

Julianne Burg, Vice President  
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Vacant, Parliamentarian

Committees:  
*Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month –*

*Marketing & Outreach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month*

*Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> 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:  
Vacant  
Cindy Gaete  
Vacant

Community Interest Positions:  
Vacant, USC  
Vacant, Business Rep

**General Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 2, 2021, 6:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - President Thryeris Mason called Meeting to order at 6:35 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. Samantha Burg present at approximately 7:30 p.m. Marco Flores excused absence.

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

- Without objection August's minutes are accepted as read
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 8, 0, 0

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

- Jim Childs will be forwarding a grievance regarding the USC Tram Route. Jim wanted to make the board and everyone else know, since most do not live in the route of the USC Tram Route.
- Joanne Russell - Thanked ECNANDC for the lovely newsletter. She also wants to make people aware of NANDC, re-districting of City Councils, re-districting of LAUSD as well.
- Carolina Lozano - Wanted to share 2 properties located on 37th Drive between Normandie and Halldale, which will be converted into 2-3story buildings. Concern about neighbors not being notified. Carolina did call the number, which was posted to advise them that the neighbors had not been notified of such projects. Their response was that they did not do that anymore.

**IV. TREASURER REPORT**

- Without objection the MER report is accepted
- Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
- 8, 0, 0

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins- No Representative
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative - Officer Garner reported on Adam -19 (110 - Vermont, 10-29th Street & USC Campus) entries in burglaries, DPS has assisted LAPD w/the apprehension of the suspect. They have also partner w/DPS to pass out information of safety precautions. They have also attended USC meetings to address issues & concerns in the community. They did a cleanup on the underpass of Hoover. Homeless & traffic build-up around of the schools has been a big issue around the schools. Joanne Russell had a concern of the loud possible helicopters in the area. Officer Garner did inform her that air units assist when officers in patrol vehicles request their assistance. Also Joel advised Joanne that their was a game at LA Football Club and that could of been when she heard them since there was a fly over.
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers - Officer Calderon - Informed the community of the upcoming football game. No tailgating on the campus allowed. He reiterated what Officer Garner stated during her report. He also informed the community of adding Trojan Check when coming onto campus. Jean asked if 2317 Scarff Street can be tagged as a location which has loud music, shouting which is causing disruption to the neighboring neighbors.
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz not present.
- e.* Council District 8 – Isaias Benavides spoke of the CD8 clean teams have started their clean up efforts. NANDC area will have their own clean team, which will be servicing and assisting the cleanup efforts in the area, including graffiti, bulky item pick up, etc. Following up on the planning department report to the Safety Task Force. There was a memo sent out to expedite the process to review the report. Next Wednesday the 8th about the redistricting of council district. Job fair next Thursday the 9th. Question was asked regarding the clean teams cleanup, please put your request through the 311 application. Concerns about the Mosaic properties along Orchard Avenue between Adams and 27th Street which have an over flow of bulky items and abundance of trash along sidewalk and road. Commend department of sanitations of the cleanliness of the alleys, very appreciative, please pass on the thank you. The running of street signs on Hobart and 29th, possibly putting an officer to site individuals who speed and do not stop at the stop signs. LADOT has been contacted regarding this issue. Will contact South traffic to put in the request to deter traffic violations. What information is there on the construction of 36th place and Vermont. Isaias has no new information but will forward any information he gathers. Question was asked about the follow through of the redistricting, how can one give input and feedback as to what will come out of this issue. What do we expect to see back. Isaias gave Joanne his direct number to discuss her concern furthermore. Isaias can be reached at (213) 263-1770. Laccrc2021.org
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- g.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 - No Representative
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park was pleased to have NANDC at the virtual meeting with County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. Daniel spoke about the board of supervisors looking at the barriers of the community. Looking at equitable funds to ensure they are going properly back to the community.
- i.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman not present
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios congratulated all board members on their

re-election and newly appointed members as well. He spoke about attending Civic 101-3 day session September 9, 23, & 30th. Regarding Planning 101- deadline extension until October 1st.

Digital communication policy - BONC is still receiving input. Proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct are also still being received by BONC. April 15, 2022 is the bylaw amendment deadline for NC's.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason gave her report. She announced the series of SLAANC with 3 councilmembers (Curren Price, Marqueece Harris Dawson, and Mark Ridley-Thomas). During the month of August, SLAANC met with Councilmember Curren Price. Some of the issues that were discussed with Councilmember Curren Price were:
- 27th Street & San Pedro - Botched LAPD Demolition
    - ❖ 17 to the hospital, 80 displaced, 20 homes damaged, 3 homes red tagged more and more than 30 cars ruined.
    - ❖ There was no notification to the council office of the eminent danger of the detonation
    - ❖ Accountability from LAPD and justice
    - ❖ Councilmember Curren Price has called for an independent investigation and urged George Gascon for a criminal investigation
    - ❖ Council File 21-0911 calls for an equitable compensation in victim compensation and support to ensure that victims are treated the same across the basin.
    - ❖ Making the impacted families whole: emergency housing, resource center at Trinity Recreational Center and YMCA (referrals for mental & physical health services), windows boarded and yards cleared of debris, new refrigerators, water heater replacement, 26 household received \$2,000.00 debit cards.
    - ❖ All people Communities Center & HOPICS is assisting as well
    - ❖ \$1,00,00 emergency fund from CD-9 reinvestment account 10K grants to the most severely impacted families
    - ❖ Long term corporate housing apartments for more than 80 displaced individuals
    - ❖ Window replacements to homes
    - ❖ Receiving assistance from CD-9 does not remove the right to file a claim
    - ❖ City attorney Martin Boags from the Department of Risk Management advised that the goal is full restitution as quickly as possible
  - Pandemic
    - ❖ Over 1,000 COVID-19 related deaths in the district
    - ❖ Pop-up testing sites
    - ❖ Community Partners - South Park Vermont Square, Green Meadows, The Wetlands, Kedron, Alta Med, and St. Johns are assisting
    - ❖ Essential Neighborhood Health Foundation, CRCDC
    - ❖ Permanent vaccine sites at the Wetlands and Green Meadows Park
  - Housing
    - ❖ Housing as a human right via continuous engagement advising of options of permanent supportive and affordable housing
    - ❖ 2, 200 sheltered & 2,600 unsheltered
    - ❖ By the close of 2021, will add 3 additional shelter sites (small houses) & safe sleeping accommodations
    - ❖ Encampment to Home model has placed 100 people.
    - ❖ By 2024, 1,100 units of affordable housing fully constructed
    - ❖ 2 bridge home shelter sites, 2 safe parking facilities

- Chair of Economic Development & Jobs Committee
  - ❖ Expo Park: Coliseum renovation, Bank of California Soccer Stadium (local hire), renovations planned for the remaining museums
  - ❖ Lucas Museum by 2023 (exceed local hire goal by 38% (68%) & 77% new apprenticeship jobs)
  - ❖ Vagabond increasing to 275 rooms & cafe
  - ❖ The Fig will have 104 market rate units, 82 affordable housing units & 220 student units, 290 room Union Hotel=400 jobs
  - ❖ AAA parking structure project to allow for 450 new jobs with 40% local hire
  - ❖ Legacy business preservation & recognition program to be created
- Reimaging Public Safety
  - ❖ 21 Million received from the 150 million defunding will be used in the Guaranteed Basic income program to benefit 500 households with \$1,000/month for one year.
  - ❖ Mayor contributed \$24 million additional \$5 million funding secured for a total of \$40 million
  - ❖ \$4.5 million for community grants program for NC's, block clubs & other neighborhood groups
  - ❖ \$4.5 million for environmental justice and equity
  - ❖ \$2 million for unarmed crisis response team
  - ❖ \$1 million for GRID community intervention
  - ❖ \$1 million for an apprenticeship program for local youth employment with non-profits for 1 year
  - ❖ \$500,000 for Safe Passage
  - ❖ \$500,000 for additional multi-disciplinary teams
  - ❖ \$275,000 for free legal services for CD 9 residents & businesses
  - ❖ \$125,000 in a COVID-19 bereavement fund for funeral arrangements
  - ❖ \$21 million received from the \$150 million defunding will be used in the Guaranteed Basic Income Program to benefit 500 households with \$1000/month for one year.
- Councilmember Price also announced the return of the Central Avenue Jazz Festival virtually on September 8th, 9th, and 10th
- Please join SLAANC every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- b.** Area 1 Report provided by Joel Vaca ongoing issue regarding the underpass of the freeway along Budlong (between 22nd and Washington). LAUSD is doing a big push for vaccinations for the next 3 weeks.
- c.** Area 2 Report provided by David Greenman did not have a report
- d.** Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost deferred here report to next month. the only thing was the alleys which owners are keeping clean instead of property management companies. Nicolas Creighton reported that community members are concerned about the street lighting. They have been reported to 311. Sidewalk repairs are a big concern from the community.
- e.** At Large & Community Interest Reports - 9th Circuit News about Bulky Items Removal-if items are over 60 gallons, then the city can confiscate those. Please check out the article on the LA Times.
- f.** Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair, gave a brief recap of the possible partnership with a non-profit organization, 20th year anniversary of NANDC, An Open Letter to LAPD Calling for Reimbursement to the CD9 Reinvestment Fund and request For CD 8 Councilmember to Add Address Under the CARE+ Program
- g.** Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Nicolas Creighton, Pro Tem Committee Chair, informed everyone that they did not meet in August but stated that the marketing & outreach committee is still working on the 20th year anniversary for NANDC, the call for artist for the utility boxes, and NANDC own logo certificates.

- h.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Pro Tem Committee Chair, informed everyone that Cindy has been attending the hearings and speaking on behalf of NANDC for the 806 Adams development. The other items will be discussed later on the agenda.
- i.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, reported that they met with City Planning and presented a preliminary report that they are going to present to city council. She invited everyone to the NANDC Taskforce meeting which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- j.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President, announced the NANDC vacancies, which are 1 Area 2 Representative, At-Large Representative (2 seats), USC Community Representative and Business Representative. Please visit [www.nandc.org/apply-board.php](http://www.nandc.org/apply-board.php) for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified stakeholders to currently vacant seats on the Governing Board.** Each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak. Governing Board vacant seats include:
  1. Area 2 Representative
  2. At Large Representative (2 vacancies)
  3. USC Community Representative
  4. Business Representative
  - ❖ President Mason announced that there was one interest for At-Large Representative. The one person is Jim Childs. Jim spoke of his energy and commitment. There were no questions for Jim from the board or community.
  - Without objection Jim Childs was appointed as one of the At-Large Representative vacant positions on the NANDC Board.
  - Motioned by Samantha second by David
  - 9, 0, 0
- b.* **Action/Discussion: 2813 S Flower Street**, Case #: ZA-2021-5221-CUB, Address: 2813 S FLOWER ST 90007, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24-W, 1, A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale & dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at a proposed five story hotel (47 guestrooms, including in-room controlled access cabinets), including its restaurant, cafe, lounge area, & outdoor dining areas (including a rooftop bar). Proposed hours of operation are 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM daily. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ4NDIw0>.  
**Motion/Recommendation:** to support the conditional use (5-0-0)
  - Without objection the board motions to support the conditional use at 2813 S. Flower Street
  - Motioned by Jean, Thryeris
  - 10, 0, 0
- c.* **Action/Discussion: DONE** Proposal ability to suspend any Board member, suggestions to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for alternative policy recommendations. <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-AMENDMENT-07162021.pdf>.  
**Motion/Recommendation:** to submit recommendations for alternative methods of handling suspension issues. (5-0-0)
  - There is no action on Item VII.c.

- Jon will refine the recommendation for DONE for an alternative policy recommendation with a possible time extension in order for it to be submitted.
- Motioned by Jean, Joel
- 10, 0, 0

*d.* **Action/Discussion:** The LA DCP Housing Element. <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-update>. **Motion/Recommendation:** to provide comments as per the Policy Committee discussion and Board discussion (5-0-0)

- Without objection NANDC to provide comments as per the Policy Committee discussion and Board discussion
- Motioned by Jean second by Thryeris
- 10, 0, 0

*e.* **Action/Discussion:** CF 21-0911, compensation to victims of city-caused accidents or disasters. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0911>. **Motion/Recommendation:** to support CF-21-0911 and regarding compensation to victims of city caused accidents. (5-0-0)

- Without objection NANDC to provide comments as per the Policy Committee discussion and Board discussion and leveling response equally to everyone (all parts of the city being treated equally)
- Motioned by Sam second by David
- 10, 0, 0

#### VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- President Mason -SLAANC redistricting meetings
- Joel -September 15 Manual Arts, Obama Middle School will be giving the 1st dosage of covid vaccines

#### IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim - Follow up on the district mapping north of 23rd street and Union Avenue
- President Mason- USC Shuttles, Lorenzo Shuttle, Triple Link Shuttle - Policy Committee

X. **ADJOURNMENT** meeting was adjourned at 9:21 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, Pro Tem 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, Pro Tem 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, Pro Tem Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee (Inactive)</b>		N/A	TBA

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- 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. 35<sup>th</sup> 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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