

Julianne Burg, Vice President
Julie Burg, Treasurer
Samantha Burg, Secretary
Vacant, Parliamentarian

Committees:
Community – 2nd Thursday every month –

Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

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
David Greenman, Area 2
Vacant, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives:
Cindy Gaete
Vacant
Vacant

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

General Board Minutes
Thursday, August 5, 2021 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing

I. CALL TO ORDER - President Thryeris Mason called Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, and Cindy Gaete. 8 members present, quorum established. Marco Flores and Samantha Burg present at approximately between 6:45 - 6:50 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection June's minutes are accepted with the noted correction
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
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III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim Childs-reported on the Champion Project (806 West Adams), which was presented at the PLUM meeting. It was Item 15 on their agenda. Item was canceled after an 11/2-hour wait, and PLUM announced that the item would be moved to the September 7th agenda. After members left it was announced the next hearing would be on August 10 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Ashish Pamula from Pathways to you Future is seeking remote volunteers to join them on their great efforts in assisting people. Please visit their website @ Samaritan.City

IV. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins not present.
- b.** LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative- Officer Nichol Garner apologized for not being at the meeting but sent in her report. She thanked everyone who attended the National Night Out event at the Southwest station last Tuesday. She

wants the community to know about the upcoming cleanup on Monday under the freeway underpass (Hoover Street and 10 Freeway). Also she wanted to inform everyone that the USC Students will soon be moving during the week of August 15th. Please email VP@nandc.org if there are any

questions or concerns for SLO Garner or any other officer.

- c.** USC Public Safety Officers -Officer Carreno spoke about the DPS CAB, she also spoke about the upcoming student move-ins. All students will be COVID tested regardless of their vaccination status. Coffee with the Cops will be next Thursday, August 12th at the Starbucks located on the corner of 28th and Figueroa between 10 a.m. -11 a.m. She also announced that Officer Calderon is now back and would also be attending the NANDC meetings. Officer Calderon reiterated what Officer Carreno stated. He also informed everyone about the 1st USC home football game on September 18th.
- d.** Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz spoke about the produce distributions they have been having in CD 1, a small event at the Hoover Triangle where they provided resources as well. They have met with CAL Trans to address areas of concern from the community. Clean-ups by the STRIKE Team have been continuously focused on fire debris, alley clean ups, Estrella Park and areas in need. Gandhi has been driving and reporting areas in need of clean-ups. They are also having a vaccination site at the Home Depot in Westlake (Wilshire and Union). Children’s Health Day will be August 12th. They are having an event at 1032 W. 18th Street, as well as the Alvarado Terrace on Saturday, August 7th where they will be distributing school supplies.
- e.** Council District 8 – Albizael Del Valle announced that he would no longer be serving NANDC due to switching roles within CD 8. Therefore, Isaias Benavides would be taking over Albi's position and assisting NANDC. Isaias introduced himself and spoke about the Summer Programming they are having in CD 8. He spoke about community clean-ups; and informed everyone that there is 1 crew per neighborhood council, which will go up and down corridors to alleviate the trash that has been left behind. Please send any request to

him directly. President Mason thanked Albi for all his work and support he has given the NANDC Community. She wished him much, much, much continued success. President Mason has a concern regarding the high speed and running of stop signs parallel to Normandie Avenue (North of Jefferson). Stop signs are not working for the slowing/stopping of the traffic. Isaias informed her that Street Hump applications are being explored with DOT. They are considering adding temporary medians to help the slowing/stopping of traffic. Jean asked about any insight of the PLUM item (806 Adams Blvd), which was canceled and moved from September to August. Both Isaias and Albi did not have any insight. Carolina Lozano stated she has been emailing CD8 for the last 3 months with no response to her emails. She would like to know who can she email since Albi is leaving. Albi responded to her concern.

- f.** County Supervisor Holly D. Mitchell- Daniel Park reminded everyone to please mask up and be conscious of their surroundings regarding COVID. August 11th, there will be a virtual discussion regarding infrastructuring equity.
- g.** USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman announced that school starts August 23rd at USC. Students will be moving in during the period of 14-18th. He also spoke about the vaccination among USC, Trojan Check for Students and Guest, enforcement of mask, and symptom checks. He also spoke about the coliseum and games; university is expanding for areas of gatherings before the games. USC Football Season starts September 4th. COVID pop will be at FAME church on Saturday, August 7th (9:00 -12:00 p.m.), President Mason asked about the concerns of "University levels of commitment for the safety of the community during this time of COVID", Steve Wesson will search for an answer by next months meeting.
- h.** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios not present.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason informed everyone about Planning updates during the SLAANC meeting. Raquel Beltran shared EVG Hybrid Workgroup so NC's can meet in-person and via zoom. SLAANC talked about implicit bias trainings and the city working with USC to develop trainings. She spoke about a Youth Development Project which is being developed to get the youth community involved. John Heath gave a presentation on SB 9 and SB 10. A letter of restitution, remediation and accountability regarding the firework at 27th and San Pedro was presented and submitted. Councilmember Price will update about the initiatives in CD 9 at the next SLAANC Meeting.
- b.* Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores. He shared information about the Slow Streets Improvement, which covers the area of 22nd, 23rd 24th, 25th Streets between Normandie and Raymond Avenue. Project will start around the 1st to 2nd week of August; and work should be completed within 2 weeks. Joel Vaca had nothing to report
- c.* Area 2 Report provided by David Greenman spoke about weird firework explosion the other night, and stated it continues to happen in his area.
- d.* Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost had nothing to report & Nicolas Creighton community member is trying to seek assistance and resources about a man who is houseless within the Hoover Park. There are concerns from the community about his safety and would like for resources to be provided to him.
- e.* At Large Report provided by Cindy Gaete. Cindy had nothing to report.
- f.* Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair-The Community Committee did a recap as a committee about what has been done in the past year, and discussed the future plans of Community Committee within NANDC. Julianne also spoke about the Congress of Neighborhood , which will be taking place virtual on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- g.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair- Report given by Nicolas Creighton where he spoke about the Marketing and Outreach (M & O) Committee creating a M & O roadmap/outline of a timetable of postings on social media, incorporate a disclaimer of "time frames will be suggested and subject to change", gave an update of NANDC Website with a idea of using a drone to capture the NANDC Community, working on 20th year anniversary certificate of recognition to mimic city's certificates, 20th Anniversary Swag, Zoom Background, working on possible Mottos for the 20th Anniversary such as "Keeping the Community Together since 2001" "20 Years Strong", NANDC Nods Certificates, working on the utility boxes, a doodle form will be sent out for possible new M & O meeting date, and lastly working with Congress of Neighborhood Councils to have a short video of NANDC's accomplishments during 2020-2021 period.
- h.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Pro Tem Committee Chair, invited everyone to the Policy Committee meeting.
- i.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, informed everyone that they did not meet in July. They will meet in August; preliminary report from planning will be reviewed during the August Task Force Meeting.
- j.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President, announced the board vacancies, which include Area 2 Representative, At-Large Representative (2), USC Community Representative and Business Representative. She spoke about the commitments for the positions. Please visit www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Action/Discussion: Co-Living Ordinance, Council File 21-0665 (CFMS) Ghost Kitchens/emerging Business Model/Co-Living/Residential Facilities / Undefined Land Use**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0665>
Recommendation/Motion: To support the Council File motion, on the condition that ghost kitchens and co-living and their uses are adequately defined, regulated as businesses, require licensing, and not allowing such uses in residential zones lower than R-3; implement health conditions for ghost kitchens. (6-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to support the Council File motion, on the condition that ghost kitchens and co-living and their uses are adequately defined, regulated as businesses, require licensing, and not allowing such uses in residential zones lower than R-3; implement health conditions for ghost kitchens.
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
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- b. Action/Discussion: SB 9 Council File 21-0002-S18**
SB 9 (Atkins) / Housing Development Ministerial Approval / Duplex and Parcel Map Division / Environmental Review Exemption
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0002-S18>
Recommendation/Motion: Support Councilmember Koretz's motion to oppose Senate Bill 9, as it takes away local control over zoning, and eliminates environmental review. Further, we encourage the whole City Council to adopt the motion moving forward. (5-0-1)
- Without objection the board motions to oppose Senate Bill 9, as it takes away local control over zoning, and eliminates environmental review. Further, we encourage the whole City Council to adopt the motion moving forward
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
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- c. Action/Discussion: SB 10 Council File 21-0002-S21**
SB 10 (Wiener) / Midrise, Medium-Density Housing / Public Transportation / Jobs-Rich neighborhoods
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0002-S21>
Recommendation/Motion: Support Councilmember Koretz's motion to oppose Senate Bill 10, as it takes away local control over zoning, and eliminates environmental review. Further, we encourage the whole City Council to adopt the motion moving forward. (5-0-1)
- Without objection the board motions to oppose Senate Bill 10, as it takes away local control over zoning, and eliminates environmental review. Further, we encourage the whole City Council to adopt the motion moving forward.
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
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- d. Action/Discussion: DONE Proposed Amendment to Code of Conduct Policy: General Manager's ability to suspend any Board member or committee member without a process nor finding of fact required.** <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-AMENDMENT-07162021.pdf>. **Recommendation/Motion:** that NANDC oppose the new DONE proposed language in its current form as it allows action by the Director based on unverified allegations and includes no due process. (6-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to oppose the new DONE proposed language in its current form as it allows action by the Director based on unverified allegations and includes no due process
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David

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- e. **Action/Discussion: 1271 W. 35th Street, architect Paul Williams long time residence, endangered Recommendation/ Motion:** That NANDC support the cultural heritage nomination for the Paul Williams residence at 1271 W. 35th Street, and request that Councilmember move this HCM nomination from the Council floor (6-0-0)
 - Without objection the board motions to support the cultural heritage nomination for the Paul Williams residence at 1271 W. 35th Street, and request that Councilmember move this HCM nomination from the Council floor
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jean- Planning & Land Use Committee will be hearing the 806 W. Adams discussion. She will forward information to everyone.
- Marco- St. Mark's church is accepting applications from the community for their Day Care. They are giving priority for the 90007 residents.
- President Mason complimented all the Committees for all the great work they are doing. The committees are going forward in right direction. She is very pleased with all of the work they are doing.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- President Mason- Request for the Policy Committee to discuss the "Powers of the General Manager".
- Please submit any future agenda items to the perspective committee or to President Mason at president@nandc.org.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 8:29 p.m. by President Mason

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, Pro tem Chair vp@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	Samantha Burg, Pro Tem Chair Secretary@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Pro Tem Chair area3a@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee (Inactive)		N/A	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, September 2, 2021, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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- Hoover Recreation Center, 1010 W. 25th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007
- South LA Café, 1700 Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90062
- MLK Recreational Center, 3916 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Denker Park, 1550 W. 35th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Food 4 Less, 1748 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- FAME Renaissance Center, 1968 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Loren Miller Recreation Center, 2717 S. Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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