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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Thryeris Mason, President

Area Representatives:

Marco Flores, Area 1
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Steve Pepdjonovic, Area 2
B. Yohaun Walker, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Rogelio Zambrano, Area 3

At Large Representatives:

Jon Tieucl
Nina Womack
Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions:

Amy Carnes, USC
Jim Childs,
Business

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, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, & Samantha Burg
Policy – 4th Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair, Amy Carnes, Jim Childs, Marco Flores, Cindy Gaete & Jon Tieucl
Homelessness – 1st Tuesday, bi-monthly - B. Yohaun Walker & Nina Womack, Co-Chairs

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**—Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Thryeris Mason, President. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Steve Pepdjonovic, Jean Frost, Rogelio Zambrano Jr., Jon Tieucl, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete and Jim Childs. Quorum was established, 15 members.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - Motion to approve February’s minutes
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
 - (15,0,0)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Roger Satorra, community member, wanted to ask if there was any development on the Triple Link issues brought to Councilmembers’ Harris-Dawson and NANDC. He would like to see a copy of the letter that was sent to the Councilmembers office addressing the concern of Triple Link in our community.
- IV. TREASURER REPORT**
 - Motion to approve April’s MER Report
 - Discussion—Since the end of the fiscal year is soon approaching and things had to come to a halt due to COVID-19 what will happen to the funds we do not spend this fiscal year? Thomas Soong addressed the question and stated that the City Council voted yesterday (City Council 20-01046) where it states that NC’s incorporated funds will be able to be rolled over to the next fiscal year. Once City Clerks Office get clarity on how this will be done, all NC’s will be notified and assisted to make this happen.
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Rogelio
 - (15,0,0)

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price – Not Present
- b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Sergeant Ware spoke about the crime trending downward in the NANDC community. He said the only thing that has increased is burglaries and thefts prevalent the most in vehicles. He recommend to try help mitigate the issue to make sure you lock your vehicles, do not make it easy for people to get into them. The second thing he recommended was to “Hide: the items, even if you believe that they are of no value; items could be of value to others causing them to break into your vehicles. He recommends you park in well-lit areas, perhaps put a club on your steering wheel. Sergeant Ware also spoke about being aware of your surroundings, not to let your guard down. There has been many cell phone robberies. Make sure you are not a target.
 - Joel Vaca asked about the increase in gunfire the NANDC community east of Normandie has recently experiences. Sergeant Ware said that lately they have been gang related.
 - Amy Carnes asked if due to the increase in gun shootings are there any plans to provide extra attention and provide additional resources.concurred with the statement of hearing gunshots. Amy also asked about the increase activity of arsons, she asked if Sergeant Ware was aware of a recent arson issue, which affects a building close to her property. Sergeant Ware he knew about the fire at a shopping center and Lemiert Park. Sergeant Ware encouraged everyone to report incidents.
 - Andrew Pilot, community member, also concurred with Sergeant Ware. He encouraged anyone witnessing such issues to report them to LAPD, to call 911 in order to help support the validity of the issue.
 - Marco Flores stated that the vacant bookstore located on Adams (between Vermont and Catalina) has become a concern due to the fact that transients are living there. (Bookstore is vacant due to soon to be demolished). Sergeant Ware asked Marco to please email his SLO and CC him on his email about the issue. Sergeant Ware will bring this issue to the attention of his Watch Commander.
 - Thryeris Mason asked if he could speak about the sex trafficking stings occurring in the area of Western and 29th Street. Sergeant Ware said he could not speak about the issue at the moment.
 - Yohaun Walker asked for Sergeant Ware’s contact information. Sergeant Ware provided his best contact information 36799@lapd.online
 - Jon Tieucl asked for the contact of his Senior Lead Officer Mejia. Sergeant Ware provided her email address 336682@lapd.online
 - Andrea Canty asked for a phone number for Officer Mejia. Sergeant Ware provided her work cell phone number (323) 387-9622
 - Cindy Gaete asked Sergeant Ware what was LAPD doing through the COVID-19 crisis. Sergeant Ware stated that LAPD main focus continued to be responding to calls to service the community. During this period there has not been a drop in the service provided to the community. LAPD has also been in contact with community members who want to not follow the Safety at Home Ordinance. LAPD has spoken to individuals who are not following the ordinance instead of citing them. LAPD understands that these are very hard times for many and they need to work with people sometimes not will to respect the ordinance. LAPD does not want to create more stress, all they want is for everyone to be safe and be respectful of the city ordinances.
- 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
 - Albi spoke about the successful stories on the Senior Meal deliveries. He stated that they have 31 vendors where they are purchasing their meals for the Seniors, some which include Caveman, Bogata, Mariscos Maria, Birds Nest
 - He announce that CD 8 has the COVID -19 testing site on 81st and Vermont, and also at the YMCA at Century and Vermont. Please register at <http://corona-virus.la/testing>
 - Discussion regarding CPOI’s will happen soon, during the month of June 2020. Everyone will get invited and City Planning will be in attendance.
 - There was a question asked by Cindy Gaete as to “What is CD 8 doing to help renter? Constituents are concerned about this issue and worried about evictions.
 - Nina Womack asked about the Room Key Program- Ask if the location could be disclosed. Albi stated it could not be disclosed.
- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price
 - Nora Gutierrez reported that their office priority is to keep residence informed about city, county and state issues, resources and anything constituents need to know.
 - Nora spoke about the Senior Meals, please contact their office if there are any questions.
 - The COVID -19 centers in CD 9 are as followed:

- Kedren Community Health Center (4211 S. Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles 90011) whether or not you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Testing is by appointment at <https://corona-virus.la/testing>
 - St. John’s Well Child & Family Center at 5701/5717 S. Hoover St. Los Angeles 90037. Testing is by appointment at <https://corona-virus.la/testing>
 - Exposition Park – Testing by appointment at <https://corona-virus.la/testing>
 - Councilman Curren Price along with the LA City Planning Department will host a live virtual open house titled "Reimagining Expo Square" to unveil several concepts on potential street improvements to the historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard corridor. During the presentation, the community will have an opportunity to have their questions answered by the experts live.
 - On April 30, as part of a public education campaign, Councilman Curren Price hosted a live stream presentation with the Los Angeles Housing Community Investment Department and Public Counsel to share pertinent information on the added rights and extra protections City of LA renters have during the public health emergency.
 - During the live in-studio, the panelists covered a multitude of questions, including whether or not landlords can still issue three-day notices to pay or quit; what City of LA residents should do if they cannot pay rent; and how long tenants have to pay back rent when the health crisis is over.
- g.** Assembly District 59 for Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer- Not Present
- h.** USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Karen Hernandez introduced herself as the new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA). Thomas Soong (Director of Outreach and Communications/DONE) introduced himself and gave a shout-out to ECNANDC for always having a 100% of the trainings done.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a. NANDC during Safer at Home Emergency Order** – Thryeris Mason stated that NANDC had initiated a NANDC helpline where seniors were referred to CD 8 for Senior Meals; other resources were shared with people who reached out to our helpline. NANDC also participated in the CD 8 food distribution at the Crenshaw Mall from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. The NANDC who participated were Ms. Thryeris Mason, Cindy Gaete, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, and (honorary NANDC in a sense) “Nicolas Creighton”. It was great to see everyone there! Thryeris also announce that South LA (SLANNC) initiated the request to initiate the request for the allowance of unspent funds to be rolled over to next year.
- b. Crosstown LA – Sarah Martin, Outreach Coordinator** ECNANDC Area Crime statistics, not present.

VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Action/Discussion: Partnership with LAPD Southwest Community Relations Food Distribution (\$5,000) LAPD, Representative: Sgt. Naum Ware.** Southwest Community Relations would like to conduct a food and essential items distribution to needy families in the NANDC area. They are seeking financial support of \$5,000 to distribute items during the month of May and June 2020. **Motion: To support LAPD Southwest Division Community Relations for their food and essential items distribution event in the amount of \$5,000**
- Motion to support LAPD Southwest Division Community Relations for their food and essential items distribution event in the amount of \$5,000.
 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
 - (15,0,0)
- b. Action/Discussion: NANDC comment on the Draft SEIR for Exposition Park, due June 1.** Stakeholder comments will be gathered and organized for consideration during the 45-day Notice of Availability review period between April 17, 2020 - June 1, 2020 and will be on the May 26 Policy Committee Virtual Meeting agenda. **Motion: To approve the comment on the Draft SEIR for Exposition Park to the Policy Committee.**
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 - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jean
 - (15,0,0)
- c. Action/Discussion: Board review and consideration of NANDC Bylaws revisions as proposed by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee & further amended at the February 2020 General Board Meeting – Julianne Burg. Motion: To approve the revision of the NANDC Bylaws.**
- Motion to approve the revision of the NANDC Bylaws with 2 amendments
 - Motioned by Jean, second by Marco
 - (15,0,0)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- There are no further confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Thomas Soong commended the By-Law Committee for all of their hard work!
- Marco Flores announced the 2 Farmers Markets still taking place- Once on Wednesdays at Saint Agnes (Adams and Vermont), second one at Adams and Western on Sunday mornings.
- Marco Flores announced for those who have EBT, they can purchase \$10 worth of coupons and they will get \$10 in matching coupons towards the purchase of farmers products.
- Marco Flores announced that the state will be soon giving a P-EBT card to children who qualify for free and reduced lunch. This card can be used at the Farmers Market too
- Marco Flores announced that the Grab & Go's at LAUSD schools are open to everyone
- The nearby schools for the Grab & Go are Manual Arts & Berendo Middle School
- ANNA will be having their 1st zoom meeting; he will be sending all the invitation and information. WANA as well will have their meeting on Monday.
- Marco wanted to remind everyone that Neighborhood Councils and Association Councils are still meeting via Zoom
- Jon Tieuel gave Marco, Joel and Rogelio a shout out for National Teacher's Week!

X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None

XI. ADJOURNMENT-Meeting adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

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	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	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	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee (Inactive)	Nina Womack, Chair atlargerep2@nandc.org	USC Village Community Room	1 st Tuesday, bi-monthly beginning November 5, 2019 6:30 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, June 4, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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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

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