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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 2, 2010
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved October 7, 2010)

CALL TO ORDER

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:46 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Betty Walton, Myrna Allen, Billie Green, Evangela Anderson, Jeff Camp, Andrea Dunlop, Norman Gilmore, John Arnold, Jess Bravo, Gus Harris, Jr., Joyce Smith, Steve Wallis, Allen Lulu, Laura Meyers, Jose Rauda, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Betty Phillips. (18 total).

Members absent: Chris Carlson, Rachel Turner, Fletcher Kauffman, Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Roy Amemiya. (5 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Norman Gilmore asked that approval of the board minutes for August 31st, 2010 be added to Item 7 of the Agenda.

Norman Gilmore asked that the agenda be amended to include an Item after Item 7, for the board to designate an individual to go to the City Clerk's office and pick up the Stakeholder registration forms for the June 26, 2010 election.

Laura Meyers asked that the agenda show that 1845 S Van Ness is Bob's Automatic Transmissions, not Amos Memorial CME Church.

MOTION: Allen Lulu moved to approve the agenda with the above amendments.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Wallis – update on Harvard Heights block club.

Yvette McNally – opened a new business 5571 W Pico, Cordially Invited

Luis – Support Parks and Recs – offer to volunteer to keep parks in shape

Stevie Stern swore in Betty Phillips and Wesley Todd as new board members.



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COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

CD10 is pleased to report steady progress on Crenshaw and Rodeo development and the Mid City project with the Lowes. CD10 just took 105 kids to Camp Hollywoodland for a 3 day campout.

DONE UPDATE

No update.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

Jess Bravo nominated herself as chair of the economic development committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

John Arnold nominated himself for chair of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Gus Harris, Jr. nominated himself for chair of the Outreach Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Jeff Camp offered to be co-chair of the Public Safety Committee with Steve Wallis for a transition period so that he could learn the position. Steve Wallis agreed.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Andrea Dunlop and Betty Phillips nominated themselves as co-chairs of the Public Works Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Evangela Anderson and Jose Rauda agreed to co-chair the Parks Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Joyce Smith nominated herself as chair of the Youth Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Laura Meyers nominated herself as chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Proposed Citywide Urban Design Guidelines

a. Negative Declaration-NG-10-280-PL: ENV-2010-715 – ACTION

b. Draft Urban Design Residential and Commercial Guidelines (available for download at www.planning.lacity.org under “What’s New” on home page; public workshop scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 31, 9:30-11:30 A.M., City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 1010) – DISCUSSION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Board set up a task force to review the Residential and Commercial Urban Design Guidelines in detail and draft a comment letter to be submitted by the comment deadline of September 27, 2010, said letter to be approved by the UNNC Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Evangela Anderson seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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Laura Meyers, John Arnold, Stevie Stern, Jess Bravo, and Myrna Allen volunteered to serve on the task force.

2. Jefferson Park HPOZ

a. Interim Control Ordinance update

Nate Holden initiated in 2002, and Herb Wesson re-initiated in 2006. An ICO was initiated in 2006. However, the ICO did not move forward.

About Jefferson Park residents attended the meeting to support the ICO moving forward. On August 10, 2010, the City PLUM committee asked the Planning Department to move forward on the ICO within 90 days. Jefferson Park residents are working on helping update the 2009 Historic Survey.

b. Formation of UNNC Jefferson Park HPOZ Task Force Ad Hoc Committee – **ACTION MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC Board set up a task force (to be formed with a majority of non-UNNC Governing Board members) to review and update the Jefferson Park HPOZ survey and assist the city in moving forward on adopting the Jefferson Park ICO by providing current information as needed.

Steve Wallis seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

(Evangela Anderson left.)

3. ZA-2010-475-CU, 3417 W. Washington Bl. – approval of existing church reconfiguration – **ACTION**

From about Normandie to Crenshaw, about nine new unpermitted churches have opened on Washington Blvd.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that UNNC Governing Board adopt a policy that UNNC does not support the establishment of new churches or expansion of new church uses on Washington Blvd and other commercial boulevards, nor the expansion of church-uses on the commercial boulevards, since such church uses do not contribute to the economic vitality, revitalization and pedestrian activity of the street, and may also cause parking and noise impacts. UNNC does not support the grandfathering of non-permitted uses.

Myrna Allen moved to amend the motion by adding the words underlined above.

Steve Wallis seconded.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Steve Wallis seconded the full motion.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

4. Proposed cellular telephone facility, 1845 S Van Ness (Bob's Automatic Transmissions) – **ACTION**

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC Governing Board oppose this project, because the building has been identified as an eligible historic structure. Applicant's proposal to replace the existing character defining element of this significant commercial building with a replica is unacceptable and does not meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Andrea Dunlop seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

5. Proposed cellular telephone facility, 1955 W. Jefferson Bl. (Holy Name of Jesus Catholic



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Church) – ACTION

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that UNNC oppose this application, given that (i) Jefferson Park was initiated as an HPOZ in 2002 and (ii) the addition proposed by the applicant defaces an architecturally interesting and intact building within the proposed HPOZ, and (iii) a plan approval #1 was originally approved in 2000 but not implemented, and (iv) the plan approval #2 should be deemed a new application, not a simple approval of a ten year old plan, and public hearings should be held to solicit full community input.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, 1 recusal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Billie Green moved to approve the August 5, 2010 minutes as presented.

Allen Lulu seconded.

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

MOTION: Billie Green moved to approve the August 31, 2010 minutes with the correction to the place of the meeting.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC appoint a person to go to the City Clerk's office and retrieve the Stakeholder registration forms for the June 26th, 2010 election. Wesley Todd volunteered.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 8-23-2010.

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

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stevie thanked Gus for the ordering the food from Aunt Rosalie's Mississippi Soul Food.

Betty Walton agreed to order food for the next Governing Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

September 2, 2010

Attachments: None.