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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(includes swearing in of newly elected board, note two sets of attendance below)  
(approved September 2, 2010)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Gus Harris, Jr., Brenda Bankhead, Laura Meyers, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Billie Green, John Arnold, Stephen Wallis, Evangela Anderson, Mason Bendewald, Andrea Dunlop, Joyce Smith, John Amemiya, Tae Kim, Jess Bravo. (15 total)

Members absent: Wesley Todd, Moon Chung, Brian Song, Marco Giordano, Marva Maxey, Betty Phillips, Ed Turner (7 total).

### **AGENDA**

Laura Meyers recommended tabling Item 8a2 – Case No, ZA-2010-475-CU, 3417 West Washington Blvd.

Stevie Stern recommended tabling the appointment of committee chairs in Item 6.

Stevie Stern stated that due to the Treasurer's absence, Item 9 Treasurer's Report would be presented by Billie Green.

**MOTION:** John Arnold moved to approve the agenda with the above amendments.

Roy Amemiya seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donna Jones, president of West Adams Avenues block club, expressed thanks for UNNC's support of Movie's in the Park at Benny Potter Park. She estimated attendance at 500 people, substantially more than last year. She felt it was great for encouraging neighbors to come out and meet each other. People came and enjoyed the park all day from 10 am to 9 pm.

It was announced that the city Planning Department has scheduled a plan approval hearing for 2333 West Washington, Three Jays Liquor Store on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.



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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Gus Harris, Jr. moved to approve the July 1, 2010 minutes as presented.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

Stevie Stern reviewed the accomplishments of the outgoing board since 2009. (The secretary was unable to take notes while the slideshow was presented...)

Councilman Herb Wesson discussed the range of recent improvements that have occurred in the UNNC area. They include Benny Potter Park, street paving, a new smart crosswalk, the new senior center on Crenshaw, and a multi-million dollar upgrade for the Ralphs at mid-town crossing. CIM's Mid-Town Crossing development is a \$150 million investment, District Square is a \$100 million investment, Washington Square is a \$100 million dollar investment. Councilman Wesson announced that there is a possibility of a major redevelopment of the Food-4-Less on Western Avenue.

Councilman Wesson presented certificates of appreciation from UNNC to our outgoing board members.

The outgoing members moved into the audience, and the new board members took seats at the board.

## SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

The newly elected board raised their right hands to take the oath of office and were sworn in by Councilman Wesson.

**Members present:** Betty Walton, Myrna Allen, Billie Green, Fletcher Kauffman, Evangela Anderson, Jeff Camp, Andrea Dunlop, Norman Gilmore, John Arnold, Jess Bravo, Gus Harris, Jr., Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Joyce Smith, Steve Wallis, Allen Lulu, Laura Meyers, Jose Rauda, Roy Amemiya, Stevie Stern. (19 total).

**Members absent:** Chris Carlson, Rachel Turner, Wesley Todd, Betty Phillips. (4 total)

Board members were given copies of the Bylaws, Code of Civility, and Standing Rules.

## ELECTION OF UNNC OFFICERS

**MOTION:** Evangela Anderson nominated Stevie Stern for President.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Roy Amemiya moved to close the nominations.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote on nomination: Approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** Gus Harris, Jr. nominated Billie Green for Vice President.

Allen Lulu seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** Myrna Allen nominated Norman Gilmore for Secretary.

Andrea Dunlop seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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**MOTION:** Billie Green nominated Wesley Todd for Treasurer.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Dianne Lawrence, publisher of the Neighborhood News, presented a funding request for renewal of a full page ad in the Neighborhoods News for the next six issues.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved to fund this request for \$250 per issue, paid upon submission and publication of the ad, for the next six bi-monthly issues.

Seconded by Norman Gilmore

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- B. Tracy Hart of the Nosey Eye Block Club presented a funding request for insurance for the annual Nosey Eye Block Club party. Nosey Eye is in their seventh year. They are inviting new neighbors. This year they are hiring security. They have meetings every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

**MOTION:** Evangela Anderson moved to support the funding request for up to \$250 for insurance for the Nosey Eye annual block club party.

John Arnold seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- A. Case DIR 2010-2005 and other entitlements – proposed “eco” car wash at 1830 S. Western Ave. This would replace an existing one story commercial building with an automatic car wash with self-serve vacuuming spaces in the front. Moderate wrought-iron fencing four to five feet tall and landscaping is proposed to obscure the view of cars, but not limit the visibility so much as to affect the safety of the patrons using the vacuums. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that the vacuum area have a permeable surface such as “grasscrete” for runoff capture, and the landscaping be denser than the photo of the similar El Segundo location, and that the existing building be verified as not having historic significance.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC board advise Harvard Heights HPOZ and the Director of Planning of the City of Los Angeles that UNNC advises the HPOZ that there are three concerns regarding the proposed design (i) that the parking area should be paved with a permeable surface, (ii) that the landscaping on Western should screen the cars visually but not totally obscure visibility for safety reasons, and (iii) that the building to be demolished should be researched to verify lack of a significant historical association. Notwithstanding this motion, UNNC reserves the right to review the project should it go forward with additional requested entitlements.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Laura Meyers noted that we have never analyzed Western Avenue for future traffic demands, but since there are rumors of a significant redevelopment of the Ross plaza, that traffic analysis may



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occur as part of those upcoming projects.

Vote: 13 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions.

- B. Jefferson Park HPOZ/ICO update. The city spent over \$70,000 funding a study of the historic structures in Jefferson Park. The HPOZ has been in progress since 2002. Unlike other HPOZs, a routine Interim Control Ordinance did not move forward. As a result, historic structures are losing their historic status. Jefferson Park residents have been filing California Public Records Act requests and have obtained a copy of the Jefferson Park ICO drafted by the City Planning Department. Because of limitations in City Planning department staffing, setting up a new HPOZ administrative structure for Jefferson Park cannot occur rapidly. As a result the University Park HPOZ board will consider a proposal to adopt Jefferson Park. This means that University Park HPOZ will handle the administrative work of the HPOZ, even though the two areas are not contiguous. Two members of the University Park board already have ties to Jefferson Park. There is precedent for this with other HPOZs in the City.
- C. The final Washington Square Environmental Impact Report was released last month. UNNC has previously taken the position that Option A and Option B should have separate hearings. UNNC also voted to oppose the project as proposed, even though UNNC supports a major mixed use project at that location. A single hearing was scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. Council District 10 has asked the Planning Department to cancel the hearing to encourage the developer to negotiate further design changes with the community.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Billie Green presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 7-21-2010.

**MOTION:** Gus Harris, Jr. moved to approve the statement.

John Arnold seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

The budget passed by the previous board was presented and discussed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Harvard Heights and Sugar Hill block club party is this Saturday.



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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

All board members must take the DONE board training

<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>

has the online ethics test that all new board members must take. Existing board members must retake the test if has been more than two years since they last took it.

Stevie would like to have a board strategy meeting to help the new board get acquainted and help set board priorities. Of course, the retreat would be noticed as a public meeting, and stakeholders would be welcome to attend. The date Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> is proposed as the board retreat meeting.

Billie Green agreed to order the food for the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Gilmore  
UNNC Secretary  
September 2, 2010

Attachments: None.