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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved November 17, 2010)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Norman Gilmore moved to amend the agenda to show that the September minutes will be presented for approval.

Stevie Stern moved to add an item for Sylvia Lacy of CD10 for a funding request.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesus Bastidas, Vice-Principal of Mid-Wilshire Center (formerly the Los Angeles Technology Center), a LAUSD school, came to discuss issues with parking. They work with high school dropouts and teach skills that get them GEDs and into apprentice trade positions. The school is located at Washington Blvd. and 8th. They have about 80 staff and student parking spaces, so most student parking is in the neighborhood. They are concerned that the neighbors might be asking for parking restrictions. Washington Square allows them to use parking for special events only, such as career days. The lack of parking is affecting their student retention as well.

Various suggestions were made, but the main recommendation was to see Marguerite Lamotte on the school board. There is a privately owned vacant lot for sale at 8th Ave adjacent to their existing parking lot, and that would be very logical for expansion.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Discussion with Youth Committee Chair Joyce Smith
Joyce has been brainstorming on ideas for youth committee.
Norman is going to send information to Joyce on three local organizations to Joyce that serve youth.
Joyce is going to keep researching ideas and will come back with a plan.

- B. Sylvia Lacy of Council District 10 presented a funding request for the 4th (?) annual Winter Wonderland for under-privileged children. Local schools (private and public), as well as Project Save, are asked to suggest local families in need. The funding request is for up to \$1000 for the snow, out of a total \$5000 required for the snow. The total budget is about \$15,000. UNNC supported this event last year. Board member Norman Gilmore saw that hundreds of local kids enjoyed playing in the snow immensely.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to forward the above funding request for up to \$1000 to the Governing Board for approval.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- C. Agenda for next month's Governing Board meeting were discussed.
Jason Lombard of the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Mall asked to present at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley noted that most of our spending has been going to outreach, and this year there aren't a lot neighborhood improvement projects. So the neighborhood improvement budget is available, and we should try to find some project proposals. Otherwise we may shift some of it to outreach.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

We discussed developments on the Holy Name of Jesus cell antennas, and the PLUM vote on the Historic Cultural Monument Hauerwaas house.

NEW BUSINESS

Sylvia Lacy sought opinions on how to structure a meeting of local NC boards. A suggestion was to have each NC present one program they felt shows them at their best, and one question that they would like advice on.

There was a discussion about potentially lighting the gateway sign in Jefferson Park. The idea would be to install solar cells and a battery to power the sign so there wouldn't be an ongoing electric bill nor the costs of installing a meter.

Another question is whether Jefferson Park should get local businesses to adopt trash cans. Another idea is to install some bicycle racks on various boulevards.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the September 21, 2010 Executive Committee minutes.
Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
October 19, 2010

Attachments: None.