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Parliamentarian, Jean Frost

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Area Representatives:**  
Vacant, Area 1  
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John Noyola, Area 2  
Edwin Ramirez, Area 2  
Jean Frost, Area 3  
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

**Celebrating 20 Years**

**Committees:**

*Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
every month*

*Marketing & Outreach - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
every month*

*Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month*

*Homelessness – TBA*



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**At Large Representatives:**  
Jim Childs  
John Broadway  
Vacant

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Vincent Cisneros, USC  
Tamai Johnson, Business

**Julianne Burg, President**

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:30 PM**

University of Southern California (USC)

USC Village Community Room

3015 S. Hoover Street, Building 1-189

Los Angeles, CA 90007

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Julianne Burg, President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Members present Julianne, Marco, Samantha, Julie, Nicolas, Jean, Edwin, John N., Jim, John B., and Vincent. 11 members present, quorum established

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Office of Mayor Karen Bass Representative  
- No Representative
- b. LAFD South Bureau Battalion-  
No Representative
- c. LAPD Senior Lead - No Representative
- d. USC Public Safety Officers - No Representative
- e. Council District 1 for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - No Representative
- f. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson - Gandhi Diaz introduced herself and informed everyone that Councilmember Harris-Dawson is

concerned about many issues including safety and quality of life issues. One thing the Councilmember has asked is "why is it that it takes so long to fix lights?". Concerns like this keep the Councilmember trying to find the answers and continues to constantly follow-up so we can get the answers many constituents are asking. Gandhi also spoke about graffiti being on a rise; she informed everyone that their office is working with LAPD to fix those issues. (More patrol to be sent out.) Asking night patrols, who are on the night, to report lighting issues and

anything that can affect the quality of life. Albizael Del Valle, Economic Development Deputy, introduced himself and spoke briefly about CPIO's (focused in Area 2). The Councilmembers office has been working closely with Planning over the raised concerns of the community. The Councilmember has heard the concerns and has been working diligently on addressing issues such CPIO's. He asked if there were any questions. There were concerns in Area 3 and will follow-up with Louie to address those concerns. Gandhi asked if there were any other questions for her and there were none.

- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price - No Representative
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel not present
- i.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 - No Representative

- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Daniel Johnson, the department is looking for a General Manager. Deadline is due tomorrow to give your input via the survey sent. Anne Mari, Daniel's Supervisor, is leaving DONE but moving into a better position. Departments budget will be up soon for CIS', so we can get things such as more funding.
- k.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, spoke of the upcoming Winter Event at the Village (Sunday, December 17, 2023). He thanked NANDC for being a great partner. Questions about unwanted furniture and items left behind by students were asked. Jean and Jim thanked USC about the usage of the Community Room and USC Forthman House. Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman
- l.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Delegate - Not Present

#### IV. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Discussion and Possible Action: 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 1 Representative (2 vacancies)** - No application received
  - 2. **At Large Representative (1 vacancy)** - No application received
- b.* **Discussion and Possible Action: Action/Discussion:** 1250 West Jefferson Boulevard, Community Builder Group LLC, concept plans, new seven-story building, 122 residential units. Dawn Velasquez **Recommendation:** that NANDC, based on the presentation by Community Builder Group LLC, supports in concept the 122 unit, 100% affordable project at 1250 Jefferson Boulevard. (3-0-0)  
This agenda items is being rescheduled to January 2023. 1-4, Sunday, December 10 at the University Gardens
  - Item IV b. will be moved to General Board Meeting (February 2024)
- c.* **Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation:** Date change of Joint Board/Policy December Meeting from Tuesday, December 26th to the week prior, tentatively Thursday, December 21. (3-0-0)
  - Motion for the Policy Committee meeting to meet on Thursday, December 21, 2023 instead of their regular scheduled date of December 26, 2023
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
  - 10, 0, 0
- d.* **Discussion and Possible Action:** Date change of the January's General Board Meeting from Thursday, January 4, 2024 to Thursday, January 11, 2024.

- Motion for January's General Board Meeting to meet on Thursday, January 11, 2024 instead of Thursday, January 4, 2024
- Motioned by Samantha, second by Jean
- 10, 0, 0

**e. Discussion and Possible Action:** Recommendation: NANDC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because **the Neighborhood Council will be using teleconferencing to increase accessibility, increase community engagement, and address community health and safety concerns of ECNANDC stakeholders and constituents.**

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- Motioned by Samantha, second by Jean
- 10, 0, 0 - Vote meets the requirement of 2/3 vote. Total board members are 15. 10 out of 15 is 2/3

## V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. Crosstown, Gabriel Kahn, Crosstown's Weekly Newsletter - Brian, Vertibi School of Engineering, spoke about the data driven stories, where they take public data from 311 calls about issues concerning public safety.
- b. Area 1 Report - Marco announced that the Van Burren Neighborhood Association is collecting signatures
- c. Area 2 Report - John Noyola and Edwin Ramirez - Announced that SouthLA will donate 10, 000 bags of groceries by the end of the year. SouthLA is seeking volunteers to assist them with this project. As for Sistafriends, they are here to stay, please refer anyone that might need assistance with mental issue. Street lighting issues have been resolved in area 2.
- d. Areas 3 Report - Jean Frost & Nicolas Creighton lighting issues in area 3 have not been as successful. There has been a lot of vandalism with cable line that is underground, there was a huge outage 23rd and Scarff/Portland due to such issues.
- e. At Large & Community Interest Reports - Jim Childs, John Broadway, Vincent Cisneros and Tamai Johnson - Vincent working on the input on the design of USC's DPS uniforms, working on a vendors list.
- f. Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg - no meeting in January 2024 due to the General Board meeting on the Community Committee date. She also invited everyone to the USC Village event, Sunday December 17th.
- g. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg working with the Community Committee on Meet & Greets, upcoming USC Village event.
- h. Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost said there were no real pressing issues right now and will see if there will be a Policy Committee meeting this month.
- i. NANDC Taskforce Update - Albi spoke about how everyone is still waiting to hear back. Julianne thank Albi, the Councilmember and staff for all of their hard work and deligence. She also thanked USC/Steve Wesson, and al the members who have participated on the Taskforce.
- j. Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update - Jean Frost - Nothing this month.
- k. Current Board Vacancies – Julianne Burg, President, once again announced NANDC's board vacancies.

Area 1 Representatives and At-Large Representative vacant positions. Please visit [www.nandc.org/apply-board.php](http://www.nandc.org/apply-board.php) for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT -**

- Motion to accept the MER report
- Motioned by Samantha, second by Vincent
- 10, 0, 0

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- **Adams and Severance Project** - USC Housing project by Champion is before the California Supreme Court, tied in line with the Berkley Case.

**VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.**

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<b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>			
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	<b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>
<b>Community Committee</b>	<b>Julianne Burg, Chair Pro Tem</b> <a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>	USC Forthman House	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	<b>Samantha Burg, Chair Pro Tem</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@nandc.org">Secretary@nandc.org</a>	USC Forthman House	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Policy Committee</b>	<b>Jean Frost, Chair Pro Tem</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a>	USC Forthman House	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Samantha Burg, Co-Chair Pro Tem</b> <a href="mailto:atlarge3@nandc.org">atlarge3@nandc.org</a>	USC Forthman House	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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