

Julianne Burg, Vice President
Julie Burg, Treasurer
Samantha Burg, Secretary
Jon Tieucl, Parliamentarian

Committees:

Community – 2nd Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair;
Julie Burg; Marco Flores; Thryeris Mason, & Joel Vaca
Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month – Samantha Burg, Chair; Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Nicolas Creighton, Leigha Sayles, & Nina Womack
Policy – 4th 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 Tieucl
Homelessness – *Hiatus*

**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 Tieucl
Nina Womack
Cindy Gaete

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, Jim Childs and Christopher Perez Quorum established, 14 members present
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES -**
 - Without objection December's Minutes are tabled until February's General Board Meeting
 - Motioned by Jon, second by Marco
 - All board members in favor (14,0,0)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - None
- IV. TREASURER REPORT**
 - Without objection December's MER Report was approved
 - Motioned by Jon, second by Samantha
 - All board members in favor (14,0,0)
- V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price reported on COVID-19 to continue getting tested please, visit Corona-Virus.LA-Testing to set an appointment. A vaccination center has been set up at the Crenshaw Christian Center. They are in 1a. Stage. First responders on top of the list. More info @ VaccinateLACounty.com. Question by Jean Frost was asked inquiring about filing the mayors vacancy

- on the University Park HPOZ Board.
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative Officer Cole informed everyone that USC will resume on line January 15th. Auto related and property crimes are on the up rise.
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers-Officer Carreno reported that students will be moving back on January 10th, Gateway Apartments will be @ 80% capacity. Gateway will hire new security to ensure COVID 19 protocols are met. As of January 19th, employees at DPS will be required to do weekly COVID testing to ensure the safety of everyone. Officers and students who are coming back from outside states/country must comply with the mandatory 10-day quarantine. There will be maximum deployment on inauguration day in case of any civil unrest. Trojan check is now required at the USC Credit union.
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz informed spoke about the update on the Hoover freeway underpass, which will be cleaned up, they, are looking at other hot spots. They are looking at bringing additional COVID-19 testing sites.
- e.* Council District 8 – Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson and/or Albizael Del Valle reported during item VI a.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- g.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 commended law enforcement for their response to yesterday’s

incident at the State's Capital. They protected the states property. He spoke on the shortage of COVID vaccines in LA County, while San Diego and Oakland have them quite easily. He recommended that vaccines should be given to the military in order for there to be no issues with things like cutting lines. He states that the military can handle and administer them to those who need to be vaccinated. He wishes to introduce a plan on paying college education for all, while not using taxpayers’ money. He will also introduced the Peace Act in order to be a law enforcement officer; you must either be 25 years old or have a college educated.

- h.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman the university is taking COVID very seriously, where some individuals are not only taking the test once a week but some twice a week. Steve introduced Christian Starks who is focused on the educational component of COVID 19. She spoke briefly about COVID19, the vaccine, etc.
- i.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez
- j.* Budget Advocates made a quick announcement that there will be 2 more candidate workshops.
- k.* City Clerk Election Administrator – Lanee Basulto spoke about the upcoming elections. As results of COVID 19, all voting will be done by mail. City Clerks office is negotiating with the LA County office about getting the ballot boxes. As soon as more information is available, she will forward it.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson gave a presentation on Economic Development & Affordable Housing in Council District 8. He also spoke about the new Navigation Center located on Hoover and Slauson. Vaccines are being administrated at Crenshaw Christian Center
- b.* Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores who spoke about a food distribution at St. Mark's done right before Christmas & Joel Vaca had no report
- c.* Area 2 Report provided by Kevin McPherson had no report
- d.* Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost had no report & Nicolas Creighton spoke on the homeless encampment under the freeway underpass (Hoover & 10 freeway), which was cleaned and now it's has the encampment, and fires at night. Also, along Flower and Adams the sidewalk is blocked off and pedestrians cannot walk through. Lastly, on Adams & Normandie at 1689 Adams Blvd it was reported to Nicolas that there are many individuals who gather there and there is possible drug usage.
- e.* At Large & Community Interest Reports-Cindy reported that the Curative site is giving false negative reports. Also during the WANA meeting, Richard Parks mentioned 1314 Jefferson Blvd. The project is being looked due to the owner retracted on some of the things he had agreed on when he initially presented his proposal.
- f.* Community Committee Report was given by Julianne on the virtual NANDC mixer. \$6000 previous funding was not distributed due to the timing of events, but instead some of the non=profits will be requesting funds through NPG's
- g.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, reported on the joint meeting with the community meeting, where marketing & outreach duties and strategies were discussed to reach out to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, the distribution of end of year report, and lastly gave an elections update,
- h.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President is holding off on some of the items to be discussed due to hearing from the Councilmembers response. She announced next meeting would be on January 20th.
- i.* Area 2 – Thryeris Mason, President announced the One (1) seat open for stakeholder applications and consideration. 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.**

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

a. **Action/Discussion: 2718 S. Figueroa, CPC-2020-4714-CU-DB-SPR-RDP-HCA**

Announcement of Public Hearing, request for a conditional use for a drive through fast food restaurant
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM5NzA20>

Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion: that the Board supports the conditional use entitlement for the drive through restaurant. (7-0-0)

- Without objection board supports the conditional use entitlement for the drive through restaurant at 2718 S. Figueroa
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
- All board members in favor (13,0,0)

b. **Action/Discussion: Trust South LA NPG Request (\$1,125)**

Presented by Gabriela Nunez, Community Development Coordinator: This grant will be used to fund a joint community clean-up and meal and grocery distribution giveaway hosted on and surrounding the 121 unit affordable-housing development site Rolland Curtis Gardens located in NANDC's Area 2. **Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to support the NPG request of \$1,125. (4-0-0)

- Without objection board supports the NPG request of \$1,125
- Motioned by Julianne, second by Jon
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

c. **Action/Discussion: NANDC Virtual Board Mixer**

The Community Committee would like to host a virtual board mixer to meet with the NANDC community to occur on either Saturday, February 13th or the 20th. **Committee Recommendation/Motion:** To support (4-0-0)

- Without objection boards supports a virtual board mixer to meet with the NANDC community.
- Motioned by Julianne, second by Jean
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

d. **Action/Discussion: NANDC Virtual Town Hall**

The Community Committee would like to invite our Council District Members, the new County Supervisor, and other elected officials to a Virtual Town Hall during the month of March to occur on either March 13th or March 20th. **Committee Recommendation/Motion:** To support hosting a virtual Town Hall. (4-0-0)

- Without objection to support a virtual Town Hall
- Motioned by Jon, second by Julianne
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joanne - Empowerment Congress on January 16th 2021 & volunteers to be a Data Liaison
- Cindy- in order to get the Assembly District Elections and vote you must request the ballot. Registration is open until January 11th, register @ ademselections.com

X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

- Requesting that Nicolas Creighton be appointed as the Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair

XI. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned 9:13 p.m.

Official public notice for all committees:

| Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees | | | |
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| COMMITTEE | CONTACT INFORMATION | MEETING LOCATION | MEETING DATE/TIME |
| Community Committee (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance) | Julianne Burg, Chair vp@nandc.org | Via Zoom | Second Thursday 6:30 p.m. |
| Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media) | Samantha Burg, Chair Secretary@nandc.org | Via Zoom | Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m. |
| Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use) | Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org Jim Childs, Co-Chair business@nandc.org | Via Zoom | Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. |
| Homelessness Committee (Inactive) | Nina Womack, Chair atlargerep2@nandc.org | N/A | TBA |

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, February 4, 2021, 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 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.*

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.

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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

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