

Julianne Burg, Vice President
Julie Burg, Treasurer
Samantha Burg, Secretary
Vacant, Parliamentarian

Committees:
Community – 2nd Thursday every month –

Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

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
David Greenman, Area 2
Mehul Patel, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2021, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - President Thryeris Mason called Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Jon Tieucl, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Cindy Gaete and Jim Childs. 12 members present, quorum established. Mehul Patel was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
- Without objection October's minutes are accepted as read
 - Motioned by Julianne, Jean
 - (11,0,0) (Cindy not present)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- Hydee Felsstein-Soto - introduced herself, she is a member of the Pico Neighborhood Council, running for city attorney. Visit her campaign website at hydeeforcityattorney.com
 - Tom Florio- North University Park, spoke about the issue about front yard parking. He has spoken to DOT and he has been told if there is cement one can park. He asked City Council to look into this to see if this indeed is true. He asked that the appropriate sub-committee put this on their agenda for further discussion.
- IV. TREASURER REPORT**
- There was no treasurer's report this month.
- V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti sent announcements-Play LA sports, sports program for young Angelinos ages 5-17. Program is limited to 1000 people so please

register at LAParks.org to secure your spot. UPS has job training sponsored in conjunction with Los Angeles Urban League please visit their website at LAUL/UPS-training. CORE Health & Resource Fair will be holding an event next Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Mothers in Action is celebrating their 26th annual Senior Thanksgiving event on November 25th, they will be delivering 1000 meals.

- b.** LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative-Officer Crowder gave a brief overview. Slight uptake in GTA, vehicles they are targeting Toyotas, Kia's and American vehicles such as Chevy, Ford, and GMC Trucks. There have been some robberies along the Western Corridor between Expo and 39th street, and along the MTA platforms. Other occurrences such have been domestic violence and thefts (misc. no trends). David Greenman had a couple of questions regarding the carnival that is taking up 8 blocks on MLK (Between Western and Normandie). David wanted to know who profits from this carnival? And has anyone reached out to community to see if they want to have a carnival along MLK, to not have the streets clogged up? Officer Crowder did not have answers for David but asked for his contact info so he can follow-up on his questions.
- c.** USC Public Safety Officers-Officer Calderon spoke about a few things- football schedule shows 2 remaining home games on Nov 20th and November 27th (times TBA). Tailgating cannot start earlier than 6 hours prior to the start of a football game. He has been working with STUHO and other properties regarding some of the issues that have been brought to their attention by the community. Jean wanted to thank DPS for their responsiveness. She wishes for education within the USC Student community on neighborly understanding. Jim stated that he does an early communication with his neighbors, which leads to a good understanding with his neighbors, Jim passes a pamphlet with information on city ordinances explaining
- what the law is to his neighbors. Jim will forward a copy of this information to Officer Calderon. Mr. Florio wanted to know if any of the party houses have been cited? Officer Calderon is not aware of any citations being issued this year, but in previous years there have been citations.
- d.** Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Gandhi Diaz informed everyone about the graffiti strike team which has been going around the area to clean up graffiti and bulky items as well. Working with Aurora Becerra about filming, which impacts the community, please contact her if you have a concern about this as well. Jean thanked Gandhi for being a strong participant from CD 1, she also thanked Councilmember Cedillo about his stand of the 110 Flyover.
- e.** Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris Dawson– Maurice Johnson spoke about CD 8's Employ LA Initiative, City of Los Angeles Vaccination Ordinances, Belem spoke about the Los Angeles Economic Assistance Pilot Program (BIG:LEAP), Aden Binyam spoke about Houslessness (LAMC 41.18, CARE Plus Sanitation & Outreach Operations, Housing & Supportive Services Facilities, and Winter Shelters) President Mason asked about "Homeless and Unhoused"-what is the difference? Aden explained that everyone has a home, everyone is a community, therefore the advocates created the unhoused term since not everyone has a home. Officer Calderon will work with CD 8 to get resources for the unhoused in the community. President Mason is happy to hear that the center on Manchester and Hoover is highly being used, in a positive way. She thanked CD 8.
- 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 Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present

- i.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman, stated that this past Monday, USC participated at the Dia with Los Muertos. Doctorial students were present and provided health services to the community. They completed 77 COVID vaccinations, 60 flu vaccinations, glucose screening, blood pressure, and Alzheimer’s testing. He also spoke about Target Shop Local for one to shop at the local businesses within our community. A winter wonderland is being planned for December 18th.
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios made a few announcements. Additional trainings for board members are due on November 30th (Anti-Bias Training). November 30th there will be a Module 3 training so please register. Also please complete your Planning Training for PLUM committee. He thanked all of the board members and community for all they do. President Mason asked regarding public events participation. It is unknown when we will get back into outreach events; it is a case by case with the City Clerks Office.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* **Urban Tree Initiative**-Steve Wesson, Marianna Babboni, Esther Margolies, and John P. Wison spoke about the Urban Tree Initiative Project in partnership with the City of Los Angeles. It is a unique opportunity to bring their research capacity to assist with the health and green space issue. President Mason shared ANNA, WANA, South LA Cafe, and Aurora Becerra (UPAC) as possible organization that can assist in hosting a forum of the Urban Tree Initiative. It was asked how these trees are going to be maintained. Hopefully the research can include maintenance of the trees. Esther stated that it has been a comment that has been brought up and they are looking deeply into. President Mason asked to reach out to Jean Frost for a future in depth conversations.
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – President Mason said they were supposed to have Councilmember Mark Thomas-Ridley but due to his removal the day prior he did not attend. Therefore, SLAANC spoke about redistricting. Raquel Beltran and DWP, and Budget Advocates will be at the next SLAANC meeting. Please email Chair Mason at slaanc.03@gmail.com to be put on their SLAANC's distribution list.
- c.* **Area 1 Report** -Marco Flores announced that on Halloween Day they had a Day of the Dead Celebration. & Joel Vaca had nothing to report.
- d.* **Area 2 Report** - David Greenman had nothing to report.
- e.* **Area 3 Report** - Jean Frost passed in the interest of time. & Nicolas Creighton has had community members raise concerns about the increase number of RV's parking in the area. They are also concerned about LAPD not being able to do anything about the RV parking.
- f.* **At Large & Community Interest Reports**- Nothing to report
- g.* **Community Committee Update** – Julianne Burg, Pro Tem Committee Chair, continuing to work on the 20th year anniversary.
- h.* **Marketing & Outreach Committee Update** – Nicolas Creighton, Pro Tem Committee Co-Chair, working on the 20th year anniversary logo, lawn sign and call for artist.
- i.* **Policy Committee Update** – Jean Frost, Pro Tem Committee Chair, spoke about Metro I-110 Flyover project: spoke of the upcoming scoping meetings Metro and Caltrans are having; and report on previous history regarding this project
- j.* **NANDC Taskforce Update** – Thryeris Mason, President, asked David to present. Planning attended the meeting and spoke about design guidelines for TOC, they are moving forward in a positive way.
- k.* **Current Board Vacancies** – Thryeris Mason, President announced the 2 board vacancies for ECNANDC, which are USC Community Representative and Business Representative. Please visit www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. 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 seats include:
1. USC Community Interest (1 vacancy) - No applications or interest received.
 2. Business Representative (1 vacancy) - No applications or interest received.
- b. Action/Discussion:** Motion for Reconsideration of the September 2, 2021 vote on agenda item VII (a) involving the appointment of a stakeholder to a vacant board position. There was a motion to appoint Jim Childs to the board as an "At Large Representative" and the board approved the motion unanimously (10, 0, 0). Mr. Childs has since clarified that it was his intent to be appointed to the vacant Business Representative position, and not to the vacant At-Large Representative position. This matter is now placed on the agenda as a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to Section VIII(4) of the ECNANDC bylaws.
- Without object the board motions to move item VII b. off the table
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
 - 12,0,0
- c. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and Appointment of Board Parliamentarian
- Without object the board motions to appoint Jon Tieucl as Board Parliamentarian
 - Motioned by Samantha, second by Jean
 - 12,0,0
- d. Action/Discussion:** Nomination and Appointment of Second Signer
- Without object the board motions to appoint Jon Tieucl as Second Signer
 - Motioned by Samantha, second by Jean
 - 12,0,0
- e. Action/Discussion: Discussion and Appointment of South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) Primary, Secondary & Alternate Delegates.** The delegate is responsible for disseminating information to their respective Council regarding SLAANC meetings, issues and possible recommended joint actions. Further, the official delegate shall have the right to vote on behalf of his/her respective Neighborhood Council on all SLAANC actions.
- Without object the board motions to appoint Thryeris Mason as the Primary Delegate for SLAANC
 - Motioned by Samantha, second by Julianne
 - 12,0,0
 - Without object the board motions to appoint Julianne as the Second Delegate for SLAANC
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Samantha
 - 12,0,0
 - Without object the board motions to appoint Jon Tieucl as the Alternate Delegate for SLAANC
 - Motioned by Samantha, second by Julianne
 - 12,0,0

f. Action/Discussion: Presented by Officer Biondo - LAPD Southwest Division/LAPD Police Foundation seeks a partnership with NANDC to support an upcoming outreach event within the NANDC Community. LAPD seeks a donation of \$2500.00 to assist with this upcoming endeavor. **Motion/Recommendation:** Motion to support the upcoming outreach event and donate \$2500.00 to LAPD/LAPD Foundation to assist this upcoming endeavor (4,0,0).

- Without object the board motions to support the upcoming outreach event and donate \$2500.00 to LAPD/LAPD Foundation to assist this upcoming endeavor
- Motioned by Jon, second by Thryeris
- 7,4,0 (Cindy not present)

g. Action/Discussion: Presented by Ian McMillan - Reenacting the community reinvestment act. A motion introduced by Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson. This motion would set aside a certain amount of tax money collected from cannabis sales for the neighborhood health fund, with the goal of revitalizing communities impacted most by the war on drugs. The fund would be used to support: youth leadership and civic engagement, after-school programs, educational opportunities and improved local health services in minority communities. **Motion/Recommendation:** Motion to support a letter of support for Reform Cannabis Social Equity Regulatory Framework-Council File 14-0366-S5 (4,0,0).

- 9:06 Thryeris recused herself and left the zoom meeting
- Without object the board motions to support a letter of support for Reform Cannabis Social Equity Regulatory Framework-Council File 14-0366-S5
- Motion by Jean, second by Jim
- 10,0,0 (Thryeris not present during vote, Cindy not present) (Thryeris returned back to the meeting after Item VII. g. was discussed and voted on)

h. Action/Discussion: The purchasing of additional NANDC Lawn Signs with a cost not to exceed \$100.00. **Motion/Recommendation:** Motion to support the purchase of 10 additional lawn signs with a cost not to exceed \$100.00 (4,0,0).

- Without object the board motions to support the purchase of 10 additional lawn signs with a cost not to exceed \$100.00
- Motioned by Joel, second by Jon
- 10,0,1 - Cindy Absent

i. Action/Discussion: The purchasing of NANDC 20th year anniversary swag with a cost not to exceed \$2000.00. **Motion/Recommendation:** Motion to support the purchase of NANDC 20th year anniversary swag with a cost not to exceed \$2000.00 (4,0,0).

- Without object the board motions that NANDC official colors are Purple and Gold, which former President Canty introduced.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
- 11,0,0 (Cindy not present)

- Without object the board motions to support the purchase of NANDC 20th year anniversary swag with a cost not to exceed \$2000.00
- Motioned by Julianne, second by Jon
- 11,0,0 (Cindy not present)

j. Action/Discussion: The purchasing of the 20th year anniversary logo with a cost not to exceed \$300.00.
Motion/Recommendation: Motion to support the purchasing of the 20th year anniversary logo for the 20th year anniversary of NANDC with a cost not to exceed \$300.00 (4,0,0).

- Without object the board motions to support the purchasing of the 20th year anniversary logo for the 20th year anniversary of NANDC with a cost not to exceed \$300.00
- Motioned by Joel, second by Nicolas
- 11,0,0 (Cindy not present)

k. Action/Discussion: 3811, 3821 South Western, Pine Tree Inn, Danmar Hotel, revocation process.
Recommendation/Motion: to continue to support revocation of licenses for the above-named motels and submit additional comments to the ZA (5-0-0)

- Without object the board motions to continue to support revocation of licenses for the above-named motels and submit additional comments to the ZA
- Motioned by Jean, second by David
- 11,0,0 (Cindy not present)

l. Action/Discussion: CF 21-0773, Wire Basket Trash Receptacles / Homeless Encampments / Sanitation Crisis / Public Spaces **Recommendation/Motion:** to support this motion to provide trash receptacles along with regular trash collection services, to unhoused Angelinos (5-0-0)

- <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0773>
- Without object the board motions to support this motion to provide trash receptacles along with regular trash collection services, to unhoused Angelinos (5-0-0)
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0773>
 - Motioned by Jean, second by David
 - 11,0,0 (Cindy not present)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jean announced that 1840 West Adams hearing is coming up, she will email the information.
- Joel announced in an effort to make sure students are able to use public transportation, high school students can get a free TAP card to use on public transportation. He also announced that after November 8th, LAUSD will start vaccinating the youth (5 years and older)
- Marco stated that the TAP card is for all students in LAUSD students (All grade levels)
- Thryeris announced that there is an Ad Hoc committee, which has been created; it will be looking at the redistricting K 2.5. Please keep an eye out and speak out during the redistricting hearings as a community member.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- please submit all agenda items to Secretary Burg @ secretary

X. ADJOURNMENT- 9:47 p.m. Happy & Safe Thanksgiving.

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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, Pro Tem Chair vp@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	Samantha Burg, Pro Tem Chair Secretary@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Pro Tem Chair area3a@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee (Inactive)		N/A	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
- FAME Renaissance Center, 1968 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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