non-profits?
- Andew Pilot was wondering about the letter which was sent to Councilmember Harris-Dawson regarding Tripalink? President Mason thanked him for his comment/question but reminded everyone of the protocol of public comments.
- Gloria Gonzalez, USC Housing Law Clinic, informed everyone that the housing clinic is still open and can assist anyone with housing issues.

## **IV. TREASURER REPORT**

- Motion to approve May's MER Report
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
- (14,0,0)
- June 8th, 2020 - Deadline to receive refund checks to ensure reimbursed funds are credited back to the NC's account this Fiscal year
- June 15th, 2020 - Final date to submit a check payment request, including NPG applications (normally June 1st every year)
- June 20th, 2020 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card
- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Encumbrance funds deadline. When encumbrance funds are submitted, only vendors/payees listed will be paid, vendor/payee cannot be changed once approved. As for now there is no date as to when the encumbrance funds need to spent by, per the City Clerk's Office. City Clerk's Office will advise if they do find a time (period) , or any other information regarding said subject.
- NC's will receive \$32,000 for next year (2020-2021)

## **V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price – Not Present
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Officers Anna Mejia, Nicole Garner – Not Present
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers – Not Present
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ricardo Flores introduced himself to everyone. He informed everyone of the CD 1 boundaries within the NANDC community (North side of Adams, East side of Hoover, West side of Figueroa, South side of 10 freeway). He spoke briefly about CD 1's Senior Meals Distribution and resources given to the community. Ricardo stated that he is assisting the community members that were referred to him by Julianne. He also announced that CD 1 is distributing fruits and vegetables at Estrella Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m. until they run-out.
- e.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael Del Valle informed everyone that they partnered up with Shared Harvest to do 310 free Antibody COVID testing. Albi informed everyone about the LAPD shooting involving 2 LAPD Officers, which happened at Vermont, and 22<sup>nd</sup> He spoke about the community cleanups within the community. He spoke briefly about the Bethune site; he has forwarded information to Jean Frost. The Bethune site is the site where the Bethune Library sat on. He informed everyone that there have been 3 proposals on what will be developed on the Bethune site. Albi spoke about the CPIO Planning meeting, which has been rescheduled, to June 24<sup>th</sup>. Building & Safety and Planning will be present to answer questions, which his office has received. There have been 2 applications for the "SLOW Streets" program. There have been no requests from area 2. Jean stated that the letter from the Bethune site developer has stated that there was a public hearing about the proposed hotel which will be built at that site. Jean said she was never aware of any public process and wants to get facts straight for the record. Steve asked about the CPIO rescheduled meeting and asked for an updated flyer. Albi stated there was not an updated flyer but said the information as to the sign-up link would remain the same. Constituent who signed up do not to sign up again. Marco stated that one of his neighbor went to get tested for the COVID-19 Antibody and got a 24 hour turn around on the results, he thanked Albi for his assistance and broadcasting of the testing. Roger asked as how to get on the list for the CPIO meeting. Cindy asked

about any update with the Baldwin-Crenshaw Mall? Albi said the new owners have not spoken to their office yet. Cindy thanked CD 8 Office for their support with all the issues, which are happening. She also asked as where does the Councilman stand on the LAPD budget? Leslie is interested in attending the CPIO meeting, and 311 requests, which have not been completed. Albi will contact her to assist her with the 311 issues she is experiencing. Melissa asked about the CPIO meetings format. Albi stated that it would be a panel type meeting with a Q & A at the end. Melissa also asked who would be speaking at the meeting? City Planning & Building and Safety will be present.

- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez – Not Present
- g. Assembly District 59 for Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer – Not Present
- h. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman – Not Present
- i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez was not present. Adrianna was present and reminded everyone of the Bylaws amendment deadline, budget deadlines, She asked if there were any questions. Joel asked when the deadline is to spend the encumbrance funds? She did not have an answer

## VII. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. **NC President Emergency Roundtable Report** – Thryeris Mason spoke about the NC roundtable which was created during this Shelter and Place time frame. Thryeris explained the process of how and why it was formed. All 99 councils were invited, 14 councils were present on the call. There was no real agenda, just candid conversation between the NC's on issues on hand.; there was great dialogue. She anticipates they will meet again to lobby for engagement with the city to create a more perfect city of Angels.
- b. **Crosstown LA – Sarah Martin, Outreach Coordinator** ECNANDC Area Crime statistics. not present
- c. **NANDC Comments on the Expo Park Master Plan Draft SEIR** – Jean Frost spoke about the master plan for Exposition Park. She informed everyone that there is a list of issues, which were received by stakeholders, constituents and board members. The lists of issues were reflected on the letter she wrote to Expo Park Master Plan SEIR.

## VIII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Action/Discussion: Purchase and distribute COVID essential materials** - Purchase and distribute in the amount of \$2,500 of COVID-19 essential materials with NANDC branding to the community. | Recommendation of the Marketing Committee: that NANDC support the endeavor. (4-0-0) **Motion: To approve the request from the Marketing & Outreach Committee for the purchase of COVID-19 NANDC branded materials not to exceed \$2,500.00.**
  - Motion to approve \$2500 for branded materials for Marketing & Outreach during the COVID-19 period.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
  - 12,1,0 (Julie not present)
- b. **Action/Discussion: Essential Worker PSA** - PSA featuring a message from a medical professional in our community to share their professional experience with COVID-19 and to stress the need for masks and social distancing. Video to live on the NANDC website and social channels. | Recommendation of the Marketing Committee: that NANDC support the endeavor. (4-0-0) **Motion: To approve the NANDC PSA.**
  - Motion to approve the NANDC PSA.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
  - 12,0,0 (Samantha and Julie not present)
  - Motion to amend item b. to include a monetary compensation payable from \$500 to \$1000
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Amy
  - 12,0,0 (Samantha and Julie not present)
- c. **Action/Discussion: NANDC Nods to Essential Workers** - NANDC would recognize those essential workers who live and who work in our community through a social media photo campaign. | Recommendation of the Marketing Committee: that NANDC support the endeavor. (4-0-0) **Motion: To approve the NANDC Nods campaign.**
  - Motion to approve NANDC Nods to Essential Workers.
  - Motioned by Amy, second by Jon
  - 13,0,0 (Julie not present)

**d. Action/Discussion:** the City's Proposed Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) would create an administrative clearance process for alcohol service at sit-down restaurants. While it has specific criteria for granting, it makes the granting ministerial and removes discretionary public review process.

**Recommendation/Motion: That the proposed Ordinance be amended to allow for review which considers the baseline of liquor outlets in a given neighborhood, include a means of public notice prior to granting and a method of creating a discretionary process if the public response to notice indicates further review is required, and, after granting, a method to hold license holders accountable.** Policy Committee recommends approval 7-0-0.

- Motion to support the proposed ordinance with the amendment to allow for review which considers the baseline of liquor outlets in a given neighborhood, including a means of public notice prior to granting; and a method of creating a discretionary process if the public response to notice indicates further review is required, and, after granting, a method to hold license holders accountable.
- Motioned by Jim, second by Jon
- 12,0,0 (Steve and Julie not present)

**e. Action/Discussion: Comment on the Sidewalk Repair Draft EIR.** Read the Sidewalk Repair Draft EIR at <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>; Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance has provided the following informational link: [https://www.ncsa.la/safe\\_sidewalks\\_la\\_sidewalk\\_repair\\_program](https://www.ncsa.la/safe_sidewalks_la_sidewalk_repair_program).

NANDC is concerned that the revised sidewalk repair ordinance eliminates notice to neighborhood councils. **Recommendation/Motion: to comment that the draft EIR of fails to assess the impacts when trees are removed for the purpose of sidewalk repair without neighborhood council notification, and further, such notice should be preserved in the Ordinance and expanded to include notification of HPOZs.**

Policy Committee recommends approval 7-0-0.

- Motion to comment that the draft EIR of fails to assess the impacts when trees are removed for the purpose of sidewalk repair without neighborhood council notification, and further, such notice should be preserved in the Ordinance and expanded to include notification of HPOZs.. Policy committee will submit Community Impact Statement(s) if any item of this nature appears.
- Motioned by Amy, second by Jon
- 12,0,1 (Julie not present)

**f. Action/Discussion: Asian Americans For Housing (NPG REQUEST \$1,000) - Presented by Susan Park, Director:** The grant funds will be used to purchase hot meals and food pantry ingredients for extremely low income seniors in NANDC's Area 1 and Area 2. (50) low income seniors, who are underserved by existing institutions, will benefit from such food supplement. **\*There is no recommendation from the Community Committee. Motion to move to full board for review for either approval or denial. (4-0-0)**

- Item (f) to be postponed, no representative present
- Motioned by Jon, second by Amy
- 7,3,3 (Julie not present)

**g. Action/Discussion: T.R.U.S.T South L.A. (NPG REQUEST \$1,000) - Presented by Edgar Campos, Executive Director:** T.R.U.S.T. South L.A. serves low income Black and Brown community residents within South Los Angeles. The grant will be used to provide meals for South L.A. residents and a COVID-19 relief fund for financial needs. **Recommendation/Motion: The Community Committee motions to support the T.R.U.S.T. South L.A. NPG request of \$1,000 to help provide meals for South L.A.residents. (4-0-0)**

- Motion to approve T.R.U.S.T South L.A. NPG request of \$1000
- Motioned by Marco, Jon
- 13,0,0 (Julie not present)
- Motion to amend item g. for amount to be increased to \$2000 instead of \$1000
- Motioned by Jean, second by Marco
- 13,0,0 (Julie not present)

**h. Action/Discussion: USC Young Scientists Program (NPG REQUEST \$1,000)** - Presented by Dieuwertje Kast, STEM Programs Manager. The USC Young Scientist Program works in partnership with community schools to provide a ten-week, supplemental science education program for 2nd - 5th grade students attending seven Title 1 elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The grant will cover the cost to pay one Teaching Assistant's wages for one semester and to evaluate the program through pre- and post - program surveys. YSP has plans for providing supplemental instruction online, developed in partnership with participating teachers and schools. | Recommendation/**Motion: The Community Committee motions to support the USC Young Scientists Program NPG request of \$1,000 to help cover the cost to pay one Teaching Assistant's wages for one semester and to evaluate the program through pre- and post - program surveys.** (4-0-0)

- Motion to approve USC Young Scientists Program NPG request of \$1000
- Motioned by Samantha, second by Jean
- 13,0,0 (Julie not present)

**i. Action/Discussion: SOLA Community Peace Center (NPG REQUEST \$1,000)** - Presented by Dr. Susan Stouffer. This grant will be used to help SOLA Community Peace Center produce an online Peace Camp for economically disadvantaged kids in our neighborhoods. The program will provide peacemaking activities and practice earth care activities, arts, crafts, games, movement, medication, conflict resolution and more. Recommendation/**Motion: The Community Committee motions to support the SOLA Community Peace Center NPG request of \$1,000 to produce an online Peace Camp for kids in our community.** (4-0-0) (Please Note: **Marco Flores recused himself from this item**)

- Motion to approve SOLA Community Peace Center NPG request of \$1000
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Cindy
- 11,0,0 (Samantha and Julie not present) (**Marco recused himself for this item**)

**j. NANDC Food Distribution Partnership with CD 8** - Distribution is targeted for NANDC Area 2 during July or early August. Recommendation/**Motion: The Community Committee motions to allocate/encumber \$10,000 to partner with CD 8 to do a NANDC Food Distribution with the provision that the committee be allowed to autonomously choose the food vendor and report said selection back to the full board during July's General Board meeting.** (4-0-0)

- Motion to approve the allocation/encumbrance of \$10,000 in to partner with CD 8 to do a NANDC COVID-19 Food Distribution. The food distribution is targeted for NANDC's Area 2 & will be distributed during the month of August 2020.
- Motioned by Amy, Thryeris
- 12,0,1 (Samantha not present)

## **IX. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees-** None

## **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- First AME has meal distribution drive-up or walk-ups (12-2 p.m.), and Saint Agnes drive-up food distribution on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Thryeris stressed the need of social distancing, wearing a mask, anticipates more positive testing due to protest
- Julianne spoke about the Space shuttle funding of \$23,000, which was awarded to USC Viterbi School of Engineering – Shout out to Samantha for making the connection, and to everyone who assist with assisting with this great community project.
- Julianne has submitted the Amended Bylaws. She gave a shout out to the Ad Hoc committee for all of their hard work and dedication to the amendment of the By-Laws.
- Joel reminded everyone that the city budget was not done, he encourage people to look into he people's budget

**XI. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn at 9:44 pm., motioned by Joel, second by Marco. All board members were in favor.

**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 (Inactive)</b>	<b>Nina Womack, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a>	USC Village Community Room	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, July 2, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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Government code Section 54957.9

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