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UNNC Governing Board Orientation / Strategy Session

Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Eureka Café
4053 W. Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90019

MINUTES

(approved September 2nd, 2010)

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Stevie Stern, Norman Gilmore, Wesley Todd, Myrna Allen, Betty Walton, Jose Rauda, Billie Green, Joyce Smith, Fletcher Kauffman, Jeff Camp, Laura Meyers, Jess Bravo, John Arnold, Stephen Wallis. (14 total)

Members absent: Evangela Anderson, Andrea Dunlop, Gus Harris, Jr., Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Allen Lulu, Roy Amemiya, Chris Carlson, Rachel Turner, Betty Phillips. (9 total)

AGENDA

MOTION: John Arnold moved to approve the agenda.

Jeff Camp seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Camp commented that we should contact the City Attorney about our electronic public communication channels to make sure that we comply with any relevant policies.

UNNC TOOLS & WEB DEMOS

Norman Gilmore showed how DONE publishes all Neighborhood Council spending via check and debit card online, how to take the City Ethics test online, how to sign up for the DONE e-NEWS, how to hear recordings of City Council Committee meetings online, the features of the UNNC digital camera with WiFi and geo-tagging, and how it works with the UNNC Flickr account. Finally, there was a demonstration of the UNNC Twitter account. We are using the twitter feed to promote local events which UNNC participates in and that are open to the public.



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FUNDING REQUEST PROCEDURES

Stevie went over the UNNC Funding Packet and the process and guidelines for funding neighborhood projects.

BROWN ACT PROCEDURES

Stevie reminded everyone to watch the 23 minute city video on complying with the Brown Act. It is available on DVD and the web.

STRATEGY SESSION

Lisette Covarrubias from DONE led the goal setting session.

We made lists of positive and negative aspects of the neighborhood, and then discussed possible goals that the UNNC board should adopt.

Myrna Allen moved to adopt the prioritized list of goals as guidelines for board planning purposes. Billie Green seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned about 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
September 2, 2010

Attachments: PowerPoint slide with goals.

Links discussed during orientation:

Empower LA (aka Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)	http://empowerla.org/ (redirects to www.done.lacity.org)
NC Funding Report (NC expenditures by check and debit card)	http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx
NC Board Member Online Ethics Training	http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done
Sign up for weekly DONE NEWS email	http://listserv.lacity.org/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=donenews&A=1
Los Angeles City Council Committee Meetings Live and on demand audio	http://lacity.org/YourGovernment/CityCouncil/CouncilCommitteeMeetings/LIVEandON-DEMANDAudio/index.htm

GOAL SELECTION

POSSIBLE GOAL •Goal Name/Description •Work Area	Addresses Critical or Urgent Need?	Reflects our Vision, Mission, & Values?	Can We Do It?	Can Involve & Move Stakeholders?	Priority Level
Protecting Character and Integrity of Neighborhoods	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Implement Nuisance and Blight Abatement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Increasing the number of stakeholders reached by UNNC regularly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Implement Specific Plan for Washington Blvd	Yes	Yes	Not alone	Yes	1
More policy recommendations adopted by political players	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Increase synergy & decrease the disconnect between neighborhoods	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2