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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2009
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved August 6, 2009)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at about 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Marco Giordano, Gus Harris, Jr., Evangela Anderson, Brian Song, Brenda Bankhead, Moon Chung, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Ed Turner, Roy Amemiya, John Arnold, Andrea Dunlop, Jess Bravo, Marva Maxey, Laura Meyers, Betty Phillips, Mason Bendewald, Stephen Wallis.

Members absent: Billie Green, Margaret Lee, Tae Kim.

Approval of the agenda was unanimous, as amended with the additional of the Treasurer's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Varela of the Fire Department introduced himself. He is the new Assistant Chief of Division 2. Can be reached at 213-485-6290.

Wendy Fratricelli of CD10 reported:

10 Medical Marijuana permits were denied at last Monday's hearing.

Evangela Anderson and Ed Turner reported on the success of Movies in the Park at Benny Potter park.

John Arnold reported on the South LA kick-off of Survey LA.

Christina Ortega-Libatique, our Department of Neighborhood liaison had these announcements

October Citywide Congress

Central East Regional Training – July 23rd

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners – Monday July 20th.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Funding Requests:

Michelle Cortez presented the funding request from the West Adams Quality of Life Committee with additional details requested by the board previously. Maps showing the location of Dogipot stations and trash cans on W 25th St were presented. “Leash Your Dog” signs will be placed on the trash cans. As a matter of clarification, this funding request is for the signs on the trash cans, not the trash cans. Maps also showed the placement of bike racks at the park.

Marva Maxey moved to fund the request for 2 dogipot stations, 6 “Leash” signs, for up to \$1436.45 and up to \$708 for a 7 bike rack to be placed in Benny Potter Park. Marco Giordano seconded.

Stevie Stern offered a friendly amendment to remove the three-bike rack intended for the South Seas House property from the funding request, which would remove \$150 from the funding request. Marva Maxey accepted the amendment.

Vote: 14 in favor, 4 opposed, none abstain.

Laura Meyers moved that UNNC fund up to \$815 for a banner and signs for “National Night Out Against Crime” as requested by Todd Hunter on behalf of Avenues Neighborhood Watch & Association. Brenda Bankhead seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, none abstain.

Marco Giordano moved to fund up to \$200 requested by Todd Hunter on behalf of Avenues Neighborhood Watch and Association for a service to clean the Washington Blvd LAPD Stop in Center one time. Roy Amemiya seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, none abstain.

Gary Rieck representing the North Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association presented a request for 50 yard signs and 2 banners announcing North Harvard Heights meetings.

Evangela Anderson moved to support the funding request for up to \$1800.00 for 50 yard signs and 2 banners for North Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association. John Arnold seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, none abstain.

Dianne Lawrence of Neighborhood News presented an offer for UNNC to purchase an advertisement in The Neighborhood News.

Marva Maxey moved to purchase one page ads for one year in The Neighborhood News for up to \$1350.00. Betty Phillips seconded.

Vote: 8 in favor, 7 against, 2 abstain.



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PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Laura Meyers presented an update on the Cultural Heritage Ordinance changes.

Laura Meyers moved that UNNC write a letter to the City Planning Commission strongly opposing the proposed changes to the existing cultural heritage ordinance that would restrict designation of interiors as part of a historical cultural landmark. We represent 50,000 stakeholders and 4 HPOZs.

Steve Wallis seconds the motion.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstain.

Stevie Stern reported that on June 16, 2009, the planning commission voted to approve the liquor license at Eureka Café, with a one year review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore distributed minutes for the preceding four UNNC Board Meetings.

Ed Turner moved to accept the minutes for the following UNNC Governing Board meetings: April 2, 2009, May 7, 2009, June 4, 2009 and the special governing board meeting on May 26, 2009.

Brenda Bankhead seconded.

It was agreed that a unanimous vote would indicate that those voting were voting only to approve those minutes of meetings for which they were present.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd distributed regular monthly budget detail report with actual cash spent shown for each budget category.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Discussion of suitability of board meeting time. No changes were proposed.

Next UNNC election will be Saturday, June 26, 2010. It will be run by the City Clerk.

Discussion of possible polling places for 2010. Will submit the following list to City Clerk: Lutheran Church on 9th and Adams, CD 10 office, African American Voting Project at Jefferson and Arlington, Washington Blvd Stop in Center, West Angeles Meeting Room.

Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned around 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
August 10, 2009

Attachments:
None