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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2011
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved October 6, 2011)

CALL TO ORDER

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:49 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: John Arnold, Andrea Dunlop, Ed Turner, Roy Amemiya, Gus Harris, Jr, Laura Meyers, Allen Lulu, Betty Walton, Evangela Anderson, Jeff Camp, Betty Phillips, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Myrna Allen, Steve Wallis. (16 total).

Members absent: Chris Carlson, Fletcher Kauffman, Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Billie Green, Jess Bravo. (5 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gus Harris, Jr moved to approve the agenda, with the correction that the August 4, 2011 minutes will be presented for approval.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Jones thanked UNNC for supporting their picnic in the park on July 30th. They had 500 attendees, prior to the Movies-in-the-Park screening.

Roy Amemiya thanked the UNNC Governing Board for supporting of the July CPAB meeting.

“History Comes to Life”, the annual living history tour at Angelus Rosedale is coming.

Ed Turner stated that he had been threatened by 3 kids today at the Crenshaw Car Wash at 1:30 in the afternoon, and he reminds everyone to always be aware of their surroundings.

Jeff Camp announced that Saturday September 17th is the Senior Health Fair at St. Pauls on West Adams Ave at 9th.



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Steve Wallis said there were three muggings between Venice and Washington, they seem to be going after jewelry. There are continuing thefts of copper from light poles. They look like utility workers, but are not. If the vehicles do not have city logos, call police. Finally, catalytic converters are being stolen from Toyota pickup trucks.

Evangelina Anderson announced that ground has been broken on the new Benny Potter Park Annex for upgrades including a walking track, exercise equipment, picnic tables, and a gazebo.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

Albert Lord said that 800 people attended the Movies-In-the-Park event. 100 local kids had a great three day camping trip at Camp Hollywood that was led by the CD10 office.

The Nate Holden Performing Arts Theater is a great local theater and Albert recommends checking it out.

PRESENTATION – STRAY CAT ALLIANCE

Christi Metropole, Exec. Dir. of Stray Cat Alliance presented a PowerPoint presentation about their trap-and-release spay/neuter program. Stray Cat Alliance got a \$70,000 grant to provide FREE spay/neuter of cats in 90037. Anyone can bring in a cat for spay/neuter. SCA needs volunteers to hand out flyers and assist with getting the word out. They are working with the new animal hospital, Animal Rescue Center, on Exposition. The whole system is set up, including training people how to safely trap cats and take care of the problem. Los Angeles is spending \$276 for each animal that is picked up, housed and then killed. Everybody gets three \$30 vouchers (per address) at the new clinic, and spay/neuter is \$55, so net cost is \$25. SCA also pays for flea treatment and shots. SCA loans traps and provides training on use. Cats can be spayed/neutered as young as 8 to 10 weeks. Old school vets may still advise waiting for six months.

There is an injunction against the Los Angeles City Shelter preventing them from promoting Trap and Return, but Christi Metropole expects that the injunction may be lifted soon. It is the law that indoor/outdoor cats be spayed or neutered. info@straycatalliance.org – 310-281-6973.

PRESENTATION - CRA'S COMMUNITY MARKET CONVERSION PROGRAM

Clare Fox, Project Coordinator.

This is a program that helps fund upgrades of local community markets to be able to sell fresh produce. This includes façade upgrades, display, inventory management training. Up to \$95,000 is available per store for infrastructure and training upgrades. There are four stores in the South Los Angeles Pilot: Money Save Meats, Oaks Junior on Jefferson Blvd in Jefferson Park (Gus Harris, Jr. proprietor and UNNC board member), Mama's Chicken, Las Palmas Carniceria.

South LA has the highest rates of nutrition related disease in South LA. The highest obesity rate in County. (35.5% of adults and 28.9% children).

South LA has twice the number of small markets as other areas, but those markets are mostly not full service grocery, so people have to leave the neighborhood.

CRA is also working with a Youth Leadership Coalition, mostly high school students, who are working with non-profits that do food access advocacy or culinary arts. The students are designing a healthy food emblem to help market these new upgrades.



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They are doing extensive outreach to local organizations, to help get institutions to take a leadership role in promoting healthy food in our community.

More information is at www.communitymarketconversion.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Appointment of two At Large replacement board members – ACTION

In recent months, two of our At-Large Board members resigned. We publicly noticed openings for the board. Two people expressed an interest in joining the board and were interviewed by the Executive Committee at the last regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

Sanjiv Bhattacharya has recently moved to the neighborhood and bought a home. Sanjiv is a journalist and would like to get involved with his new community.

MOTION: Steve Wallis moved to appoint Sanjiv Bhattacharya to the at-large board seat vacated by Jose Rauda.

Ed Turner seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

William Hernandez and his wife recently moved to 2nd Avenue in Jefferson Park. He is a real-estate agent and is interested in getting involved in the community. He has volunteered at Fire Service day in Jefferson Park and helped put on a garden produce swap event.

Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC appoint William Hernandez to the at-large board seat vacated by Joyce Smith.

Allen Lulu seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Stevie Stern led the new board members in the Neighborhood Council pledge.

B. Funding Request – renewal of ad in The Neighborhood News – Dianne Lawrence – ACTION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC purchase a full page ad for the next six issues for \$250 per issue.

Laura Meyers seconded.

If we took a 1/3rd page ad, it would be \$780. Because we were launch advertisers, we are offered a discount on the full page rate from \$1800 to \$1500.

Vote: 9 in favor, 9 opposed. Motion does not pass.

MOTION: Jeff Camp moved to place an ad in the Neighborhood News for a 1/3rd page ad for three issues for \$225 per issue for \$675 with the ad to be changed to increase measurability.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: 2 in favor, 16 opposed.



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MOTION: Roy Amemiya moved that we take the full page ad out for a year for \$1500 and add tracking to the issue.

Allen Lulu seconded.

Vote: 9 in favor, 9 opposed. Motion does not pass.

C. Funding Request – South House Holiday events – Carlton Stubbs, Park Dir. – ACTION

Evangela Anderson moved to fund the \$2,300 for the South Seas House Halloween event and the Winter Holiday event.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

MOTION: 15 in favor, 3 opposed, no abstentions.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Historic Preservation/Planning & Zoning Committees

1. Restoration of the “Briggs Residence” (HCM No. 477), 3734 West Adams Blvd., and recent case filings: ZA-2011-1582-F (relocation of existing over height front fence within the front yard setback) and ENV-2011-1583-CE; and ENV-2011-1830-CE (repair accessory historic structure). – ACTION

MOTION: John Arnold moved to support the applicant’s request to the city to support their variance to extend the historically consistent fence.

Laura Meyers seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Evangela Anderson left.

2. Updates on Cases.

Stevie and Laura met with the head of CIM, the developer on the proposed grocery store at Jefferson and Crenshaw. They expressed UNNC’s concerns and had a follow up meeting with a Fresh ‘n’ Easy representative. CIM said that they would accept putting a door at Crenshaw and Jefferson that would initially be closed but could change as the area becomes more pedestrian friendly with the new Expo line station nearby. They also said they were open to putting tables near the parking lot entrance.

Chris Carlson represented UNNC at the Frederick Douglass CUP hearing. ICEF has invited interested parties to meet with them September 2nd to discuss progress in student drop-off issues and traffic flow.

B. Public Safety – Jeff Camp

Jeff Camp said the City Council is going to oppose any DWP increases before the Rate Payer Advocate is up and running.



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C. Outreach – Gus Harris, Jr.

Gus thanked everyone who helped with Movies-in-the-Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 8-22-2011.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the US Bank statement.

Allen Lulu seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the August 4, 2011 Governing Board Minutes for approval.

MOTION: Allen Lulu moved to approve the August 4, 2011 minutes with a correction noting Laura Meyers' departure and a typo fix.

Andrea Dunlop seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor, none opposed, 6 abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Steve Wallis agreed to arrange the food for October.

The Secretary had to leave to catch a plane so the minutes end here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned after 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

September 12, 2011

Attachments: None