

Marco Flores, Vice President
Julie Burg Treasurer
Samantha Burg, Secretary

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Area Representatives:
Vacant, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
John Noyola, Area 2
Edwin Ramirez, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

Committees:

Celebrating 20 Years

*Community – 2nd Thursday
every month*

*Marketing & Outreach - 3rd Tuesday
every month*

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Homelessness – TBA



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At Large Representatives:
Jim Childs
John Broadway
Vacant

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

Julianne Burg, President

General Board Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 6:30 PM
University of Southern California (USC)
USC Village Community Room
3015 S. Hoover Street, Building 1-189
Los Angeles, CA 90007

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order by President Julianne Burg. Members present Julianne, Marco, Samantha, Julie, John N., Edwin, Jean, Jim, and John B. 8 members present, quorum established. Joel is excused.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Stakeholder of the community is very concern about poster and handout posted on trees.
- Stakeholder also announced that there are "Free Produces" at Saint James Park every Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
- Lastly, the Stakeholder has a great concern of "Street Lamps" which are going out through out the city and are not being repaired.

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| <p><i>a.</i> Office of Mayor Karen Bass - No Representative</p> <p><i>b.</i> LAFD South Bureau Battalion Representative - No Representative</p> <p><i>c.</i> LAPD Senior Lead Officers - Not Present (Tip-A-Cop Fundraising Event)</p> <p><i>d.</i> USC Public Safety Officers - Not Present (Tip-A-Cop Fundraising Event)</p> | <p><i>e.</i> Council District 1 for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - No Representative</p> <p><i>f.</i> Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson - Gandhi spoke of services for the unhoused.</p> <p><i>g.</i> Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price - No Representative</p> |
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- 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) – Daniel Johnson -

SB411 is moving to governor’s desk to be signed. After the governor signs it will go to the city council for approval. Bylaw amendments are out there; BONC needs to approve those changes. All have completed all trainings. Kudos to NANDC for completing all trainings.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman - USC will be hosting the Urban League at Town & Gown Wednesday, September 13, 2023.
- b.* Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) - Andrea Oloughlin, Community Organizer, Grocery and Retail Campaign - Gisselle presented - Question was asked how many NC have they approached and what have they said or done to support or not support. Question was asked if Mayor Bass support it. Giselle stated that she did not have an answer to the questions but would ask and get the information.
- c.* Livable Communities Initiative - Clementine Lubin - Not Present
- d.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Delegate Pro Tem, reported that there were public comments from stakeholders about saving trees. Andrea who served on Mar Vista NC is now the Director of Expo Park. She is increasing green space at Expo Park. As for the city, they are 10 years in back log on street repairs, 17 years back logged on tree trimming, and there has been an increase in illegal dumping. They hope to improve the city and state partnerships, they will be reevaluating their 311, and vacancies in their department. City planning, there is a program which wants to take buildings by right that are 15 years, 15 and under SB411, Housing Rezoning Program. DONE wants to provide support to new presidents. Focus on the why to vacancies, Commissioner Joy Atkinson, had a retreat; she also gave a recap of South LA Leadership meeting.
- e.* Area 1 Report - Marco Thanked NANDC for supporting ANNA's National Night Out. Happy to see people.
- f.* Area 2 Report - John Noyola and Edwin Ramirez working on marketing and outreach.
- g.* Area 3 Report - Jean Frost & Nicolas Creighton working with community on 311 issues.
- h.* At Large & Community Interest Reports - Jim Childs & John Broadway - No Report
- i.* Community Committee Update – Julianne Burg, Chair Pro Tem, working with USC Village on upcoming events for the community.
- j.* Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Chair Pro Tem, working with the Community Committee.
- k.* Policy Committee Update – Jean Frost, Chair Pro Tem, No Report
- l.* NANDC Taskforce Update - No Report
- m.* Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update, No Report

V. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **Discussion and Possible Action: 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. Area 1 Representative (1 vacancy) - No applications received**
 - 2. At Large Representative (1 vacancy) - No applications received**
 - 3. Business Community Interest - One application received.**
 - Motion made to accept Tamai Johnson as Business Interest
 - Motioned by Jim, second by Jon
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6. USC Community Interest - One application received

- Motion made to accept Vincent Cisneros as USC Interest
- Motioned by Samantha, second by Jim
- 9, 0, 0

b. Discussion and Possible Action: Appointment of SLAANC Primary Delegate

- Motion to appoint Thryeris Mason as SLAANCE Primary Delegate
- Motioned by Julie, second by Edwin
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c. Discussion and Possible Action: ECNANDC will participate at the upcoming USC Village Trunk O' Treat Event during the month of October 2023, and the USC Village Winter Wonderland Event during the month of December 2023. The Marketing and Outreach Committee will be doing marketing and outreach during these events. Marketing and Outreach seeks \$1,500.00 for each event to support the endeavors. Marketing and Outreach will be purchasing some of the following items: photo booth (to include NANDC logo), pre-packet treats/candies, light refreshments, crafts/activities sets, etc. for the participating community. **Motion/Recommendation:** ECNANDC to support the Marketing & Outreach Committee, with \$1500 for each event to support the 2 upcoming endeavors (USC Village Trunk O' Treat Event during the month of October 2023, and the USC Village Winter Wonderland Event during the month of December 2023).

- Motion for ECNANDC to support the Marketing & Outreach Committee, with \$1500 for each event to support the 2 upcoming endeavors (USC Village Trunk O' Treat Event during the month of October 2023, and the USC Village Winter Wonderland Event during the month of December 2023).
- Motioned by Edwin, second by Marco
- (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

d. Discussion and Possible Action: NANDC budget revision of the \$7,516.15 rollover funds from the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year. Recommendation/Motion: ECNANDC to allocate \$7,516.15 in General and Operational Expenditures.

- Motion for ECNANDC to allocate \$7,516.15 in General and Operational Expenditures.
- Motioned by Edwin, second by Marco
- (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

e. Discussion and Possible Action: Board approval of the purchase of name plates for ECNANDC Board Members - Approximate total cost is \$525.00

- Motion to approve the purchase of name plates for ECNANDC Board Members - Approximate total cost is \$525.00
- Motioned by Vincent, second by Samantha
- (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

f. Discussion and Possible Action: Board approval of the purchase of business cards for ECNANDC Board Members. Approximate total cost \$937.50

- Motion to approve the purchase of business cards for ECNANDC Board Members. Approximate total cost \$937.50
- Motioned by Edwin, second by Samantha
- (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

- g. Discussion and Possible Action:** Board approval of the purchase of ECNANDC polo shirts (purple and black) for ECNANDC Board Members. Approximate total cost is \$750.00.
- Motion to approve of the purchase of ECNANDC polo shirts (purple and black) for ECNANDC Board Members. Approximate total cost is \$750.00.
 - Motioned by Edwin, second by Vincent
 - (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

VI. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve August's minutes as read
- Motioned by Edwin, second by Jim
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VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Motion to approve July's and August MER Report
- Motioned by Marco, second by Edwin
- (9, 0, 0) 1 ineligible

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

X. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by President Burg

Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees			
COMMITTEE	CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE/TIME
Community Committee	Julianne Burg, Chair Pro Tem vp@nandc.org	USC Forthman House	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee	Samantha Burg, Chair Pro Tem Secretary@nandc.org	USC Forthman House	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee	Jean Frost, Chair Pro Tem area3a@nandc.org	USC Forthman House	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee	Samantha Burg, Co-Chair Pro Tem atlarge3@nandc.org	USC Forthman House	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, October 5, 2023, USC Village Community Room.**

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- Hoover Recreation Center, 1010 W. 25th 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. 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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