

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

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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

Celebrating 20 Years

Committees:
Community – 2nd Thursday every month

Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Homelessness – Hiatus



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At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

Thryeris Mason, President

General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing

I. CALL TO ORDER - Thryeris Mason, President, called Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, Mehul Patel, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs and Cindy Gaete. Quorum established, 13 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection minutes were approved with corrections
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 13,0,0

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- None

IV. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, stated how he does think, "we need to a better job in doing things. Doing the things you want." He spoke briefly about some Assembly Bills such as AB1400. He also stated that there might be an uphill battle on some of the things he is working on with some colleagues but will push forward. The Assemblymember was thanked for his

support against oil drills sites. He was also asked on housing issues. "Money is there, how is it being spent?" He responded by saying that 30 million has been spent on the sanitation part (cleanups of encampments). It was then pointed out that perhaps just cleaning and moving the unhoused from one location to another is not the solution. Also the fact if the unhoused are moved from one place to another, they get lost if

anyone is trying to help them with resources or are trying to follow-up with them. The Assemblymember also congratulated ECNANDC on their 20th years.

- b.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins - not present
- c.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative Officer Garner informed everyone that there is an increase in thefts, package thefts, and aggravated assaults at bus/metro stops. Please stay vigilant and try to get your packages delivered to Amazon Lockers or UPS location.
- d.* USC Public Safety Officers - not present
- e.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz - not present
- f.* Council District 8 – Isaias Benavides informed everyone that they are working on the budgets, which will be present to Councilmembers and Mayor. It was brought to his attention the nuisance and abatement of motels along Western Avenue, the shut

down of the liquor store on 69th Street, and illegal smoke shops. Isaias announced that CD 8 would be hosting a homeless count. There will be no cleanups during the period of February 14th-24th.

- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez - not present
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park announced that there are still doing homebound vaccinations. Also please visit VaccinateLA.com for vaccination sites and COVID testing sites.
- i.* The Office of Senator Kamlager - Naomi Riley - not present
- j.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman - not present
- k.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios reminded everyone to complete the Anti-Bias training and any other pending training. If there are any questions, please contact him and he will assist or get someone who can assist.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* SOLA Community Peace Center Presentation, Dr. Susan Stouffer, Executive Director thanked NANDC for their NPG support. Dr. Stouffer shared a video of 2021 showing some of the highlights of their program. Dr. Stouffer pointed out that without the support of NANDC and everyone perhaps they could not have been able to do all the things they did during 2021.
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason. Informed everyone of the 2022-2023 proposed city budget. It was noticed that there is a lack of vesting into the community. There was also a presentation from Neighborhood Voices Ballot initiative to endorse the return of local voices/input to the land use process and deter state interference with local development decisions.
- c.* Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores had nothing to report. Joel Vaca informed everyone about his outreach to the Department of Water & Power due to the theft of electricity by the unhoused.
- d.* Area 2 Report provided by David Greenman informed everyone about the COVID testing at South LA Cafe. Mehul Patel had nothing to report.
- e.* Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost & Nicolas Creighton
- f.* At Large & Community Interest Reports - No reports
- g.* Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair, informed everyone the committee is working on various upcoming events (20th Year Anniversary, Senior Appreciation Month, Etc.)
- h.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair, informed everyone that the committee is supporting all committees with any Marketing and Outreach need.
- i.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Pro Tem Committee Chair, informed everyone that the Paul Williams home has been recognized as a historical monument.
- j.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, informed everyone that they are working with City Planning.

- k.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President announced the USC Community Representative and Business Representative vacancies. Please visit www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VI. 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)
 - Anna Joyce, community member, submitted the documents for the USC Interest vacant position.
 - Anna Joyce was nominated as USC Interest
 - Motioned by Julianne, second Jean
 - 5,6,1 (Motion Failed) (Treasurer Burg not present)
2. Business Representative (1 vacancy)
 - No applications were received for Business Representative

- b.* **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Community Committee Chair

- Julianne Burg was nominated as Community Committee Chair
- Motioned by Julie, second by Jean
- 13, 0, 0

- c.* **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Community Committee Co-Chair

- Joel Vaca was nominated as Community Committee Co-Chair
- Motioned by Julie, second by Jean
- 13, 0, 0

- d.* **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Marketing & Outreach Chair

- Samantha Burg was nominated as Marketing and Outreach Committee Chair
- Motioned by Julie, second by Jon
- 13, 0, 0

- e.* **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair

- Mehul Patel was nominated as Marketing & Outreach Co-Chair
- Motioned by Nicolas, second by Jon
- 13, 0, 0

- f.* **Action/Discussion:** Nomination & Appointment of Policy Committee Chair

- Jean Frost was nominated as Policy Committee Chair
- Motioned by David, second by Thryeris
- 13, 0, 0

g. Action/Discussion: Nomination & Appointment of Policy Committee Co-Chair

- David Greenman was nominated as Policy Committee Co-Chair
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
- 13, 0, 0

h. Action/Discussion: Nomination & Appointment of Homelessness Committee Chair

- Cindy Gaete was nominated as Homelessness Committee Chair
- Motioned by Julianne, second by David
- 13, 0, 0

i. Action/Discussion: Nomination & Appointment of Homelessness Committee Co-Chair

- Samantha Burg was nominated as Homelessness Committee Co-Chair
- Motioned by Nicolas, second by Mehul
- 13, 0, 0

j. Action/Discussion: Action/Discussion: Proposal to outreach to NANDC’s City Council Representatives for their leadership in modifying current “policy and practices” by the Office of Historic Resources, Building & Safety, and Housing to include additional protections for affordable Housing units. The proposed changes would require review of all affected Affordable units, 50-year or older, to have at a minimum a circulated Negative Declaration for CEQA compliance on all demolition requests. Jim Childs **Recommendation/Motion:** that the Board approves the draft letter for sending (8,0,0).

- Without objection the Board approves the draft letter modifying "policy and practices".
- Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
- 13, 0, 0

k. Action/Discussion: 2126 W. Adams Blvd, Murphy Oil Drilling Site. Information presentation on regulatory actions and new health research; ZA is reviewing the Murphy Drill Site's compliance with its operating conditions and the sufficiency of those conditions to protect public health and safety. New research showing that health harms extend in a wide radius beyond these sites. Richard Parks **Recommendation/Motion:** NANDC calls for the modernization of the Murphy Drill Site’s operating conditions to include health protections extended to West LA Drill sites decades ago. The three health protections are (1) enclosure of the facility, (2) use of electric work over rigs, not diesel, and (3) prohibition on burning gas on-site either for power generation or flaring (8-0-0).

- Without objection the board supports NANDC calls for the modernization of the Murphy Drill Site’s operating conditions to include health protections extended to West LA Drill sites decades ago. The three health protections are (1) enclosure of the facility, (2) use of electric work over rigs, not diesel, and (3) prohibition on burning gas on-site either for power generation or flaring
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- 13, 0, 0

Recommendation/Motion: NANDC supports termination of the use of this Q R-4 zoned site for oil drilling as soon as practicable (8-0-0)

- Without objection the board supports termination of the use of this Q R-4 zoned site for oil drilling as soon as practicable
- Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
- 13, 0, 0

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

- Place Nicolas as Marketing and Outreach Committee Co-Chair

IX. ADJOURNMENT- President Mason expressed her gratitude towards everyone, especially the board. In recognition of Black History month, President Mason quotes Jackie Robinson "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives" in which we do as Board Members. Thank you and Goodnight!

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, March 3, 2022, 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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RALPH M. BROWN ACT

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Government code Section 54957.9

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