



UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE HISTORIC ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, WEST ADAMS AND JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITIES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2009
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved September 3, 2009)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at about 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Stephen Wallis, Andrea Dunlop, Jess Bravo, Roy Amemiya, John Arnold, Laura Meyers, Betty Phillips, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Billie Green, Moon Chung, Gus Harris, Jr., Tae Kim, Brian Song, Joyce Smith.

Members absent: Marco Giordano, Evangela Anderson, Brenda Bankhead, Ed Turner, Marva Maxey, Mason Bendewald.

AGENDA:

Stevie Stern moved to remove Item 4, Rainwater Harvesting. Norman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Wesley Todd seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Luis South announced that the 30th Street block club is having a block party October 10th.

Todd Hunter showed the signs and banners for National Night Out Against Crime that were funded by UNNC. They are re-usable every year and are stored at the Washington Blvd Stop in Center.

Albert Lord thanked the board for supporting Movies in the Park. Benny Potter Park had at least 800 attendees and was a huge success.

John Arnold announced SurveyLA training.

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

EMPOWER LA – A Congress of Neighborhoods - October 10th, 2009
7:30 am to 3:15 pm

Christina distributed a survey regarding DONE services.



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August 15th there is a workshop on “Public Safety For Your Community and Neighborhood Council” from 8:30 to 12:10 pm at 135th Street Elementary School in Gardena. RSVP (213) 485-1360.

DONE is short staffed as well as being on mandatory furloughs two days a month.

Third annual parking day LA is September 18, 2009.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Billie Green read Margaret Lee’s letter of resignation dated July 13, 2009.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that Joyce Smith be appointed by the board to take the at-large position vacated by Margaret Lee. Roy Amemiya seconded the motion.

Joyce Smith joined the board at this time.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Tonia Rowe-Russell from the Nosey Eye Block Club discussed the success of the Nosey Eye Block Club and talked about the possibility of mentoring the formation of new block clubs. The Nosey Eye Block Club meets the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

August 15th from 1 to 6pm on 29th Pl between Western and St. Andrews.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to support the funding request for \$150 for a children’s jumper. The motion was seconded by Stephen Wallis.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

1. CASE NO ZA 2008-4476(CUW) – CONDITIONAL USE, 2216 S. Arlington (Englekirk office building at the freeway exit.) Proposed new cell phone antenna facility/tower. Applicant: Realcom (for Verizon).

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC inform the Planning Department with respect to this case that the applicant has followed all requested procedures; however, UNNC notes that the immediate neighbors do object on aesthetic and other grounds. Motion seconded by Stephen Wallis.

Vote: 15 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

2. CASE NOS. ZA 2009-0054(CUB), ENV 2009-55-CE
3220 W. Venice Blvd, Applicant: Estela Serrano
REQUEST: A Conditional Use Permit for a beer and wine license at a 30 person restaurant accommodating 30 patrons.

MOTION: Stephen Wallis moved that UNNC inform the planning department that UNNC opposes this request. Should the zoning administrator approve the CUP request, UNNC



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recommends the following conditions be applied: a plan for compliance monitoring so that the alcohol be consumed only in the interior of the restaurant and on the covered patio, that there be no private parties, no amplified sound, that the hours of beer & wine sales be permitted from noon to 10 p.m., improved lighting and landscaping, and a one year automatic review hearing. Seconded by Andrea Dunlop.

Vote: 15 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

3. CASE NOS. ZA-93-0592(CUZ)(PA1), ZA 2009-1475(ZV), ENV-2009-1474-MND
3200 West Adams Blvd
Applicant: ICEF Public Schools
Request: Plan Approval and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for (1) conversion, preservation, use and maintenance of an existing one-story building as an assembly space (2) addition of four classrooms, expanding from 550 to a maximum of 700 students, composed of 300 middle school and 400 high school students, and future conversion of the annex office to a classroom. Anabelle Vera discussed the existing school, run by the Inner City Education Foundation. Three members of the community spoke in support of the zoning requests. Three members of the community spoke in opposition to the school expansion.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moves to support this application with all of the 15 conditions voluntarily supplied by the applicant at meeting. Laura Meyers accepted an amendment from Stevie Stern that the conditions also include a designated community contact. Wesley Todd seconded. Laura Meyers added an amendment that the school agree to cover graffiti on the campus within 24 hours and report area graffiti within 24 hours. Wesley Todd reiterated his second of the motion.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

4. CASE NO. ZA 2009-0189(CUB)
1303 S. Western Ave
Applicant: United No. 1, LLC
A conditional use permit to permit beer and wine sales only for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing gas station and car wash, with alcohol sales from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

MOTION: Jess Bravo moved that UNNC strongly oppose this application. Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: 15 approve, none oppose, 1 abstain.

5. Three historic cultural monuments were discussed. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore distributed minutes for the July 2nd, 2009 UNNC Board Meeting.

Stevie Stern noted two corrections.

John Arnold moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstain.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Stevie Stern presented the new status report on Wesley Todd's behalf. The new status report shows funds UNALLOCATED by budget category instead of UNSPENT by budget category.

Stevie Stern presented a board resolution that states that the board did previously approve funds for Greening the Boulevard in accordance with our bylaws.

Stevie Stern moves that the board adopt the resolution.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Billie Green and Jess Bravo will handle refreshments for the next meeting.

Another possible polling location for 2010 was added. The Frederick Douglas Middle/High School was suggested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norman Gilmore announced that he is preparing an RFP for updating the website.

Billie reiterated that there is time to get a statement to PLUM regarding a proposed medical marijuana dispensary at 2316 Jefferson Blvd.

Gus Harris announced that the Holman Festival was successful outreach.

Meeting adjourned around 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
September 4, 2009

Attachments:
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ZA-93-
0592(CUZ)(PA1) and ZA 2009-1475(ZV)
3200 W. Adams Blvd.

Board Resolution regarding Greening the
Boulevard budget approval.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
ZA-93-0592(CUZ)(PA1) and ZA 2009-1475 (ZV)
3200 W. Adams Blvd.

1. Provide more carpooling and develop a carpooling plan
2. Develop and implement a Traffic Management Plan
3. Impose and enforce a strict policy prohibiting student driving to school
4. Maintain a closed campus (i.e., students can't leave while school is in session)
5. Provide landscaping and some form of sound/visual barrier along south property line
6. Work with LADOT to establish no parking (including buses) along Adams frontage
7. Submit to a one year compliance review
8. Prohibit the Church sanctuary from being rented out to church groups or others on a regular basis for events
9. Special events will require additional off-site parking to be provided
10. No outside public address or loud speaker system
11. Be responsible for mitigating graffiti and litter in the area (including across Adams) through the schools' community service program and other means
12. Provide for a drop-off and pick-up plan with traffic monitors in the mornings and afternoons
13. Provide security guards for the campus
14. Require students to wear uniforms
15. Provide a traffic analysis of traffic conditions on 27th Street at the one year compliance review

PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
Volunteered by Applicant

1. **Use.** The use of the property shall be limited to one public charter middle school and one public charter high school in the R3-1-0 Zone. The schools shall be limited to a maximum enrollment of 700 students serving grades 6 through 12, in accordance with the following distribution:

Frederick Douglass Academy Charter Middle School - Maximum 300 students
Frederick Douglass Academy Charter High School - Maximum 400 students

Any increase to the maximum enrollment shall require a new Conditional Use Permit to be approved.

The development of the property permitted by this grant shall be limited to the following:

- a. The existing one-story (plus mezzanine and basement) 10,243 square foot church sanctuary building may be converted to public charter school use as a multi-purpose assembly space, provided that no change is made to the exterior façade of the church sanctuary, visible from Adams Boulevard, or to other defining characteristics of the building, except as specifically permitted by this grant and the approved Site Plans. The existing stained glass windows in the church shall be repaired rather than replaced, by craftsmen experienced in stained glass window repairs, such as Judson Studios or other similarly experienced professionals. The project may include accessory uses including an outdoor play area, lunch area, and a student drop off/pick up area;
 - b. Interior tenant improvements and modifications to an existing three-story plus basement 33,224 gross square foot 24-classroom building to add 4 classrooms.
 - c. The existing two-story 4,039 gross square foot church annex administrative office building may be converted to public charter school use as administrative offices and, in the future, into a classroom building.
2. **Site Plan.** The use and development of the subject property shall be in substantial conformance with the site plans, floor plans, elevations, and other plans labeled Exhibit "B-1 to B-___" and dated _____, 2009. Minor deviations may be allowed in order to comply with provisions of the Municipal Code, the subject conditions, and the intent of the subject permit authorization, provided that no change is made to the exterior façade of the church sanctuary, visible from Adams Boulevard, or to other defining characteristics of the building.

United Neighborhoods of the historic Arlington Heights, West Adams
and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC)

Board Resolution

August 6, 2009

The United Neighborhoods of the historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) has voted, approved, and adopted the proposed expenditures for the “Greening The Boulevard” beautification project in accordance with the Neighborhood Council bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Signed,

Wesley Todd, Treasurer

Stevie Stern, President