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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
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Community – 2nd Thursday every month

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Jean Frost (Chair), John Noyola (Co-Chair), Jim Childs, Christine Lee, Joanne Russell, Jesus Garcia, Julie Burg, Thryeris Mason, Michael Burg

Homelessness – Edwin Ramirez, Samantha Burg (Co-Chairs), TBA

**NANDC Joint Board and Policy SPECIAL Committee Minutes
September 16, 2026**

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Jean Frost (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Members present Jean Frost, John Noyola, Jim Childs, Christine Lee, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Christopher Burg, Nayeli Diaz, Julie Burg, Michael Burg, and Joanne Russell.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Minutes/Notes Tabled

3. General Public Comment

- Wendy Salvador-Galibraite – Informed community of a proposed community mural at 3535 S. Normandie Ave. There will be a community meeting at 3535 S. Normandie on Saturday, September 26 (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)
- Rachel Caesar – Thanked Jean for facilitating the email of the Policy Committee.

4. Action/Discussion: GALA, 2328 St. James Place, partnership with Recreation and Parks; update from Joel Alvarez, Partnership Section, City of L.A., Dept. of Recreation and Parks, Jim Childs. Campus reconfiguration and upgrade project, including addition of 9 portable classrooms, street closure update, if any.

- Joel Alvarez – City of Los Angeles (Recreation & Parks) spoke about the reconfiguration of Rec and Parks programming between them and LAUSD. He will inform everyone of how the process with LAUSD goes.
- Joel informed everyone, in terms of recreational programming, they would like to see a youth soccer program, they park will only allow practices and clinics, and primarily practices on Saturdays due to the park lighting.
- Joel informed everyone also, that one of the biggest challenges with Rec & Parks and LAUSD has been security. They are looking on how they could address this issue.

- Jim spoke of the 1979 agreement with LAUSD. Jim spoke of how the community has had no issues; therefore the community was unaware of the 1979 agreement.
- The 1979 agreement was displayed for the entire board and community members to view (Page 4), and Jim spoke of the importance of the mapping/document.
- Tom informed everyone that there are families who do use the park. He would also like for someone to look at the utility building.
- Jean asked for Tom to email her the utility issue.
- Jean will be requesting for LAUSD to do a community traffic study along Scarff Street and St. James Street, and to have the majority of their traffic flow to be along Adams and not 23rd Street.
- Jim spoke about the scheduled summer construction which happened this past summer, and they were able to settle/discuss the continue passage/pathway of pedestrians where they could still walk along the current walkway passage.
- Another pressing/important issue is the closure of the passage between 6:00 – 6:00.
- Jean will be requesting transit study, response to community response, and Jim's request of traffic circulation.

5. Action/Discussion: the Murphy Oil Drill Site (2126 W Adams Blvd.). Request that the policy committee recommend that the Board submit a letter of support to the case file calling for the immediate revocation and clean-up of the Murphy oil drill site to abate a longstanding public nuisance. Richard Parks, Redeemer Community Partnership

- Motion for NANDC to support case file calling for the immediate revocation and clean-up of the Murphy oil drill site.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- All members in favor

6. Action/Discussion; University Park HPOZ Survey and the survey revision process. Revise Task Force RFP.

- Motion to revise the RFP to include the North Area of the University(USC) (HPOZ Area) to the 10 Freeway
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jim
- Jean spoke of the last 4 year effort of the NANDC Task Force.
- Jean informed everyone that NANDC would like to revise the RFP to include the University Park HPOZ Park survey. Revise the RFP to meet the required necessities.
- She informed everyone that CD 1 is supportive and has the Planning Department on board.
- Jim spoke of the importance of the surveys, his leading efforts and 16 page comment report which was rejected by the Planning Department.
- All members in favor

7. Action/Discussion: 2208 South Union, demolition of 3 structures and construction of a 6 story 155 unit building with 24 parking spaces in the University Park HPOZ and neighborhood commercial CPIO.

- Mathew Thompson said there were no real updates regarding 2208 S. Union Avenue.
- Mathew asked if there were any questions.

- Jim informed the community of the destruction of 3 historical buildings in order to build a 6 story massive building with 155 units.
- The units are approximately 100 square feet.
- The building will also have no parking for the residents.
- It does not meet any of the criteria within the University Park plan.
- The community feels that they are taking advantage because the developer/owner is protected by state laws rights for affordable housing for churches to build properties
- The community feels the builder is just maximizing on the profits, not caring about how the community really feels.
- Jean showed the building that is being proposed.
- Jean feels that it is very important the community knows that there is a community plan and a community overland plan.
- Jean wants everyone to know there is a preservation plan.
- Jean wants all of our community members to beware that a university united church wants to come into our neighborhood and destroy its character and commercial viability,
- The whole purpose of a community implementation overlay zone neighborhood residential is to create an ambiance of street neighborhood commercial and walking.
- Jean urges for everyone to track this project.
- Jean informed Mathew that this project does not support the character of the community and the destruction of the Amigos Market.
- Mathew agreed to take all the information back and see what the owner has to say.

8. Action/Discussion: Street vendors operating along Hoover from 30th to 32nd Street, as well as those on McClintock Avenue from Jefferson to 30th; oversized vehicles on Hoover, discussion on safety and environmental risks. Samantha Burg

- Samantha spoke about the concerning issues regarding the street vendors who are parked on Hoover and McClintock.
- Samantha has been in contact with the University, 311, with the Department of Public Safety. She has had constant communication with a CSO Officer III to speak on the concerning issues, but it has been a brick wall with no response/action from the vendors to address the community concerns.
- The concerns from the community are not so much the vending, the community understanding that they are also trying to make a living but the ADA accessibility.
- The community has many elderly people who are unable to pass through at times due to the fact that many vendors are blocking the walkway with tables, chairs, cooking equipment and so forth.
- The community would like to have the support of LAPD, CD 9 and Health Inspectors to help ensure that the street vendors are within compliance of protecting the rights of students/residents/seniors of ADA rights.
- The community would like for the overnight parking signs which are along Hoover (between 30th Street and the 10 Freeway) be extended to Jefferson.
- Officer Hernandez will do a walk thru with Samantha and his partner to see what the issues/concerns of the community are.
- Community members are also concerned about the dumping of their used cooking oil within the street sewers.

- John Noyola agreed with Samantha on the safety and ADA concerns.
- John supports the expansion of the signage of the oversize vehicles. John supports what Samantha expressed regarding the community concerns and oversight of the issues.
- Joanne also spoke of the concerns by her churches (36th/Normandie) where the vendors have taken over the street, and does not know how pedestrians get through.
- Joanne hopes that LAPD can also visit this area and educated the vendors blocking the sidewalks.
- Joanne and Samantha also reported the concerns of the Food for Less area (Jefferson & Western) and the new WAMO charging station (Expo and Normandie).
- John also feels that CD 8 should reach out to the other areas of concerns.

9. Action/Discussion: Objective Design Standards (ODS), status report and discussion on City Planning's efforts to create City-wide ODS in HPOZs.

- Jean said that there will be a new draft coming on September 25th.
- Jean said this is the draft everyone should be looking at.

10. Action/Discussion: Exposition Park Pool updates, committee membership, and follow up on items from previous Policy Committee Meetings

- The only update is that it is still closed as of September.
- The only solution for right now is working with the Department of Recreation and Parks Board to make public comment.
- There was a motion for NANDC to request a speedy renovation during the Recreation and Parks Board during public comment.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Joanne
- All members in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.