

Julianne Burg, Vice President
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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
Vacant, Area 2
Vacant, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

Committees:

Community – 2nd Thursday
every month

Julianne Burg (Chair), Joel Vaca (Co-Chair), Thryeris Mason, Marco Flores, and Julie Burg

Marketing & Outreach - 3rd Tuesday
every month

Samantha Burg (Chair), Nicolas Creighton (Co-Chair), and Julie Burg

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Jean Frost (Chair), Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete, Joanne Russell, Christine Lee, Jesus Garcia, and Leslie Friedman

Homelessness – TBA

Cindy Gaete (Chair), Samantha Burg (Co-Chair)

Celebrating 20 Years



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At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Vincent Cisneros, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

Thryeris Mason, President

General Board Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER - Thryeris Mason, Jon Tieucl, Julie Burg, Joel Vaca, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete and Vincent Cisneros present. Marco Flores, Julianne Burg, and Samantha Burg excused absent. Quorum established, 9 members present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve March's minutes
- Motioned by Jean Frost, second Joel Vaca
- 9, 0, 0

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jose Varela - Concerned about the high rise buildings that are being built in his neighborhood, along Normandie (near Exposition). Also concerned about the parking. It takes residents about 10 minutes to get parking at times. Jose feels that parking will get worse once the high-rise buildings are built.
- Sandra Varela lives on 39th and Normandie, Sandra is concerned about all the traffic along Normandie; the lack of parking for her fellow neighbors. She has been lived in the area for 30 years. Also, there is an alley behind her property and has been calling the city to repair the asphalt. She stated, "We need speed bumps along Normandie between Exposition and MLK. I have called the councilmembers office about my concerns and they have not responded. Can something else be built instead of high-rise buildings? We would like something fruitful for our youth."
- Stephanie Varela - Has lived in the community for 30 years. She stated, "They want to build a 5 story building in our community. There is nothing in the community with 5 stories; they are building another building across the street also 5 stories tall. They are changing the neighborhood. These types of

buildings are being built in our community and not in the wealthy residential areas. Also, the new residents on Browning and 39th they party everyday."

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Motion to approve the MER Report
- Motioned by Jon, second by Vincent
- 9, 0, 0

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Karen Bass - No Representative
- b.* LAFD South Bureau Battalion Representative - No Representative
- c.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Officer Garner introduced herself. The crimes in the area have been auto related issues like thefts, stolen cars; mostly Kia's and Hyundai's, They have been looking at the times in which crimes occur, therefore they are doing more patrols around the high peaks that they know off. There have been secured and unsecured property thefts such as iPhones. Keep an eye on your property. Adam 57 - Officer Biondo area - Crime mostly reported has been grand theft auto. The expo line has had an increase in officers to deter crime. Officer Garner also announced the Festival of Books at USC on April 22-23. Thryeris asked Officer Garner about the sex trafficking on Western and 29th Place. They told her that they are out between 8:30 p.m. till about 10:00 a.m. They shift to Western and 27th Street, Western and 30th Street. Jean thanked Officer Garner for the Scarff and Portland alleys. Jim stated that 2377 Scarff needs to reopen the public walkway.
- d.* USC Public Safety Officers - Officer Escobar introduced himself. He informed everyone of the Festival of Books April 22-23 (3 day event). Commencement will be in about a month. Crime statistics report are trespassing, motor vehicle theft, thefts, disturb, and thefts from motor vehicles. Crimes against people has gone down but crimes against property have risen 30%. Crimes stats are from January till now. We deter crime by showing our presence; high visibility of presence will deter crimes. Individuals who are committing crimes look like students with backpacks, but they have tools to commit crimes.
- e.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - Louie Leiva introduced himself. He announced that on April 16 there will be a Bike Safety Expo at Magnolia Elementary. Louie also responded briefly to some of the concerns of the community.
- f.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Gandhi Diaz introduced herself. Thanked everyone that came to the KENA cleanup during the rain. They have before and after pictures. She announced a few events: On the 29th of April there will be a 5k run on Crenshaw. There will also be a Jefferson Beautiful Day in May. They will be supporting ANNA 's Paseo cleanup.
- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present.
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present
- i.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 not present
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios not present.
- k.* Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove - Justin Lewis introduced himself. He spoke of an art competition for all high school students. They will have an Earth Day scavenger hunt on April 22nd. If you have any issues with U. S passport (14 days expedition), IRS issues and/or social security reach out to him.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman - spoke of the Casa de Rosas opening on the corner of Hoover and Adams. Structure was persevered. Homeless veterans are now living there. Fortunately this facility was rehabbed for them and building has been revived.
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris explained SLAANC's component. She stated that SLAANC heard from Councilwoman Heather Hutt - the request for a comprehensive economic plan for the upcoming Olympics, Nascar, World Cup, and opening of the Lucas Museum. (Keep an eye out for that) Assemblymember of Reggie Jones-Sawyer will be present at the next SLAANC meeting.
- c.* Area 1 Report -Joel Vaca continues to help the unhoused get housing for those who are living in the underpass of the freeway on Budlong. Working on getting a container to alleviate the garbage issue
- d.* Area 2 Report - Thryeris spoke about KENA's cleanup. Southla Cafe is expanding. They opened up a neighborhood cafe and are featuring different restaurants in the area. It is nice to see a business that almost folded expand.
- e.* Area 3 Report - Jean Frost spoke about most of the area 3 issues linked between land use and detrition of homes. The poor development habits have made it very stressful. Nicolas Creighton asked Gandhi if she knew of the status of the tree trimming along 22nd between Vermont and Ellendale. Isaias told him that they were next on the tree-trimming list. There has been no tree trimming activity on 22nd in the last month. Community members are upset that they have not seen the trees trimmed due to the poor lighting and causing them to trip at night on all the cracked sidewalks. Gandhi said she would check to see where 22nd Street is on the list for tree trimmings.
- f.* At Large & Community Interest Reports - No Reports
- g.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Nicolas Creighton, Co-Committee Chair, informed everyone that they are working with the Community Committee on the Senior Appreciation Day, Call for Artist. Nicolas thanked Edwin for putting the M & O committee in touch with Trade Tech's Art Department.
- h.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, informed everyone that they meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Forthman House. The committee focuses on land use, planning, and review items that are discretionary.
- i.* NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President - an adhoc committee coming from the policy committee. They are on a holding pattern right now; items are being review by city planning.
- j.* Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update - Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, nothing current to report. The current people have filed a lawsuit (in process). No update at this time.
- k.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President, announced the 3 vacant board positions. Two Area 2 Representatives and Business Interest board positions. 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. Area 2 Representative (2 Vacancies)
 - Edwin Ramirez submitted all documents for one of the Area 2 positions.
 - The board motioned to appoint Edwin Ramirez as an Area 2 Representative
 - Motioned by Jon, second by Nicolas
 - 9, 0, 0
 2. Business Interest (1 Vacancy) - No applications received

- b. Discussion and Possible Action:** ECNANDC to support ECNANDC Committees with pending minutes, ECNANDC would like to hire a stenographer to listen to the zoom recordings and transcribe all pending minutes. Motion/Recommendation: ECNANDC to approve the services of a stenographer to transcribe all pending committee minutes.
- Motion for ECNANDC to approve the services of a stenographer to transcribe all pending committee minutes. ECNANDC to get a quote to see how much the service will cost.
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
 - 9, 0, 0 (Edwin ineligible to vote)
- c. Discussion and Possible Action:** ECNANDC to support the purchase of a camera not to exceed \$1500.00. Motion/Recommendation: ECNANDC to approve the purchase of a camera for ECNANDC not to exceed \$1500.00
- Motion for ECNANDC to approve the purchase of a camera for ECNANDC not to exceed \$1500.00
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
 - 9, 0, 0 (Edwin ineligible to vote)
- d. Discussion and Possible Action:** ECNANDC to partner with ANNA (Adams Normandie Neighborhood Association) for their May Clean & Green of the Paseo, on May 13, 2023. ECNANDC to provide light refreshments and snacks not to exceed \$300.00 to support this endeavor. Motion/Recommendation: ECNANDC to support the May Clean & Green of the Paseo, on May 13, 2023. ECNANDC to provide light refreshments and snacks not to exceed \$300.00 to support this endeavor.
- Motion for ECNANDC to support the May Clean & Green of the Paseo, on May 13, 2023. ECNANDC to provide light refreshments and snacks not to exceed \$300.00 to support this endeavor.
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Cindy
 - 9, 0, 0 (Edwin ineligible to vote)
- e. Discussion and Possible Action:** NANDC Senior Appreciation Day - The community committee would like to purchase up to 120 food boxes from World Harvest for a NANDC Senior Appreciation during the month of May 2023. Recommendation/Motion: ECNANDC to approve a budget up to \$6,000 for NANDC's Annual Senior Appreciation Day, May 2023, to purchase food boxes, boxes handling and deliver charges of food boxes, up to 120 food boxes. Senior print outs expo park, metro for transportation
- ECNANDC board motions to amend the motion to state, "a vendor from NANDC borders, if no vendor is found in the NANDC borders, With Love Cafe and lastly World Harvest will be considered."
 - Motioned by Thryeris, Second by Jon
 - 10, 0, 0
- f. Discussion and Possible Action: McAlister Field, 3000 S. Hoover, CPC-2022-5429-CU-CUB-ZV,** proposed improvements, Bryan Eck, USC Real Estate Department, Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships and Village Ombudsman, Community and Local Government Partnerships, University of Southern California. **Motion/Recommendation:** to support the Women's Soccer and La Crosse Stadium provided that there is additional study regarding parking, a stand-alone CEQA document and a mitigation monitoring program. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention.)
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU5NjIw0>

- Motion for ECNANDC to support the Women’s Soccer and La Crosse Stadium provided that there is additional study regarding parking, a stand-alone CEQA document and a mitigation-monitoring program.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
- 10, 0, 0

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Joel commend everyone who was at the strike supporting SEIU 99
- James, USC Student, is starting a Trojan Tenant Union. He wants to stop some of the harmful gentrification.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

X. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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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

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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
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