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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Thryeris Mason, President

**Area Representatives:**  
Marco Flores, Area 1  
Joel Vaca, Area 1  
Vacant, Area 2  
Kevin McPherson, Area 2  
Jean Frost, Area 3  
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

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

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Christopher Perez, USC  
Jim Childs, Business Rep

**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* – Samantha Burg, Chair; Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Nicolas Creighton, Leigha Sayles, & Nina Womack

*Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month* – Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-Chair; Robin Evangelista; Leslie Friedman; Cindy Gaete; Jesus Garcia; Christine Lee, Christopher Perez; Joanne Russell, & Jon Tieuel

*Homelessness – Hiatus*

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Kevin McPherson Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieuel, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, Christopher Perez and Jim Childs. Quorum established, 14 members present

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

- Without objection November's minutes were approved
- Motioned by Nicolas, second by Jon
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

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

- Joanne Russell wanted to know where the chat feature was.
- Hassan wanted to know where the Bethune Library item was on the Agenda (Community Member inform Hassan it was VII.b)

**IV. TREASURER REPORT**

- Without objection November's MER Report was approved
- Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price not present
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Garner present. Officer Garner introduced herself. She spoke about the USC Football game which will be on Sunday, December 6th @ 4:30 p.m. Game is closed to the public, no fans will be allowed. Crime trends have been on package thefts; Officer Garner has requested extra patrol. Students are on winter break. Officers have been patrolling in high shopping areas.
- c.* USC Public Safety- Chief Thomas and Officer Elizabeth Carreno were present. Chief Thomas announced winter break is in session until January 15. He spoke about the Trojan Check required to enter into campus as a means of safety precaution. The university will be closed for the spring semester for in person classes, the majority of the classes will be via zoom. Some of the challenges at USC have been the non-compliance of students taking safety precautions against COVID. DPS is working with the City Attorney’s Office & County Health regarding these concerning issues to try to find solutions. He also spoke about the Community Advisory Board, which is composed of 19 board members. He lastly spoke about homelessness issues around the USC area and also about the increase thefts of catalytic converters.
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz not present
- e.* Council District 8 –Albizaal Del Valle thanked everyone who help at their Turkey Give-Away. They were able to feed 1400 families. On Thanksgiving they gave over 600 hot meals to the seniors in the community. He spoke about the fire at the homeless encampment at Budlong & 22nd. He informed everyone that there would be a cleanup the following day. He thanked everyone who attended the PLUM meeting. At the PLUM meeting the motioned made by Councilmembers Harris-Dawson and Councilmember Blumenfield was addressed where it spoke about instructing the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations regarding the loss of affordable housing and the overconcentration of student housing near the University Park/Expo Park community. City overalls budget 700 million deficit, next year will be rough. Hiring freeze will be in place until further notice.; they are anticipating savings from the hiring freeze. \$695 million has been received to address COVID-19. These funds will be used to purchase PPE equipment, etc. Also ordinance is being drafted to stop tenant harassment. Navigation center will open its doors at the end of this year. The Navigation Center is funded through HHH funds. The center focuses on laundry, hygiene, and storage service, which serves as a gateway to housing as well. Bridge homes, winter shelters in place with 86 beds. Sanitation service of care plus service will resume to start servicing the community streets.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- g.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 not present
- h.* The Office of Senator Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan, District Representative not present
- i.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman spoke about flu shots, in which they have to come to the conclusion that they will find a stable location, unlike a one-day location to help service everyone in the community. They would like to find a location that can accommodate with at least 70 parking slots; the site will be used for COVID testing, food distribution. They are seeking a place that can be open Tuesday-Friday and from 10-2 or 11-3. They have now distributed over 1 million pounds of food. The last day/final day of food distribution at St. Agnes will be on December 19, 2020. New location of food distribution will be soon announced and a flyer will be sent to NANDC for distribution to the community.
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez spoke about the digital media session, visit empowerla.org for more information. December 16th is the training deadline for the Policy Committee members.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* **Crosstown LA – Gabriel Kahn, Editor:** ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics- Not Present
- b.* **South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair:** Mayor’s Office updates and California Public Utilities presentation summary. President Mason informed everyone about the DWP CARES will issue a \$500 grant to people impacted by COVID-19. Funds will be mailed out by December 30, 2020. COVID-19 is on the rise; LA County never emerged from the Purple Phase. New public health orders have been issued as of November 20th and a new emergency declaration was issued on December 2, 2020; and can be accessed at <https://www.lamayor.org/COVID19Orders>
- c.* Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores reported that ANNA & Peace Camp have done 2 distribution food giveaways at St. Mark’s Church & Joel Vaca is working with CD 8 and State Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer to help clean debris/junk on the Cal Tran side and along Budlong and 22nd Street.
- d.* Area 2 Report, Kevin McPherson had no report.
- e.* Area 3 Report, Jean Frost had no report & Nicolas Creighton spoke once again about the tree issues along 22nd between Vermont and Ellendale.

- f. At Large & Community Interest Reports-No Reports
- g. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, gave an update on the utility boxes, NANDC Nods, NANDC Elections (Tuesday May 25th 2021), and Social Media Policy.
- h. NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, spoke about the great work done on the task force, and is excited about all the great work, which will continue with the support of great partners who will be assisting with the Task Force.
- i. Area 2 – Thryeris Mason, President made an announcement of One (1) seat being open for a stakeholder applicant. Per Article (V)(1)(b), B. Appointed Positions: A Candidate's application for appointment seat on the Governing Board shall include: (i) Letter from the applicant describing the value they would add to the community as a member of the governing board, indicating a willingness to serve their designated term, and accepting responsibilities of the office. (ii) Petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) stakeholders in support of the application. Signatures shall include name, address, and, where possible, e-mail address for each stakeholder. **Both documents fulfill the application requirement and are to be submitted to [board@nandc.org](mailto:board@nandc.org).**

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Action/Discussion: 3685 S. Vermont**, United Neighbors in Defense Against Displacement (UNIDAD); <https://www.unidad-la.org>. "Public Land for Affordable Housing in South LA Campaign" regarding the City's commitment to use the former Bethune Library site, a vacant 34,000 square foot city-owned lot on Vermont Avenue, for the development of affordable housing. **August 25<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee Recommendation:** that NANDC Board support an affordable housing project at the Bethune Library site. (6,0,0)
  - Policy Committee Recommendation: that NANDC Board support an affordable housing project at the Bethune Library
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - (8,5,1)
- b. **Action/Discussion: 3685 S. Vermont, ZA-2020-55-CU-SPR**, proposed 168 room hotel with 4300 sq. ft. ground floor retail. Rep: Henry Fan, Bethune Properties LLC. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM0NzUx0>. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** that the Board oppose the hotel project on formerly CRA public land and that a new RFP be issued to include an affordable housing objective. (8-0-0)
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  - Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
  - Discussion on motion
  - Motion to postpone action item VII. b. until January's General Board Meeting
  - Motioned by Marco, second by Jon
  - (8,4,2)- Motions & Resolutions item VII. is postpone
- c. **Action/Discussion: 1200 W. 37th Drive, ZA-2020-462-CU**, Conditional Use permit for a duplex W/7/ rooms in one unit & 6 bedrooms in the other w/ required additional parking located underground within the North University Park overlay (NSO and CPIO). Rep: Michael Bernstein. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM1MTk50> and <https://bit.ly/39sSZml>. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** that the Board oppose the project and its entitlements as its mass and scale is incompatible with the neighborhood and the project raises traffic, circulation and historic preservation issues.
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  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - (3,6,4) Marco Flores not present. (Board supports the development)
- d. **Action/Discussion: Council File 20-0189 Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines / Affordable Housing / Revision.** [https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0189\\_mot\\_02-11-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0189_mot_02-11-2020.pdf). Motion by Council instructing the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas, similar to the higher affordability levels contained in the Linkage Fee Ordinance. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** that the Board support the City Council motion (8-0-0)
  - Without objection the board supports City Council File 20-0189
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (13,0,0) Samantha not present
- e. **Action Discussion: NANDC Holiday Events Partnership** – The committee is in search of holiday partnership opportunities and is seeking board pre-approval of funding. **Community Committee Recommendation:** to set aside \$6,000 to support two events as partners over the Holiday season with the understanding the events are not yet identified. (4-0-0)
  - Motion to support the request of \$6,000 from the Community Committee to support two events as partners over the Holiday season with the understanding the events are not yet identified.
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
  - (8,1,3) Samantha not present

## VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Nicolas Creighton gave an Elections Report on behalf of the Elections Chair (Samantha Burg)
- ✓ All stakeholders interested in running for a Board seat in a Neighborhood Council must complete and submit an application along with all necessary documentation ON-LINE. YOU CAN FIND THE REGISTRATION PORTAL @ empowerla.org. To register you must have:
  - ✓ A photo identification;
  - ✓ A document or documents proving that they meet specific stakeholder requirements. **(A stakeholder lives, works, owns property, or participates in a NC as a community interest stakeholder. Please keep in mind that The City Clerk reserves the right to accept identification or documents)**
- ✓ All NC candidates and stakeholders voting are required to submit identification and any applicable documentation to the City Clerk to establish their eligibility to run or vote for a NC board seat. (Any documentation submitted by a candidate or voter **will not** be retained by the City Clerk.
- ✓ Elections - which will take place entirely via Vote-By-Mail **(Note to Self: To allow time for voters to receive and return their ballots in a timely manner, voters must request their Vote-By-Mail ballots online or by regular mail during an enrollment period that ends one week before their NC's official Election Day)**
- ✓ Elections for NANDC will be on **Tuesday (May 25, 2021)**. NANDC has requested for the election ballot drop box be placed at **St. Mark's Church** (Corner of Vermont Ave & 36th Street) 3651 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90007

## A FEW REMINDERS:

- ✓ Candidates may not use City facilities, equipment, supplies, funds, or other City resources for campaigning activities.
- ✓ Candidates may not use the City of Los Angeles Seal (logo) or Letterhead, for their campaign materials, which can include items such as hats, t-shirts, buttons, or signs.
- ✓ Candidates may not receive endorsements from the governing NC Board as a whole.

**The Office of the City Clerk, Election Division is closed to the public as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

**If you have any further questions you can contact the Election Chair, Samantha via email at [secretary@nandc.org](mailto:secretary@nandc.org)**

- Joel Vaca please fill out survey on "Return to Campus" for LAUSD. Deadline soon approaching.

## X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None

## XI. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 10:59 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>	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Samantha Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@nandc.org">Secretary@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	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> <b>Jim Childs, Co-Chair</b> <a href="mailto:business@nandc.org">business@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	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>	N/A	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, January 7, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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*In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at [NANDC.org](http://NANDC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact **Samantha Burg** at [secretary@nandc.org](mailto:secretary@nandc.org).*

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS –**

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 in appropriate 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.

### **REMOVAL WARNING**

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Government code Section 54957.9

### **DISRUPTION OF MEETINGS**

Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A Peace Officer may be requested to assist with the removal by the Neighborhood Council.

Any person who resists removal by a Peace Officer is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)