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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved November 15, 2011)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting around 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: None.

Additional UNNC board members present: Jeff Camp, Gus Harris, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billie Green said that the crowd estimate for Taste of Soul was 200,000 people. It was probably double the attendance of 2010.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Funding Request – Fire Station #34 – Sign for Station - ACTION.

David Flynn of Fire Station #34, located at 3661 S. 7th Avenue in Jefferson Park, presented a funding request for Fire Station#34's outdoor signage. The FireStation#34 building is about 60 years old. Because of the city budget crisis, the Fire Station has been unable to repair its sign. The metal sign is currently not up and unless the station doors are open, it's not even clear that it is a Fire Station.

They have found a local vendor on Jefferson Blvd who has provided a quote to repair and replace the sign letters for \$400.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to forward this request for up to \$400 for repairing of the Fire Station sign to the Governing Board for consideration.



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Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

There was further discussion about whether we should set the precedent of paying for such a routine maintenance item that would normally be covered out of the Fire Department's budget. On the other hand, it is something that relates to neighborhood pride and beautification.

B. Committee Chairperson – Mission and Goals

Jeff Camp, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, presented goals for the Public Safety Committee.

Jeff has been on the Southwest CPAB and coordinated issues between different police divisions. Roy Amemiya is co-chair of the Wilshire CPAB. Jeff would like to recruit someone to attend the Olympic CPAB and then work with CPAB members to coordinate between the three CPABs.

Jeff would also like to have a section of the new website devoted to emergency preparedness, both resources, and relevant news updates.

Jeff also would like to develop an emergency preparedness fair, working with Fire, Police, Emergency, and CD10.

Gus Harris, Jr., member of the Public Works Committee, presented goals from Betty Phillips, Chair of the Public Works Committee. Betty wants to work on the following potential projects:

- Work with the Bureau of Street Lighting to upgrade the street lighting on 7th Avenue, between Adams and Exposition. One of the issues will be doing outreach to make sure there is support of the residents for upgrading the lighting.
- Improve pedestrian lighting at bus stops, businesses, and phone booths.
- Broken sidewalks and pot holes
- Safety signs for bicycles, skateboards

Gus Harris, Jr., Chair of the Outreach Committee wants to work on:

- quarterly meetings of the Outreach committee and recruit members for the Outreach committee
- track upcoming events (for example, by monitoring Executive Committee minutes), so volunteer scheduling can be done
- Reach out to event coordinators for local events whether or not UNNC is involved with funding
- Recruit a co-Chair or a backup person who can be designated as the point person when Gus has scheduling conflicts.
- Outreach Committee should also arrange to purchase the following items: A pop-up sun shades (with a logo silkscreened on top), a folding table, an aluminum folding dolly, and two folding chairs.

C. Review Funding Procedures and update Funding Request forms – ACTION.

The current UNNC funding form is oriented toward asking questions that are related to funding



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outreach events. We are reworking the form to ask more relevant questions for neighborhood improvement projects. Norman presented the Neighborhood Purposes Grant form from DONE and the PICO NC Due diligence form for discussion.

- D. Review Board Member absences.
Chris Carlson has two consecutive absences.
- E. Discussion and Plan of Action for Board Retreat – ACTION

Saturday January 7th, 2012 is proposed as the Board Retreat
Stevie proposed an Ethics training for the Board Retreat so all board members are current. However, if the Ethics training takes 3 hours, then that is too much time out of the morning retreat. Another suggestion is Planning 101, presented by John Arnold.

- F. Plan agenda for Sept Governing Board meeting.
Items noted above will be agendized for the Governing Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley reported we do not have enough projects in the pipeline to use up our various budget categories, especially Neighborhood Improvement projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Myrna Allen, our representative to SLAANC forwarded an item for review. This will be forwarded to the board for consideration.

The Board of Public Works has set deadlines for the LaSalle monument at the end of November. A city engineer needs to make one more site visit before work can start, but the engineer isn't scheduling the visit.

NEW BUSINESS

Stevie proposed the Big Bike Tour of UNNC to occur 2012, promoting health and bike riding. Possibilities include having UNNC sign in stations at the Starbucks on Crenshaw and Washington. There would be route maps and 5 points of interest with docents. Each of the 5 points of interest would be managed by a local non-profit, such as WAHA, CHC, AAF, and South Seas House, and both Fire Station #26 and #34.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the September 20, 2011 minutes with one spelling correction.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, none opposed, one abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary



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Attachments: None.