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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH**  
**AREA NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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

**Committees:**

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

Julianne Burg (Chair), Joel Vaca (Co-Chair), Thryeris Mason, Marco Flores, and Julie Burg

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

Samantha Burg (Chair), Nicolas Creighton (Co-Chair), and Julie Burg

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

Jean Frost (Chair), David Greenman (Co-Chair), Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete, Joanne Russell, Christine Lee, Jesus Garcia, and Leslie Friedman

***Homelessness – TBA***

Cindy Gaete (Chair), Samantha Burg (Co-Chair)

**Celebrating 20 Years**



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**At Large Representatives:**  
**Jon Tieucl**  
**Jim Childs**  
**Cindy Gaete**

**Community Interest Positions:**  
**Vincent Cisneros, USC**  
**Vacant, Business Rep**

**Thryeris Mason, President**

**General Board Meeting**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:30 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - President Mason called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs and Vincent Cisneros. 12 members present, quorum established.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
  - Board motions to approve the minutes
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Joel
  - 12, 0, 0
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - John Broadway wanted to thank ECNANDC for supporting the stopping of the development/building of a hotel at the Bethune Site
  - Maria Flores came to comment on the same project John Broadway spoke about. She also wanted to thank ECNANDC on representing the community.
- IV. TREASURER REPORT**
  - Board motions to approve the MER Report
  - Motioned by Joel, second by Nicolas
  - 12, 0, 0

## V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Karen Bass - Sandra Oimedo (Southeast Representative), introduced Brenda L. Thompson (Southwest Representative). As they are transitioning, Mayor Bass has until April to finalize her staff. Sandra also spoke of the State of emergency - where there will be lower cost of affordable housing building. She also spoke of the cleanups they have been doing such as the Cahuenga & 101 freeway, and the second location being Venice. LAHSA is seeking volunteers to assist with 8000 shifts to help count. Count will conclude on January 26th. Adjustments to the covid protection housing are being made, please visit housing.protection for more information. Or call Stay House LA at 888-694-6044. Mayor Bass has jobs, lots of vacancies to apply for open positions. Jean thanked Sandra for all her accomplishments and welcomed Brenda. Brenda can be reached at [Brenda.Thompson@lacity.org](mailto:Brenda.Thompson@lacity.org)
- b.* LAFD South Bureau Battalion Representative - No Present
- c.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Mejia wished everyone a "Happy New Year". She informed everyone of 2 homicides. One at Denker and south of MLK - there was a dispute between 2 people; an individual was shot and passed away. The other homicide was at Leighton and Budlong; a RV was set on fire. The person who lived there passed away. She also spoke of GTA's (Grand Theft Autos). The 2 major vehicles are Hyundai's and Kias. She also reminded everyone to secure their property, take all of your belongings with you. She also made a few community announcements - on January 16th - King Parade. Southwest will be having a blood drive - American Red Cross- appointments are available on-line for the Southwest location. There was a question regarding catalytic converter thefts, Officer Mejia said the safest thing is to park your vehicle on your property. Jim Childs asked about the homicide at the Lorenzo Apartments. Officer Mejia did not have details on it since the incident is assigned to Newton Division. All she could confirm is that a security guard at the Lorenzo confronted an individual who was trespassing and unfortunately ended getting killed.
- d.* USC Public Safety Officers - Not Present
- e.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - Not Present
- f.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Isaias Benavides reported on Neighborhood Council community plan. There was a question about the overlay amendment- where 2 very specific things were asked - 1 of them being, when a property over 60 years old is looked at, it needs to be survey. Jean feels that ECNANDC needs some kind of response/explanation. Marco asked about the speed hump application process. He explained how a neighbor got an email with approval, now an email has been sent that DOT is rejected his application/request. Email will be forwarded to Isaias, DOT will look at it. He also spoke of all the trucks that are being parked all along 22nd (along the freeway), big trucks being parked all day long (between Normandie and Vermont). Isaias asked for him to please forward information to start process on possibly requesting trucks to be moved. Isaias said that item was going to be introduced this month; CD 8 will introduce and see if it gets approved. Community impact statements would be appreciated. Bethune Library site, rejected project, no appeal, but concerned about another RFP being developed. ECNANDC would like to be notified of any process taken, where public comment can be voiced. Nic thanked for the assistance with lighting. There are a few more request. Nic will forward the request to Isaias. Thryeris asked if there has been any discussion on looking at what can be done about issues along Western. Solutions such as no turning on streets, extra lighting, hotels, etc. She asked if

anyone knows how much activity is going on Western. Thryeris would like a report especially since there is under age trafficking; she feels that we cannot turn a blind eye to under age trafficking. She informed Isaias that she has had reports as well of being on Western between 27th and 28th. How can we curtail prostitution on Western?

- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present

- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park not present
- i.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59, not present
- j.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios stated DONE had emailed everyone the Empowerment Newsletter. He also spoke about elections for Region 10.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman
- b.* City of Los Angeles Lead Hazard Remediation Program, Johanna Aria-Bhatia, Project Coordinator
  - Johanna spoke about the City of Los Angeles Lead Hazard Remediation Program
  - Application is based on HUD requirements; they are available to help out. Once application is complete there is about a 6-month process period.
  - Application process can be done in Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason did not have a report
- c.* Area 1 Report - Marco Flores stated that WANNA had a fabulous Christmas event. They had a home decorating contest. Joel Vaca had nothing to report this month
- d.* Area 2 Report provided by David Greenman - Clean up on January 21st, waiting on confirmation. Will keep NANDC posted
- e.* Area 3 Report - Jean Frost stated there is a chronic return of encampments at 2323 Scarff Street and by St. James Park. Nicolas Creighton community still would like the city to continue their efforts on restoring light, and trim the trees they have said they would trim
- f.* At Large & Community Interest Reports - Vincent stated that 2nd semester will be starting on Monday.
- g.* Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, thanked everyone who tabled at Ciclaviva (President Mason, Jon Tieucl and Cindy Gaete). They also had a successful Winter Event in partnership with USC Village and she gave a special thank you to Jon Tieucl.
- h.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair - seeking artist to display their art work on the utility boxes along Western Avenue.
- i.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, 1st would like to thank John Broadway and Maria for their comments during public comments. January 24th is the next Policy Committee Meeting.
- j.* Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update - Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, no report.
- k.* Current Board Vacancies – Thryeris Mason, President, announced 2 current board vacancies-Area 2 Representative and Business Interest. Please visit [www.nandc.org/apply-board.php](http://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.**
  - 1. Area 2 Representative
  - 2. Business Interest
    - No applications were received

- b. ACTION/DISCUSSION:** ECNANDC to approve \$289.68 for over budget spending for the USC Village Trunk O' Treat/Dias de Los Muertos (October 30, 2022). **Recommendation/Motion:** ECNANDC approves the \$289.68 over budget expenditure (4-0-0).
- ECNANDC approves the \$289.68 over budget expenditure
  - Motioned by Jean, second by David
  - 11, 0, 0 (Joel Ineligible to Vote)
- c. ACTION/DISCUSSION:** NANDC budget revision to include allocation of the \$10,000.00 rollover funds from the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. **Recommendation/Motion:** ECNANDC to recommend allocating \$6000.00 in NPG's expenditures and \$4000.00 in CIP's expenditures. (4-0-0).
- ECNANDC recommends allocating \$6000.00 in NPG's expenditures and \$4000.00 in CIP's expenditures
  - Motioned by Marco, second by Jon Tieucl
  - 11, 0, 0 (Joel Ineligible to Vote)

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

- Joel announced that LAUSD starts again on January 9th, please get vaccinated
- Marco announced that there is a pandemic EBT card (Round 3). The card should have arrived. Each card will have around \$340.00/child. It came/will be coming in a white envelope. Gas rebate/State (FTB) has been sending AM cards, \$500, \$1000, \$1500
- Jon reported that some of the cards have zero funds because of thefts; so transfer funds into your bank account as soon as you get them.
- January 14th, 31st leadership empowerment congress, Mayor Bass as keynote speaker. There will also be 4 workshops.

#### **IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- None

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT-** Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**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>	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Samantha Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@nandc.org">Secretary@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	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>	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Cindy Gaete, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlarge3@nandc.org">atlarge3@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, February 2, 2023, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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- USC Village Community Room, 3015 S. Hoover St., Building 1-189, Los Angeles, CA 90007
- Hoover Recreation Center, 1010 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA 90007
- 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. 35<sup>th</sup> 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
- Loren Miller Recreation Center, 2717 S. Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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