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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
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David Greenman, Area 2
Kevin McPherson, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Nina Womack
Cindy Gaete

Committees:

Community – 2nd Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair; Julie Burg; Marco Flores; David Greenman (alternate), Thryeris Mason, & Joel Vaca
Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month – Samantha Burg, Chair; Nicolas Creighton, Co-Chair, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg & Nina Womack (alternate)
Policy – 4th Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-Chair, Cindy Gaete, David Greenman (alternate), Christopher Perez & Jon Tieucl
Homelessness – Hiatus

Thryeris Mason, President

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 1, 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, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, and Jim Childs. Samantha Burg and Christopher Perez were excused. Kevin McPherson unexcused. Quorum established, 12 members present.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - Without objection March's minutes were accepted with board member corrections
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
 - All board members in favor (12,0,0)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Ignite Daniel & Kika Keith stopped by to encourage each neighborhood council to establish a Cannabis regulation committee. They feel a cannabis regulation committee can bring benefits to the community. They left their contact information in case anyone wished to reach them, please email ignite@lifedevelopmentgroup.org or (702) 439-4334
 - Community member who lives at 22nd Street and Union wanted to get more clarity of huge deployment of LAPD during the incident on March 16, 2021.
- IV. TREASURER REPORT**
 - Without objection the MER for March is accepted
 - Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
 - All board members in favor (12,0,0)

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price-Not Present
- b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative-Not Present
- c. USC Public Safety Officers-Not Present
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ghandy Diaz-Not Present
- e. Council District 8 – Albizael Del Valle-Not Present
- 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. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, announced USC will have live graduations from May 14-May 26, twice a day @ the Coliseum. There will be no graduations on the USC Campus. More information to come in the coming month. He also spoke about the vaccination site at Flower and Figueroa (City Vaccination Site) which is being hosted by USC, CORE members are working at this site which is hosted by Sean Penn. To date they have given 28,556, with an average of 1900/day, the goal is to have 5,000/day. Lyft is offering free rides to help people get to their vaccination sites. Please visit their website at vaccineries.com, reservations can also be made by calling (877) 822-7933. You will receive a discount code but it will be a free code to ride to your vaccination site. A question was asked regarding the March 24th clusters of positive cases at USC, Steve had no information available at the time he was asked the question, and therefore he could not comment. Steve was also asked to clarify on the Lyft rides website. Steve was asked what vaccination is being distributed at the USC site (Flower and Exposition)-Steve said Moderna at this point. How far in advance do they have to call in for vaccine appointment? Steve clarified that the phone number he gave out was for the Lyft rides to the vaccination locations, to get appointment you must visit the county page to schedule an appointment.
- i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios- Not Present
- j. Budget Advocates Update-Not Present
- k. City Clerk Election Administrator – Lanee Basulto-Not Present

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. Crop Swap LA - Jamiah Hargins, Founder, spoke about turning both private and public land into organic gardens. These gardens that can become part of our local food cycle. Jamiah lives in the La Brea/Adams area, he created urban land into fresh gardens. Transformed unused land into gardens, his goal is to get a letter of support from NANDC for a project that he is proposing. Jamiah was encouraged to attend the Policy Committee to start the process to obtain a letter of support for his project. Discussion will be taken place at the Policy Committee to see if they can further assist him with the letter of support due to the fact that his project is not within the NANDC area. Jamiah was asked if he had asked for a letter of support from EC West and he informed us that yet. He did inform us that he has presented to ECWA and was unable to secure a letter of support, they felt a development park could create more of a development issue. He invited everyone to the "Big Opening" of the Gardening Project this upcoming Saturday, April 3, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
- b. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason shared with everyone that SLAANC had 3 guest:
 - 1) Fipa Leilua-Los Angeles City Planning
 - Pausing the 2021 Mills Act Program - Initiated in 1996 to incentivize historic preservation
 - Comprehensive assessment underway re-evaluating sustainability, physical impact, management needs and equity outcomes to be completed by Spring 2021
 - Updates of the Mills Act will be posted on the City Planning Page, @ planning.millsact.lacity.org
 - Citywide Sign Ordinance
 - On 2/25/21 the City Planning Commission voted to revert back to the version B+ alternative
 - The 12/2020 version of the ordinance can be found @ CF 11-1705
 - Process & Procedures Ordinance
 - Updates on revisions to the planning code
 - Staff recommendation report pending
 - 2) Jason Foster, COO, Destination Crenshaw
 - 1.3 mile reuse & revitalization project between Vernon Ave & Slauson Ave around the Metro LAX line construction
 - 10 pocket parks, 120 museum quality public arts opportunities, green space, open space, and connected street scape
 - 70 % local hire goal w/workforce development beginning this Spring
 - Destination Crenshaw will be having its Grand Opening in Fall 2021 Working w/small businesses to respond to COVID-19 via DC Thrive

- 3.) Co-Naming a Section of Crenshaw Blvd. to Malcolm X Blvd.
 - 5 mile stretch of Crenshaw from the Rosa Parks 10 Freeway to the Inglewood border
 - CD 8 Pilot Project was presented also during SLAANC
- c. Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores & Joel Vaca- Marco reported that there has been a rash of fires along the 10 freeway from Union to Normandie. Also there was a fire on the property located on the southeast corner of Budlong and 22nd Street due to illegal construction on the front part of the property. Encampments under the Budlong Freeway are being assisted by CD8. They are going out to the Budlong encampment twice a month to get people COVID tested, and get them assistance with COVID Vaccination. Joel Vaca also spoke about the fire at 2202 S. Budlong, an unpermitted structure, which caught fire, which luckily had no injuries. Constituents have complaint about the election registration process to him.
- d. Area 2 Report provided by Kevin McPherson & David Greenman-None
- e. Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost & Nicolas Creighton Nicolas informed everyone that some constituents had approached him regarding the sidewalks with overgrown roots from the trees. These roots are causing the sidewalks to lift up. Many people are tripping over the sidewalks and injuring themselves. Also constituents have a big concern over the Turn-Key Project at the Vagabond located on Figueroa and 32nd Street. There have been reports that some of the people staying there are bringing friends from the outside. In turn they are committing small petty theft crimes or so, they are concern that crimes will escalate to other bigger crimes, fires, home break-ins, etc. Constituents would like for DPS and LAPD to provide a little more security around there. Jean spoke about March 16th, the University Park HPOZ was conducting their meeting at the same time the shooting was taking place.
- f. At Large & Community Interest Reports-Jon Tieucl spoke on permitted & non-permitted buildings, taking Joel & Marco's concern over the fire at 2202 S. Budlong Avenue.
- g. Community Committee Report- Julianne gave an update on the upcoming Town Hall on April 24, 2021. The Townhall will be moderated by 2 of our very own Master of Ceremony Board Members Joel Vaca and Marco Flores. Councilman Cedillo and Councilman Harris-Dawson will be attending, still waiting on the confirmation of County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. Councilman Curren Price will not be in attendance due to conflict of schedule. If any constituents have any questions or concerns please email Julianne at vp@nandc.org or Samantha at secretary@nandc.org. She also asked if anyone had a question for the invited elected officials to please fill the Google doc. Senior Appreciation Day will be on May 22, 2021. The Community Committee has been working with Council District 1, 8, and 9 along with ANNA & WANA to reach the most of the seniors in the NANDC area. There will be a stand-by list in case some seniors cannot pick boxes up or change their minds, and no longer wish a box.
- h. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Nicolas gave an update on the marketing outreach committee. They encourage everyone to follow them on Instagram. They are working on NANDC Nods, please let the Marketing & Outreach Committee if you have any names you would like to submit to acknowledge the great work that individuals are doing. Also, they are working on getting the approval from DOT to do artwork on the Utility Boxes along Western Avenue. Election registration is now open to request your ballot, any questions you can contact the elections chair, Samantha @ secretary@nandc.org
- i. NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President met on February 17, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. Susan Wong, City Planning, gave a report on TOC's and Affordable Housing. Jean also spoke on the history of the creation of the NANDC Taskforce.
- j. Policy Committee Report – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, shared the Best Practices for the Policy Committee created by Dr. David Tool. She spoke about the membership and the committee being open to everyone.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Action/Discussion: SOLA Community Peace Center NPG Request \$4,000**
Presented by: Dr. Susan Stouffer - The SOLA Community Peace Center would like to request an NPG request for \$4,000. This NPG would be used to purchase food and PPE supplies for struggling families affected by COVID. They will also use the funds to provide leadership training and experience to youth in the NANDC area. **Community Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to support the NPG request of \$4,000 for SOLA Community Peace Center (4-0-0)
 - Marco Flores recused himself- He left the zoom call. City Attorney has had a conversation with Marco Flores about any possible conflict of interest and has obtained advise on what he needs to do during this agenda item presentation. Once again Marco Flores was not present during this agenda item.
 - Without objection the board supports support the NPG request of \$4,000 for SOLA Community Peace Center
 - Motioned by Jean , second by Jon
 - (11,0,0) Marco Flores not present during this agenda item.
- b. **Action/Discussion: NANDC Senior Appreciation Day - The community committee would like to purchase up to 400 food boxes from With Love Cafe for a NANDC Senior Appreciation on Saturday, May 22nd.** Community Committee recommends to approve a budget up to \$15,000 for the NANDC Senior Appreciation Day event to purchase, deliver, and food handle up to 400 food boxes including administrative and other costs for event. (7-0-0)
 - Without objection the board approve a budget up to \$15,000 for the NANDC Senior Appreciation Day event to purchase, deliver, and food handle up to 400 food boxes including administrative and other costs for event

- Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
- (12,0,0)
- c. **Action/Discussion: 2813 S. Flower, DIR-2020-7585-RDP**, a proposed 5 story hotel with 47 guest rooms, restaurant and retail uses, parking structure, outdoor dining, and roof top area, located in the former Hoover now Exposition/University Park Redevelopment Plan area. Tari Kuvenghwa, Project Manager, Dong Woo Kim, DK Design Workshop.
Recommendation/Motion: to support the project as it conforms to the Redevelopment Plan. (9-0-0)
 - Without objection the board support the project as it conforms to the Redevelopment Plan.
 - Motioned by Jon, second by Joel
 - (12,0,0)
- d. **Action/Discussion: 1276 W. 29th Street, CHC-2020-3286, Korean Methodist Church, HCM nomination.**
Recommendation/Motion: to support the HCM nomination for its significance in the Korean American community and culture and to invite pastors and other to join in support. (9-0-0)
 - Without objection the board support the HCM nomination for its significance in the Korean American community and culture and to invite pastors and other to join in support.
 - Motioned by Jim, second by Thryeris
 - (12,0,0)
- e. **Action/Discussion: Council File 09-0969-S3, Comprehensive Fee Update, including proposed Administrative Appeal Fee Increase from \$89 to \$16,000. Link:**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-0969-S3>
Recommendation/Motion: to oppose the currently proposed fee update and increases for administrative appeals and rehabilitation of properties within historic zones. Such action will have a chilling effect on rehabilitation in historic zones, property ownership, free speech, and ability to participate in due process and government decision-making. (9-0-0)
 - Without objection the board to oppose the currently proposed fee update and increases for administrative appeals and rehabilitation of properties within historic zones. Such action will have a chilling effect on rehabilitation in historic zones, property ownership, free speech, and ability to participate in due process and government decision-making.
 - Motioned by Jim, second by David
 - (12,0,0)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Mason - SLAANC was honored to know that funding had been diverted back to the community from the LAPD budget cut. She spoke of the upcoming Re-investing Funds Townhall Part II which will be taking place during the SLAANC scheduled meeting date (April 15, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.), invited guest last year in attendance were Councilmember Herb Wesson, Councilmember Harris-Dawson, and Councilmember Price. This year they will be joined by Councilmember Price, Councilmember Harris-Dawson, and Councilmember Ridley-Thomas. Please join them and register so you can be a witness in the dialogue of "How those re-investing funds will be trickled back into the community". Flyer is being finalized with more information to come soon.
- Jean informed everyone that there would be a hearing on the AAA parking lot item. Jean will send out the meeting and zoom information. The hearing will be via zoom, Hearing Administrator @ 11:00 a.m.
- Julianne Burg announced that she received an email from Officer Garner. She asks for an excuse from the LAPD SLO's from today's meeting due to a Special Detail this morning.
- Joel informed everyone that on April 15th - 16 and older would be eligible to get their COVID vaccination.
- President Mason spoke briefly about an incident, which happened along 36th Street between Western & Arlington. A person was found hung, causes unknown. She extended her condolences to the family from NANDC and herself.

X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None

XI. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourned by President Mason 8:45 p.m.

Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees			
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 Nicolas Creighton, Co-Chair area3b@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, May 6, 2021, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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