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**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 – TBA



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At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Joe Ward-, Business Rep

Thryeris Mason, President

General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 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, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete and Joe Ward-Wallace. Mehul Patel is unexcused. Quorum established, 13 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Without objection minutes are approved as corrected
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 13,0,0

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Eric Strong, Sheriff Candidate, introduced himself. Please visit his website for more information at Strong4sheriff.com.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Without objection the MER Report is approved
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
- 11, 0, 0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Jennifer Perkins
- b.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative- Officer Mejia stated that there has been an uptake in the Normandie and Adams area. Kia's are the number one stolen vehicle in the Southwest area. Catalytic converter have also been stolen. If there are any issues regarding Scarff, please email Officer Garner, at 32272@lapd.online
- c.* USC Public Safety Officers - Officer Carreno announced USC commencement on Friday, May 13, 2022 (all day), please be aware of more than normal traffic. They will have virtual clean-ups 1 week after all students have moved out. 23rd and Scarff, working with owner to cut down the weeds and keep property locked. Nicolas Creighton thanked Officer Pena and Officer Carreno for sending the USC Street Medicine to assist the unhoused Jean also thanked DPS for their assistance with the fire at 2323 Scarff Street. Officer Carreno once again reiterated the process they are following to get a hold of the owners of 2323 Scarff Street
- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz not present
- e.* Council District 8 – Isaias Benavides
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- g.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present
- h.* The Office of Senator Kamlager - Josef Siroky, will be having a skid row resource fair at Gladis Park this Saturday May 7th (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) He has not heard anything yet about the 110 overpass.
- i.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59
- j.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community not present Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman
- k.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios congratulated NANDC on the 20th year anniversary. Announcement of city council meetings, city hall is open, if you would like to enter you must have valid vaccination card or test, and wear mask at all times. NC and BONC meetings will still remain virtual. Annual Congress of Neighborhoods will be on Saturday, September 24th.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* Metro - Vermont Avenue Transit Presentation by Trisha Muralawa, Fulgene Asuncion, and Jacqueline Torres
 - Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA. It includes creating better transit. This project works to invest in the community to improve mobility and livability.
 - The project will cover approximately 12.4 miles from Hollywood Blvd to 120th Street
 - It will be the 2nd busiest corridor
 - It will connect 4 Metro rail lines and several bus lines
 - It will serve many key activity centers including several educational and cultural institutions
 - Cost estimates for M Project is \$425 Million
 - Preliminary Rail Concepts were addressed
 - There will be a listening event this upcoming Saturday (May 7th (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) at the WARD AME Church parking lot. 1177 West 25th Street, Los Angeles CA 90007

- There is a big concern from the community of how Metro is reaching out to the community and business owners.
 - Many community and board members just became aware of the Metro listening sessions.
 - Metro stated that this is the beginning of the project and will be having further meetings.
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason
- Heard from 2 candidates one was Jan Perry please visit her website at janperry.com and second candidate was from Eric Strong for Sheriff visit his website at strong4sheriff.com
- c.* Healthy Streets Initiative
- d.* Area 1 Report by Marco Flores announced that Maria Mariscos and Caveman were recognized for their service during COVID, ANNA had their 1st in person meeting, they will be Clean-up & Joel Vaca had nothing to report.
- e.* Area 2 Report by David Greenman will be attending the councilman meeting in CD 8 and they will be talking to community members to join their block club.
- f.* Area 3 Report by Jean Frost stated that fires have been due to lack of maintenance, also concerned about vacant land in the community where historic homes were to be relocated to. Nicolas Creighton stated his concerns earlier during the meeting
- g.* At Large & Community Interest Reports - No Reports.
- h.* Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, the Senior Appreciation will be Saturday May 28th. Food boxes will be distributed to the senior homes on Friday, May 27th. Also, announced that the grant application for the BeautifyLA grant was successfully submitted
- i.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, working on the NANDC Task Force Demolition awareness and working with the Community Committee on the With Love Cafe distribution for the seniors in our community.
- j.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, make comment on the project on 2323 Scarff Street. The remaining issues are on the agenda.
- k.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, study on what part of homes should be legacy. They are in discussion but moving forward.
- l.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President announced the USC Community Representative board vacancy position. Please visit 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. USC Community Interest (1 vacancy)
 - No applications received.
- b.* **Action/Discussion: Streets for All, Mobility Plan 2035, Michael Schneider**
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/viewer?hl=en&mid=1DqymigEQtaZWjQapam9BDgkQ-DgBGPxy&ll=33.990762109354094%2C-118.39052036115322&z=9&client=safari>
Recommendation: to support the immediate implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035 (4-1-2)
- Motion to support immediate letter of implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035, Healthy Streets LA
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
 - 4, 5, 3 (Julianne not present)

- c. Action/Discussion: Tree Equity Motion (4-8-20220 CF 15-049-S1) Recommendation:** to support the Tree Equity (7-0-0)
- Motion to support the Tree Equity Motion (4-8-20220 CF 15-049-S1)
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
 - 14, 0, 0
- d. Action/Discussion: 3685 S. Vermont, ZA-2020-55-CU-SPR,** proposed 168 room hotel with 4300 sq., ground floor retail, LOD, and Appeal **Recommendation:** to ask the Council office to support the ZA Letter of Determination which is on appeal (7-0-0)
- Motion to support the ZA Letter of Determination which is on appeal
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
 - 10, 0, 2 (Jon and Julie not present)
- e. Action/Discussion:** Motion to Approve a letter of support of USC's request for an invoice from their selected fiscal agent, Community Build, Inc. (CBI) in the amount totaling \$20,000.00. These funds serve as USC's contribution towards the Historic Area Survey being requested by the Demolition Task Force.
- Motion to support a letter of to select Community Build, Inc as fiscal agent for the \$20,000 contribution from USC
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
 - 13, 0, 0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)
- f. Action/Discussion:** Request to Compel City Councilmembers to Move for Encumbrance Funds -- **Recommendation:** Requesting board approval of a letter to Councilmember's Cedillo, Harris-Dawson and Price requesting a motion be made to allow neighborhood council's to encumber funds up to \$15,000.00 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.
- Motion to support a letter to Councilmember's Cedillo, Harris-Dawson and Price requesting a motion be made to allow neighborhood council's to encumber funds up to \$15,000.00 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by David
 - 13,0,0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)
- g. Action/Discussion:** Encumber Funds for Utility Boxes along Western Avenue in the amount of \$8400.00. **Recommendation:** Motion to encumber funds in the amount of \$8400.00. Funds will be used for local artists to display community art work on 7 Utility Boxes along Western Avenue with the approval of Council District 8, LADOT and ECNANDC.
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 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
 - 13,0,0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)

h. Action/Discussion: Board retro-active approval of NANDC's application for BeautifyLA Grant awarded to fund exceptional neighborhood beautification project. If awarded we will be required to match a minimum of 25% of the grant amount.

- Motion to support the beautification grant with a 25% match.
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Samantha
- 13,0,0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)

i. Action/Discussion: ECNANDC purchase of ECNANDC Zoom license.

- Motion to support the purchase of zoom license in the amount of \$200.00
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Nicolas
- 13,0,0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)

j. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of name plates, business cards, and polo shirts for Joe Ward (Business Interest) member. Cost is \$52.45 for 2 pins (gold & silver), \$ 62. 50 for business cards, and \$50.00 for polo shirts (purple and black)

- Motion to support the purchase of Joe Ward-Wallace name plates, business cards, and polo shirts.
- Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
- 13,0,0 (Joe Ward-Wallace ineligible)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thryeris, South LA leaders will be meeting with Councilmember Harris
- Jean please visit LACity.Lacity.com/carb to use mass transit, an initiative of \$150.00
- Jean announced the vacancies on the Normandie HPOZ, 2 vacancies on the Review Design Board
- Joel please ask your school for a free TAP Card for all of LAUSD students.
- Joel please register to vote, elections are around the corner.
- Marco also stated that TAP cards extend to College Students and for parents of LAUSD students as well.
- Joanne Russell listening sessions on monies to be spend. A listening session will be on May 11th. Information will be sent to President Mason

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None

X. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 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	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee	Cindy Gaete, Chair atlarge3@nandc.org	Via Zoom	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, June 2, 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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Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)

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