

Julianne Burg, Vice President  
Julie Burg, Treasurer  
Samantha Burg, Secretary  
Jon Tieucl, Parliamentarian

**Committees:**

*Community* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair; Julie Burg; Marco Flores; Thryeris Mason, & Joel Vaca  
*Marketing & Outreach* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month – Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair; Samantha Burg, Co-Chair; Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Leigha Sayles, & Nina Womack  
*Policy* – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-Chair; Robin Evangelista; Cindy Gaete; Christine Lee, & Jon Tieucl  
*Homelessness* – *Hiatus*

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Thryeris Mason, President

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

**At Large Representatives:**  
Jon Tieucl  
Nina Womack  
Cindy Gaete

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Christopher Perez, USC  
Jim Childs, Business Rep

**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER-** - Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Samantha Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Steve Pepdjonovic, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, Jim Childs and Christopher Perez. Quorum established, 14 members present

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Without objection August's minutes approved as read
- Motioned by Steve, second by Jon
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)
  
- Without objection September's minutes approved as read
- Motioned by Steve, second by Joel
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Community Member (Bart1)- Commented on "Open Space" . Member has seen an opportunity for higher density without any implementation. Her main point is not just having a living space but a quality of life living space. She would like a definition of what "Open Space" is, since there is a lack of planning when the item is discussed.

**IV. TREASURER REPORT**

- Without objection August's MER Report was approved
- Motioned by Jon, second by Steve
- All board members in favor (14,0,0)

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price not present
- b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers - Officer Roybal reported on behalf of Officer Garner. Officer Roybal reported that there were 10 crimes last week (September 20-27, 2020), no patterns except 2 package thefts at same locations. Property is being left unattended Officer Garner has requested more patrol on the Figueroa Corridor due to more crime being present in the Figueroa corridor. She also is requesting if you have any further questions, or concerns please reach out to her. Steve asked regarding any update on the recent shooting. Officer Roybal reported that there is a pending investigation, and there was one fatality.
- c. USC Public Safety Officers not present
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ricardo Flores not present
- e. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael Del Valle introduced himself to everyone. Albi gave a few updates regarding COVID testing. There was a testing site at the Free Church in partnership with St. Johns Clinic. They had a successful turnout. He also addressed the community concerns that ANNA has brought to Council District 8 attention regarding the Budlong underpass. He has been working on picking up hazardous trash, cleaning up all the debris that is being piled up, encampment issues, etc. He is working to find resources for community members who are living in the underpasses and encampments. Council District 8 is working on the issues regarding what NANDC's Safety Task Force is addressing. He also announced the partnership with 24<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre and was happy to announce the "Dia de Los Muertos" event on November 2<sup>nd</sup> via zoom. Jean requested a copy of the draft letter of the motion that is going to be introduced.
- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- g. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 not present
- h. The Office of Senator Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan, District Representative not present
- i. USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, introduced himself to everyone. He announced his involvement with the NANDC's Task Force, USC'S 75,000 bags with PPE items which were distributed, the restart process for USC to bring live operations instead of remotely operations, football being back at USC (1<sup>st</sup> game will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>), football games with be with limit travel (teams unknown at this time), and gave "Thanks" to individuals who are participating in DPS' Oversight Group.
- j. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez spoke about the parking moratorium being over on October 15, 2020. She spoke about the October 22<sup>nd</sup> virtual webinar training on using social media platforms. BONC also has passed a motion where Planning and Land Use board members need to take virtual webinar training. President Mason asked if all board members, committee members, and stakeholders need to take training, since our committees are composed of all of these categories. Karen is going to triple check on who needs to take this training. President Mason also wanted for Karen Hernandez to share the solutions/answers as to the issues President Mason has brought to their attention regarding the zoom webinar meetings, involving toll free numbers not supporting meetings. Karen response to the toll free issue was that there are too many people using these numbers. She has not heard of a solution yet or any update. Jim Childs asked regarding the new "Plan and Land Use" trainings, how new members will take it once we do not meet via webinar. Karen said it is still unknown, since it is a new policy. Cindy asked about the format training. Karen was not sure of the format.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. Rocio Flores, Program Director, **USC Civic Engagement and Economic Partnerships**, presented USC Bridges to Business Success Program. Carolina Castillo, Executive Director of Development, presented USC Civic Engagement and Economic Partnerships, and spoke about the USC Good Neighbors Program. Marco commented on the Good Neighbors Program bringing more USC students to assist other students, especially during the existing zoom era, and since it is unknown what the future holds for us.
- b. **Crosstown LA** – Gabriel Kahn, Editor for ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics, not present.
- c. **South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair: Recap of September presentations from the Mayor's office and Community Response System of South Los Angeles. During SLAANC there were 3 presenters:
  - David Price, South Los Angeles Area Representative & Citywide Faith Liaison, spoke about the new Safe Pass application, where it informs you of diagnosed COVID 19 individuals if they are near you or general area. Information is reliable and stored for 30 days. He also spoke about Los Angeles raising 1.4 million to assist small businesses, cooling centers, speed bump application window being closed due to City's budget, possible election night protest, and party house complaints.
  - Andre Herndon, Deputy Chief of Staff, spoke on Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reform. Los Angeles was one of the fastest and definitive cities to react to the call from racial justice by defunding \$150 million from LAPD.

- A series of town halls were conducted to engage the community on the reinvestment of the \$150 million

- Partnership policing with our community via a new vision for public safety using the new 4 “R” approach (Reimagining, Reform, Relationships, and Reinforcing)
- Since June the following has transpired:
  1. Significant reforms to LAPD’s use of force policy including a ban on the carotid hold and other choke holds
  2. Any officer who observes excessive force must intervene & report the misconduct to a superior officer
  3. Officers must report each time they point a firearm at someone, these incidents will be included in the department’s annual use of force report
  4. Discontinued use of the Cal Gang database
  5. Commissioned a review of LAPD’s response to the protests
  6. Work in underway with working with The County and City Council to start a pilot program of unarmed response model to crises, such as alternate dispatch using mental health and social workers instead of police officers
  7. LA Police Commission Community Advisor Committee was formed to address trust and equity. It will focus on recruitment, training, discipline, retention, how the department collects and analyzes data.
- Fipe Leilua, city Planning Associate & West, South & Harbor Community Liaison spoke about:
  - The summer quarterly report is available on line at [http://planning.lacity.org/odocument/dcc744ed-e7fa-4551-9f6d-d7636bcbbae/2020\\_Summer\\_Quarterly\\_Report.pdf](http://planning.lacity.org/odocument/dcc744ed-e7fa-4551-9f6d-d7636bcbbae/2020_Summer_Quarterly_Report.pdf)
  - Planning 101 is coming for board members who are on Planning & Land Use Committees during the month of October
  - Home sharing online compliance system was launched on 8/31/20
  - Violations of perceived AirBnB or short term rental can be reported via at [planning.home-sharing@lacity.org](mailto:planning.home-sharing@lacity.org)
- Robert Saucedo, President & CEO, Community Build, Community Response System South Los Angeles
  - Project Community Builds, Inc was established on March 14, 2020 that is designed to identify real estate that could serve as emergency operation centers, food distribution, and medical triage centers
  - They will become a stand-alone disaster preparedness agency
  - They have distributed 7 million pounds of food, over 100,000 pieces of PPE equipment
  - They have raised funds from private institutions
  - They have formed education committees to address virtual learning deficits
  - Health and mental health service committees are pending
  - They have partnered with Voices NC and received a NPG from EC West

- d. LGBTQ+ Alliance Update** – Steve Pepdjonovic, NANDC Delegate, reported that during their meeting Mayor Garcetti was present and spoke, he also took questions. Secure and safe housing was a big talking point. There was discussion about Echo Park NC, there has been controversy regarding a photo that was circulating. Individual who was involved has since resigned.
- e. NANDC Taskforce Update** – Steve Pepdjonovic, Area 2 Representative, there was a lot of update on the task force where Albi and Jean spoke on. Mission Statement of the "NANDC Demolishing Impact Task Force" will address recent increase of demolishing of historic homes and cumulative impact, including issues of the displacing of community members and families. The next steps/action items are having USC create a survey, gather more data, and get a list of enforcements so Councilmember Harris-Dawson can address. President Mason cleared that NANDC was not part of planning or any aspect of a local grass roots committee group who met the day after the NANDC Task Force meeting. At one point some of the members were working with NANDC, but no longer with NANDC. There are now 2 separate groups. The next Task Force Meeting will meet on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- f. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update** – Steve Pepdjonovic, Committee Chair, shared the lawn sign design which the committee has been working on. He would like for each member eventually display one to get more community members to attend our meetings.
- g. Area 2 Vacancy** – Thryeris Mason, President, announced the One (1) vacant Area 2 Representative position. Per Article (V)(1)(b), B. Appointed Positions: A Candidate's application for appointment seat on the Governing Board shall include: (i) Letter from the applicant describing the value they would add to the community as a member of the governing board, indicating a willingness to serve their designated term, and accepting responsibilities of the office. (ii) Petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) stakeholders in support of the application. Signatures shall include name, address, and, where possible, e-mail address for each stakeholder. Both documents fulfill the application requirement and are to be submitted to [board@nandc.org](mailto:board@nandc.org).

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Action/Discussion:** 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 seat is for the Area 2 Representative
  - Kevin McPherson submitted all of his documents to fulfill the application requirement. Kevin was the only candidate.
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- Kevin McPherson is the newly appointed Area 2 Representative.
- b. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and selection of Homelessness Committee Chair
- Nina Womack was nominated as the Homeless Committee Chair
  - Unanimous without objection to appoint Nina Womack as the Homelessness Committee Chair
  - All 15 board members in favor
- c. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and selection of Homelessness Committee Co-Chair
- No nominations noted
- d. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and selection of NC 2021 Elections Chair
- Samantha Burg was nominated as the NC 2021 Election Chair
  - Unanimous without objection to appoint Samantha Burg as the NC 2021 Elections Chair
  - All 15 board members in favor
- e. Action/Discussion:** Board approval of the purchase of business cards for new board members. Cost is \$130.00 for 2 orders.
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the purchase of business cards for new board members. Cost of \$130.00 for 2 orders.
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- f. Action/Discussion:** Board approval of the purchase of 4 polo shirts (black & purple) for new board members: Cost is \$100.00 for 4 shirts.
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the purchase of 4 polo shirts (black & purple) for new board members. Cost of \$100.00
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- g. Action/Discussion:** Board approval of the purchase of lapel pins for new board members. Cost is \$52.50 for pin orders.
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the purchase of lapel pins for new board members. Cost of \$52.50 for pin order
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- h. Action/Discussion: Peoples College of Law \$1000 NPG Request** – Peoples College of Law is a small law school authorized by the State Bar of California to grant to its graduates the J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree and certify them to take the California Bar Examination. This NPG will be used to support their long-standing efforts to provide legal education to marginalized communities including working class people, people of color, women, and immigrant groups who often face socioeconomic barriers to becoming practicing lawyers. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support of the \$1000 NPG request from Peoples College of Law (4-0-0)
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the NPG request of \$1000 for the People College of Law
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- i. Action/Discussion: Crosstown Monthly Reports Subscription** – To continue NANDC subscription from August 2020 - June 2021. These monthly reports provide the NANDC community with information regarding crime, COVID 19 stats, etc. for \$100 per month. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To continue monthly reports from Crosstown in the amount of \$100/month. (3-1-0)
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the continuous subscription to Crosstown LA monthly reports.
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- j. Action/Discussion: Allocation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$10,000.00 rollover funds – Community Committee Recommendation:** Place the \$10,000 roll-over funds from 2019-2020 fiscal year budget into the Outreach Expenditure line item (Marketing & Outreach) 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. (4-0-0)
- No objections noted
  - Unanimous without objection board approves the \$10,000 roll-over funds from 2019-2020 fiscal year budget into the Outreach Expenditure line item (Marketing & Outreach) 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.
  - 14 board members in favor, 1 ineligible
- k. Action/Discussion: City Council (CF) 20-0933 Motion for Juneteenth / City Holiday - Community ([view motion here](#))** In light of recent protests that have called for racial equity within the country in response to the unarmed killings of Black Americans at the hands of police like those of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black Americans, there has been a new interest to commemorate, celebrate and acknowledge the historical significance of Juneteenth. The motion calls for the City Council to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Civil and Human Rights Commission, to report on the historical importance and cultural impact of Juneteenth, and options for

establishing Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the City of Los Angeles. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the council motion and to call for the creation of a Juneteenth city holiday with the provision that the holiday fall on June 19<sup>th</sup> each calendar year as opposed to being a floating holiday. (4-0-0)

- No objections noted
- Unanimous without objection board supports the council motion and to call for the creation of a Juneteenth city holiday with the provision that the holiday fall on June 19<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year as opposed to being a floating holiday
- All 15 board members in favor
- **Action Discussion: Council File (CF) 20-0132 COVID-19 / Municipal Liquidity Facility Loan Assistance / Rent and Utility Related Debt Forgiveness / Program Structure and Implementation ([view motion here](#))** – The motion calls for the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Housing and Community Investment Department, be instructed to report to Council on the feasibility of applying for Municipal Liquidity Facility loan assistance in order to provide rent forgiveness to those within the City of Los Angeles who have been impacted by COVID-19, as well as with a cost analysis and options for potential program structure and implementation. It was further moved that the Department of Water and Power (DWP), with the assistance of the Ratepayer Advocate and City Administrative Officer, be requested to report to the Council on the feasibility of applying for Municipal Liquidity Facility loan assistance in order to provide utility related debt forgiveness to ratepayers within the City of Los Angeles who have been impacted by COVID-19, as well as with a cost analysis and options for potential program structure and implementation. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the call for an analysis of feasibility of applying for the Municipal Liquidity Facility loan in order to facilitate utility forgiveness. (4-0-0)
- No objections noted
- Unanimous without objection, board supports the call for an analysis of feasibility of applying for the Municipal Liquidity Facility loan in order to facilitate utility forgiveness
- All 15 board members in favor

**I. Action/Discussion: Council File (CF) 20-0991 Film Industry Equity / Minority Underrepresentation / Council District 1 Film Producing, Directing, and Writing Incubator Pilot Program ([view motion here](#))** – Minorities are vastly underrepresented in the film industry and this is one way of increasing their visibility behind the scenes and on screen. The motion calls that FilmLA be requested to report to the Council on how the City and FilmLA can do more to push for equity for all in the film industry, including Latinos, African-Americans, Asians, and women who are vastly underrepresented throughout the industry. It further moves that FilmLA be requested to report to the Council on the feasibility of using Council District 1, that has a demographic of mostly minorities, to be home to a pilot program for a film producing, directing, and writing incubator so that we can train and create the environment to grow even more minority presence. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the Council File and call for the incubator to be placed south of the 10 freeway in proximity to LACC, Mt. Saint Mary's and USC which provides access to two film schools, an all-female student body population, and creates opportunities for collaboration and partnerships. (4-0-0)

- **Motion to amend motion to include “Seniors”**
- **All 15 board members in favor**
- No objections noted to amended motion
- Unanimous without objection, board supports the Council File and call for the incubator to be placed south of the 10 freeway in proximity to LACC, Mt. Saint Mary's and USC which provides access to two film schools, an all-female student body population, and creates opportunities for collaboration and partnerships
- All 15 board members in favor

## VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees-
  - Marketing & Outreach Committee – Nicolas Creighton
  - Policy Committee - Chris Perez and Leslie Freeman (Community Member)

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thryeris-33 days until voting
- Marco-Encampments under the freeway, they have had 3 fires, ANNA members working on it. There is a joint committee with LAUSD, City of Los Angeles & County of Los Angeles who meet to discuss encampment issues, Marco has made contact with committee
- Joel encourages everyone to use the 311 app to report debris
- Chris is working closely with USC to help students living in CD 1 to help them break their leases.

**X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Standing Area reports for Area Representative

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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**Official public notice for all committees:**

<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> (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance)	<b>Julianne Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area2a@nandc.org">area2a@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Policy Committee</b> (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	<b>Jean Frost, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a>	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee (Inactive)</b>	<b>Nina Womack, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a>	USC Village Community Room	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, October 1, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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Government code Section 54957.9

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