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

**Committees:** 

Community  $-2^{nd}$  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



Thryeris Mason, President

Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
David Greenman, Area 2
Mehul Patel, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives: Jon Tieuel Jim Childs Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions: Vacant, USC Vacant, Business Rep

## **Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 8, 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, Jon Tieuel, Marco Flores, David Greenman, Mehul Patel, Jean Frost, Cindy Gaete and Jim Childs. 10 members present, quorum established. Nicolas Creighton, Samantha Burg and Joel Vaca were excused.

## II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection November's minutes are accepted with noted corrections
- Motioned by Thryeris, Jean
- (10,0,0)

# III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-None

#### IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Without objection October's MER Report is approved
- Motioned by Jean, Jon
- (9,0,0) (Mehul Ineligible)
- Without objection November's MER Report is approved
- Motioned by Jon, Jean
- (9,0,0) (Mehul Ineligible)

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti Jennifer Perkins not present
- **b.** LAPD Senior Lead Officers Southwest SLO Representative- Officer Whiteman reported increase in vehicle thefts, especially Hyundai's and Kia's. Officer

- Whiteman can be reached at (213)259-6547 or 39471@lapd.online
- c. USC Public Safety Officers Officer Calderon report that winter recess was coming soon. DPS will still be operating 24/7. He reported that there is a slight

- increase in robberies and burglaries. information is being distributed to keep windows and doors locked. Also, stolen package increase, DPS is recommending to have packages delivered to lockers such as Amazon to minimize thefts.
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil
   Cedillo Gandhy 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. The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell– Daniel Park wished everyone Happy

- holidays. He spoke about COVID. It has become the one of the top 10 illness in children. He also spoke about mental wellness. Please reach out to the county services (211) for assistance in obtaining Mental Health support.
- *i.* The Office of Senator Kamlager Naomi Riley not present
- j. USC Community Report Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, announced that his title has changed to include Manager of Partnerships. He spoke briefly of upcoming community events.
- k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios not present

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- **a.** South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) Thryeris Mason deferred her report until next month.
- **b.** Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores had no report.
- c. Area 2 Report provided by David Greenman and Mehul Patel had nothing to report.
- d. Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- e. At Large & Community Interest Reports had nothing to report.
- f. Community Committee Update Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair, working closely with Marketing & Outreach on Community Events such as the upcoming USC Community event, 20th Anniversary, etc.
- **g.** Marketing & Outreach Committee Update Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Member, working with Community Committee on events and tasks.
- h. Policy Committee Update Jean Frost, Pro Tem Committee Chair, had no report.
- i. NANDC Taskforce Update Thryeris Mason, President, announce \$20,000, which USC will be using to have a community survey.
- *j.* Current Board Vacancies Thryeris Mason, President, announced the USC Community Representative and Business Representative positions. She informed everyone to please visit <a href="www.nandc.org/apply-board.php">www.nandc.org/apply-board.php</a> 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. USC Community Interest (1 vacancy) 2. Business Representative (1 vacancy)
    - No interest or applications received
- b. Action/Discussion: Presented by Steve Wesson, USC Ombudsman USC Civic Engagement will be hosting a "Winter Wonderland Event" for the community. They are seeking a partnership with NANDC. NANDC will be able to do community outreach at their event. The Marketing and Outreach Committee seeks \$2500 to assist with this endeavor to do community outreach. Motion/Recommendation: Motion to

support USC Civic Engagement with their "Winter Wonderland Event by doing community outreach at their event, and approve \$2500.00 to assist with this endeavor to do community outreach during their event. (4,0,0)

- Board motions to support USC Civic Engagement with their "Winter Wonderland Event by doing community outreach at their event, and approve \$2500.00 to assist with this endeavor.
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
- 9,0,0 (Mehul Ineligible)
- c. Action/Discussion: Presented by Marketing and Outreach Committee The Marketing and Outreach Committee will be receiving 2-3 different logos for the 20th Year Anniversary of ECNANDC.
   Motion/Recommendation: The committee seeks the approval of the Board for President Mason and the Marketing & Outreach Committee to select the logo in order to be able to launch it during January 2022. (4,0,0)
  - Board motions to have Special Meeting to select 20th Anniversary Logo
  - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
  - 10,0,0
- d. Action/Discussion: 2648 Brighton, demolition, status of permit application, CPIO clearance status. Recommendation/Motion: that NANDC demand that the City, building and Safety and Planning take all steps necessary to preserve this National Register CRA surveyed historic building in the Charles Victor Hal tract, including the stop work order, environmental review, securing the property from vandalism and neglect; make the owner aware of the scorched earth Ordinance; utilities should be turned on and a caretaker engaged. (7,0,0)
  - Board motions to have NANDC demand that the City, building and Safety and Planning take all steps
    necessary to preserve this National Register CRA surveyed historic building in the Charles Victor Hal
    tract, including the stop work order, environmental review, securing the property from vandalism and
    neglect; make the owner aware of the scorched earth Ordinance; utilities should be turned on and a
    caretaker engaged.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by David
  - 10,0,0
- e. Action/Discussion: 3109 S. Normandie, R-3-1-0-CPIO. Recommendation/Motion: Ask Planning and B&S how this four-story four unit building with surface front garage could have been approved in a CPIO character residential tract. (7,0,0)
  - Board motions to ask Planning and B&S how this four-story four unit building with surface front garage could have been approved in a CPIO character residential tract.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - 10,0,0
- f. Action/Discussion: Support Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (Muratsuchi/Glazer), which would place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. See background information.
  Recommendation/Motion to support the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (6-0-1) <a href="https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-aca-7-muratsuchi-glazer/">https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-aca-7-muratsuchi-glazer/</a>

- Board motions to support the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7.
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
- 8,0,2
- g. Action/Discussion: Speculative single-family purchases; support the City Council motion to instruct the City Legislative Analyst and City Attorney to report back with recommendations on strategies the City can use to prevent large tech and private equity firms from engaging in speculative practices that involve purchasing affordable, predominantly single-family housing. <a href="https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/zillow-opendoor-redfin-rockethomes-ibuyers-ibuying-los-angeles-city-council-home-buying Recommendation/Motion:">https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/zillow-opendoor-redfin-rockethomes-ibuyers-ibuying-los-angeles-city-council-home-buying Recommendation/Motion:</a> to support the City Council Motion. (7,0,0)
  - Board motions to support the City Council motion to instruct the City Legislative Analyst and City Attorney to report back with recommendations on strategies the City can use to prevent large tech and private equity firms from engaging in speculative practices that involve purchasing affordable, predominantly single-family housing.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Mehul
  - 10,0,0
- h. Action/Discussion: I-110 Flyover/Adams Boulevard Transitway Project, Comment to NOP (Notice of Preparation) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report due by December 10, 2021, metro.net/110adams project. Recommendation/Motion: Write comment letter urging that Caltrans should eliminate the elevated alternative, study additional alternatives, examine the need for this project, provide costs, examine the potential for traffic increases, examine the social equity of this and other highway projects in communities of color and low income, impacts to 23rd and Figueroa area, evaluate traffic impacts to the neighborhoods. (7-0-0)
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- Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- 10,0,0

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-None

- IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None
- X. ADJOURNMENT at 7:59 p.m. Happy Holidays!

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	ТВА

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: *Thursday, January 6, 2022, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.* 

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- USC Community House, 2707 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, CA 90007
- USC Village Community Room, 3015 S. Hoover St., Building 1-189, Los Angeles, CA 90007
- Hoover Recreation Center, 1010 W. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 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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Government code Section 54957.9

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