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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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

At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Nina Womack
Cindy Gaete

Committees:

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

Thryeris Mason, President

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:30 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, Kevin McPherson, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, and Jim Childs. Christopher Perez and Steve Pepdjonovic Excused. Quorum established, 13 members present

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jennifer, Budget Advocate, invited everyone to attend their upcoming Budget Advocate Town Hall on November 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

III. TREASURER REPORT

- Without objection September's MER Report was approved
- Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
- All board members in favor (13,0,0)

IV. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price not present
- LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative not present
- USC Public Safety Officers not present
- Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Candy is the new Field Deputy for Council District 1 who will be attending the NANDC meetings. Candy introduced herself to everyone.
- Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Albizael Del Valle introduced himself to everyone. He spoke about Council District's 8 Turkey Give Away. Albi asked for volunteers, if interested please contact him.
- Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present.
- 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, gave an update on their Saturday Food Giveaway at St. Agnes. He announced that their last food giveaway will be on Saturday, December 12, 2020. They will continue their Saturday Food Giveaways at a different location starting in 2021. Steve will keep us posted of the new location.
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez introduced herself to everyone. She made a few announcements of upcoming trainings for Board Members.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* Crosstown LA – Gabriel Kahn, Editor: ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics not present
- b.* LGBTQ+ Alliance Update – Steve Pepdjonovic, NANDC Delegate, not present
- c.* Area 1 gave a brief update on the homeless encampment along Budlong under the 10 Freeway, report given by Marco Flores & Joel Vaca
- d.* Area 2 did not have a report. Kevin McPherson introduced himself to the community as the new Area 2 representative.
- e.* Area 3, Nicolas Creighton, reported stakeholders concerns of homelessness encampments under the freeway underpass along Hoover Street and 22nd Street. Stakeholders have reported that the sidewalk on the east side of Hoover is blocked and pedestrians have to walk on the car roadway. Large bulky items and debris is being accumulated by the encampments. Nicolas also spoke about the concerns of the sidewalks. Nicolas visited the areas of concerns; one area in particular was along Adams and Magnolia Ave, where there is a big block of cement which has been pushed up by the tree roots. The final concern which was heavily of biggest concern was the overgrowth of trees along 22nd Street (between Vermont Avenue and Ellendale Avenue). Residents are concerned because it is too dark at night, trees are covering the street lights (tree branches are overlapping each other).
- f.* At Large & Community Interest Reports, No reports given

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Action/Discussion: 1069 W. Exposition Boulevard, CPC-2020-3279-DB-HCA** – Development and construction of a 105 foot, 7 story, 53 unit mixed use building with 1000 sq. ft. ground floor retail, 25 parking spaces, 53 bike spaces, 6 units extremely low income, and 1 additional voluntary workforce unit. Rep: Josh Guyer, Burns & Bouchard Inc. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** that the Board support the project on the condition that there be a minimum 12 affordable housing units and underground parking which would provide additional parking. (4-2-0)
 - Jean motioned to support the project on the condition that there be a minimum 12 affordable housing units and underground parking which would provide additional parking, second by Julianne
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- b.* **Action/Discussion: 1840 West Adams Boulevard, VTT-83081-SL-HCA** – 10 unit small lot subdivision. Rep: Nevis Capital LLC, Scott Yang. – <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjM4MjA00>. **Policy Committee Recommendation:** Reject the project as currently proposed as it is incompatible with the community character due to its size, design and overall architecture, excessive room count, and failure to comply with established community plans. (8-0-0)
 - No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board rejects the project as currently proposed as it is incompatible with the community character due to its size, design and overall architecture, excessive room count, and failure to comply with established community plans
 - All 13 board members in favor
- c.* **Action/Discussion: CF 20-1265 North University Park-Exposition Park-West Adams Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay (NSO) District Expansion / Affordable Housing Loss / Student Housing Overconcentration.** Motion that the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, prepare a report with recommendations relative to the loss of affordable housing and the overconcentration of student housing near the University Park/Expo Park community. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=cefi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1265> **Policy Committee Recommendation:** that the NANDC Board support the draft resolution in concept and file a CIS in support with additional considerations of: providing green space and infrastructure, providing research and data on historic resources, encouraging actual multi-family housing, regulating development by zoning, and considering CPIO, NSO, HPOZ, small lot subdivisions, specific plans and their effect. (8-0-0)
 - No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board supports the draft resolution in concept and file a CIS in support with additional considerations of: providing green space and infrastructure, providing research and data on historic resources, encouraging actual multi-family housing, regulating development by zoning, and considering CPIO, NSO, HPOZ, small lot subdivisions, specific plans and their effect

- All 13 board members in favor
- d. Action Discussion: Sola Community Peace Center NPG Request (\$2,500).** Presented by Dr. Susan Stouffer, Executive Director. This grant will be used to support Sola Community Peace Center's community-based Peace Projects for kids and youth during Spring 2021. This will be an eight-session program for youth who are 5-18 years of age. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the NPG request (5-0-0).
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board approves the NPG request of \$2500 from Sola Community Peace Center
 - All 13 board members in favor
- e. Action/Discussion: Review and approval of 2021 Elections Information Worksheet**
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board approves the 2021 Election Information Worksheet
 - All 13 board members in favor
- f. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of business cards for 1 new board member.** Cost is \$65.00 for 1 order.
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board approves the purchase of business cards for 1 new board member. Cost of \$65.00 for 1 order.
- All 13 board members in favor
- g. Board approval of the purchase of 2 polo shirts (black & purple) for 1 new board member.** Cost is \$50.00 for 2 shirts.
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board approves the purchase of 2 polo shirts for 1 new board member. Cost of \$50.00 for 2 shirts
 - All 13 board members in favor
- h. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of 2 lapel pins (one gold, one silver) for 1 new board member.** Cost is \$26.25 for pin order.
- No objections noted
 - Unanimous without objection the board approves the purchase of 2 lapel pins for 1 new board member. Cost of \$26.25 for pin order
 - All 13 board members in favor

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees-None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Samantha gave a shout out to the whole board for completing all of their trainings. She thanked everyone for staying on top of this.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community Committee and Homelessness joint meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT-Meeting adjourned at 9:09 by President Thryeris Mason

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)	Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair area2a@nandc.org Samantha Burg, Co-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 Jim Childs, Co-Chair business@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee (Inactive)	Nina Womack, Chair atlargerep2@nandc.org	N/A	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, December 3, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

RALPH M. BROWN ACT

54954.2. (a) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the

meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

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In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Government code Section 54957.9

DISRUPTION OF MEETINGS

Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A Peace Officer may be requested to assist with the removal by the Neighborhood Council.

Any person who resists removal by a Peace Officer is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)