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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
Vacant, Area 2
Edwin Ramirez, 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)

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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

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 6:30 PM

University of Southern California (USC)
USC Village Community Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order by President Mason at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Thryeris Mason, Jon Tieucl, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Edwin Ramirez, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete and Vincent Cisneros. Julianne, Nicolas and Samantha excused. Quorum established - 10 members present
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - Motion to approve April's minutes
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second Jean
 - 10, 0, 0
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Kyle Onaca -Wanted for the board to be aware of an incident, which happened with Jean and Jim. "They came to my house and were distributing flyers. They were saying that I was doing a student project, which is not true. During the Policy Committee the only objection was that the house could be historical, after compiling information of the house not being historical, a day later I found them in my neighborhood area. Jean and Jim followed me home, it is recorded on my ring security system. I am concerned if they were indeed campaigning on behalf of the council or on their own, since they were

wearing shirts with the NANDC logo. It was very disturbing; Jean and Jim are going to the zoning administrator. I do not want to feel hate. It was very uncomfortable".

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Motion to approve the MER report
- Vincent motioned, second by Thryeris
- 8, 0, 0 (Edwin and Marco ineligible)

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Karen Bass Los Angeles Neighborhood Council - There will be a coalition meeting on zoom.
- b.* LAFD South Bureau Battalion Representative - No Representative
- c.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative - Excused Absence
- d.* USC Public Safety Officers - Officer Escobar reported that 35% of crime has gone down. Crimes reported are aggravated assault, sex offenses, theft from motor vehicle, grand theft, and vandalism. The Festival of Books was a great hit. Next week, Friday, commencement will be taking place. Officer Escobar forewarned of the heavy traffic.
- e.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - Louie Leiva not present
- f.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Gandhy Diaz informed everyone that CD8 will be supporting ANNA during the Paseo Clean-up. Major traffic have taken place on Jefferson. This June we have CD 8 has 2 supporting housing projects. Gandhy is following up on trash pick-ups. As for tree trimming on 22nd between Vermont and Ellendale, she will check where they are on the list. If they are not cut during this fiscal year, she will be prioritize them for the next fiscal year. Thryeris asked if NANDC could get a response on what hygiene items are needed for the unhoused in the community. Gandhy will speak to Aiden and get back to NANDC.
- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez informed everyone that they too are struggling with unhoused issues. She informed everyone that Ciclaviva is coming to SouthLA. The Jazz Festival is coming soon, sign up if you wish to be a vendor; it is a one day event, September 23rd. Summer Night Lights is happening in lots of the parks. Recruiting 17-24 year olds. Question was asked regarding housing assistance, can the City pick up where the state has left off? Many tenants are waiting for the "Housing is Key" funding but have not receive anything. Have the council district offices heard anything? Nora responded that she has not heard anything, she will check. Maybe the county offices, and recommended to reach out to the Supervisors Office.
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present
- i.* Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove, Representative of the 37th District of California not present
- j.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, no representative.
- k.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios introduced himself. Lots of councils are advocating to participate virtually. Board members are lobbying to the state level to remain virtually. A way to influence your city officials is thru Community Impact Statements (CIS). Congress of Neighborhoods will be holding it in person at City Hall. Please visit their website @ Neighborhood Councils. LA to register and choose your workshops. Octaviano thanked for having virtual meetings and now having in person. Being able to smoothly transition to in person. Question was asked - 2 months

ago this board voted to participate in EVG program. Octaviano said the program is on hold. He does not know where it is

legislatively. The city attorney's office has open to review if NANDC as a board wants to move forward with the EVG.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman, not present.
- b. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason explain the composure of SLAANC. SLAANC had a presentation from Reggie Sawyer-Jones. SLAANC will be hosting the Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure. SLAANC meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- c. Area 1 Report -Marco Flores announced the Paseo Clean-Up on Saturday, May 13th. If you are interested in volunteering talk to Marco. Normandie and Vermont parking issues have been brought up to Marco's attention. There is no street sweeping, there are abandoned vehicles, trucks. He will have a joint meeting with the 2-neighborhood association to find a solution. He is talking to Council District 8. There was a major cleanup on May 1st along 22nd Street, a lot of violations, blocking of sidewalks, ADA individuals not being able to walk on street. Some unhoused people have come back but trying to work on having it clean. Joel Vaca also spoke about the cleanup on May 1st.
- d. Area 2 - Edwin Ramirez reported that libraries have been having a lot of foot traffic. There will be a lot of upcoming events for both children and adults. South Central running club, met in front of the original Fatburger. At SouthLA cafe they had an event around policing,
- e. Area 3 Report - Jean Frost continuing issues on recurring issues with the public space on Scarff. It was presumed to be private but it is public. Casa de Rosas has now opened. Jean is collecting books for the home.
- f. At Large & Community Interest Reports - Vincent announced that he is now Chair of the undergraduate Student Government Committee on External Affairs. He is starting to work on some projects.
- g. Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, Senior Appreciation day will be on Saturday, May 20th, 2023.
- h. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, working with Community Committee on Senior Appreciation.
- i. Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, announced that they meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- j. NANDC Taskforce Update – Thryeris Mason, President, talked about the taskforce, which has helped improve tenants rights.
- k. Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update - Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, no report.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action: NPG Request from Foshay Learning Center/Robotics Team 597 in the amount of \$3000.00.** Presented by Darryl Newhouse - First Robotics Team 597 at Foshay Learning Center, the grant will help inspire and educate the underrepresented, underserved and vulnerable youth in the NANDC community about STEM careers.
 - NANDC to support the NPG Request from Foshay Learning Center/Robotics Team 597 in the amount of \$3000.00.
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
 - 8, 0, 0 (Edwin & Marco ineligible)

- b. Discussion and Possible Action: 1722-1734 W. Adams**, 90 dwelling units including 10 units (15% of by-right density) for Very Low Income Households for a period of 55 years. FAC-Adams Boulevard LLC, Richard Benbow

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Motion/Recommendation: to support the density bonus project with a request for 5 additional very low, or low moderate or workforce units and additional green space. (4-0-0)

- NANDC board motions to support the density bonus project with a request for 5 additional very low, or low moderate or workforce units and additional green space.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Julie
- 10, 0, 0

- c. Action and Possible Discussion: 3905 S. Wisconsin Street, ZA 2021-3075-ZAA-CU(2)**, demolition of existing structures to construct a three-story single-family dwelling with nine habitable rooms; CEQA exemption; a Conditional Use; allow a three-foot side yard setback in lieu of the six feet; one uncovered parking space within the front yard setback.

Item c. was not heard during May's General Board Meeting.

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Motion/Recommendation: Committee moves to full Board without a recommendation; however recommending opposing parking in the front yard setback (4-0-0)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- USC students' architects are doing a walking tour of Sugar Hill.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Marketing & Outreach Agenda - Develop an outreach plan to fill the vacant seats.
- Kyle can there be an investigation on what happen to Kyle's incident.
- Please note: Octaviano responded that they could not comment, President Mason informed Kyle that someone outside of this body would be contacting Kyle.

X. ADJOURNMENT - 8:21 p.m.

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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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- 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
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