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Governing Board Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 7th, 2019

7:00 pm

Council District 10 Field Office

1819 S. Western

Los Angeles, CA 90006

Attendance: (Vice-President info here)

Minutes

- (1) **Call to order/Approval of Agenda**
 - Meeting called to order at
 - Approval of Agenda:
 - **Motion:** President Geoff Bowen moves to approve agenda.
 - **Second:** Najee Thornton
 - **Vote:** Unanimous Yes
- (2) **Public Comment/ Announcements**
 - Jeff Camp: great turnout at Jefferson Movies in the Park. Also wanted to add that CD-10 would love for UNNC to be at this Friday's Movies in the Park.
- (3) **President's Call to Action & Administrative Matters**
 - President's Call to Action:
 - **President Geoff Bowen:** So I will do a quick recap of this. The committee Process. You should be participating in Committees. We have committees so that we won't spend hours here in Governing Board discussing issues that were discussed in committee. So attend committees. Respect the Committee process. Be prepared to meetings. Show up to meetings. Community Impact Statements. If there are any issues that you find important, keep your eye out for community impact statements and bring it to the committees so we can work to submit a community impact statement on our behalf. Another purpose of our board is the assistance and delivery of city services. So encourage all your neighbors to download MyLA311 app. That's what I recommend. Taxpayer funds. We're granted taxpayer funds. We're the stewards of these public funds. We have to be responsible with these funds and we must remember that these funds belong to the public. They're taxpayer funds. They're not our funds. Nobody is guaranteed these funds when they come to us so keep that in mind. We



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can do Neighborhood Purpose Grants also Community Improvement Projects. There's information in the letter about those. So my Call to Action. Last year the Executive Committee took a strong initiative itself to organize events and have board members carry out those events. We're not going to do that this year. This year I would like board members to come up with a project whether it's an event, a community improvement project. Maybe you know a Nonprofit in the neighborhood that's doing great work and you can assist them to come to us for an NPG. There's any variety of projects so my call to you is to come up with a project. Come up with an event. Come up with something so that we utilize and maximize these funds for the benefit of our community. There's a short bullet-point process. If anybody has any questions about what the process is for getting your project off the ground feel free to reach out. We are more than willing to help you do this, but like I said, unlike last year, the Executive Committee will not be holding board members hands and walking them through posting events. I'm going to put the initiative on you guys to come up with an event or project. We can utilize the funds in a variety of ways, but I would like to see individual board members or speak to each other and come up with a project together with your regional reps. Come up with something. We have these funds. Let's use them. With that said, since we're trying to get the meeting moving. Read this when you get a chance. Come up with some projects. My ideal time period for projects, for ideas to be discussed at our board retreat so that come October we can already hit the ground running and maybe have projects approved and shovel-ready in the New Year.

- Appointment of Alternate Second Signer — Discussion and Action

- **Discussion:**

- Geoff: As of now our second signer has not completed funding training so we need to have a backup second signer so I will entertain any nominations.
 - Ethan: I nominate you [Geoff Bowen] since you've already done the training. It's really called alternate signer so we are nominating the alternating signer just in the case that one of the Signers can't be here, an alternate signer can sign so I nominate Geoff Bowen since he has already taken the funding training and it won't hinder us in any way.
 - Chris Carlson: I second the nomination.



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- Laura: Just only that apparently that the second signer who's taken funding also has to sign the BACs for the month/ time being.
- Ethan: That's why we're doing the second alternate signer.
- Geoff: Yes, I'll be signing tonight.
- Isaac: I've done all the online classes. I have all the certificates and I've signed up for Tuesday's class.
- Geoff: Awesome.
- Ethan: Yeah, it's the first time the City Clerk's office has allowed an alternate signer so it is to our advantage to have Geoff be the second signer since he has already done the second training.
- **Motion:** Ethan moves to approve Geoff as Second Signer
- **Second:** Chris Carlson
- **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused

(4) Planning and Zoning

• **Committee Updates as needed**

- Laura Meyers: Going to my left and now my right [documents]. I probably didn't count them out correctly, a letter that was submitted and read it while we have our presentations and we'll get to it on our agenda. Committee Updates. Since we had to cancel another one of Planning and Zoning committee meetings which would have otherwise been scheduled tonight I'm just announcing that the meeting two weeks from now will be very important. We have multiple cases that I was going to spread over two meetings in August of new Land-Use applications that need to be processed so they will be at the South Seas House on the 21st. A busy meeting so if you're intending to attend that meeting please be on time because I think we'll have four items for 30 minutes a piece.

• **Murphy Drill Site, 2126 W. Adams Blvd — Discussion and Action**

• **Presentation:**

- Michael Salman: My name is Michael Salman. I live on Fourth Avenue and since 2014 ... from Jefferson Park over here we co chaired a subcommittee that has worked on issues related to two oil drilling sites in UNNC's territory the Murphy drill site on Adams and the 4th Avenue on the side of Washington Blvd. So we worked on a state on issues on the Murphy Drill site and the



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4th Avenue and we've been highly successful. The issue tonight is an outgrowth of that. It's an issue that UNNC has acted on before over the past two years and in fact. So since 2014 UNNC has been requesting that the Murphy drill site be inspected by the city every year and since 2018 at least, UNNC has been asking the city to pass an ordinance to require an annual compliance inspection of all oil drill sites in the city. There are approximately 12 or 13 that are still active. As a result of the work we have done here, it also led to the hiring of the petroleum administrator. The rejection of the installation of a large gas (unintelligible)... in 2016. It was a case that went on for three or four years and then we also succeeded in getting the Fourth Avenue drill site closed. All of the wells there are plugged and has been demo'ed and scraped to the ground so that's an issue that's going to come back sometime in the future, but all the well plugs no longer have risen. So again, March of 2018, Council President Wesson introduced a motion that asked the petroleum administrator, which is there because of us, to write a report on developing a city-wide inspection requirement for all drill sites. In may of 2018, the Petroleum administrator reported back to council and then on September 7th, 2018. City Council unanimously passed Council File 18-0203 which was introduced by Mr. Wesson and the motion asked the City Attorney to draft and ordinance that would require annual inspections of oil drill sites by the Petroleum Administrator, but to this day, no draft ordinance has returned to City Council. The motion also, and this is what I want to focus on tonight and what Planning and Zoning (P&Z) is asking to focus on tonight too. The motion also directed the Petroleum Administrator, so it's is a unanimous vote in the City Council on September 7th, 2018 on a motion introduced by Mr. Wesson directed the Petroleum Administrator to commence interim inspections of all the drill sit...

- **Motion:** Laura Myers moves that UNNC board hereby authorizes UNNC President to write to Council President Wesson to request the immediate commencement of interim inspections of oil drill sites as per Council's orders in CF18-0203, approved by Council on 9/7/2018; and to request that Council President Wesson Please schedule a meeting the earliest opportunity to discuss this matter with the UNNC President Geoff Bowen, Steve Peckman, and Michael Salman.



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- **Second:** Esai Vergara
- **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 3 Absent 0 Abstentions 1 Recusal
- ***ENV-2019-4121-ND (Multiple Locations - Arlington Heights, Angelus Vista, Jefferson Park) — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Motion:** Chris Carlson moves to approve the Letter as written
 - **Second:** Najee Thornton
 - **Vote:** 17 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- **Committee Report, Follow-up on Previous Cases and Old Business — Discussion and Possible Action**

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Executive Committee Business

- **Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) Request — William Grant Still Arts Center (WGSAC) — Discussion and Action**
 - Discussion:
 - **Motion:** Laura Meyers moves to approve NPG request of \$2,500 to the William Grant Still
 - **Second:** Lizy Moromisato
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 4 Absent 1 Vacant 0 Recusal
- **Funding Request: West Adams Avenues Jazz & Music Festival — Requesting up to \$3,200 Byron Nora — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Motion:** Esai Vergara moves to approve the rental space of \$3,200 for the West Adams Avenues Jazz and Music Festival
 - **Second:** John Arnold
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- **Funding Request: Outreach Committee — Headshots for Board Members for UNNC website; Requesting up to \$450 — Geoff Bowen — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Motion:** Esai Vergara Moves to approve the funding of \$450 for Headshots for UNNC Website.
 - **Second:** Courtney Hogenson.
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused



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- **Funding Request: Outreach Committee — Business Cards for new and newly re-elected Board Members; Requesting up to \$400 — Ethan Polk — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Motion:** Ethan moves to approve funding of up to \$500 for Business Cards for all Board Members.
 - **Second:** Lizy Moromisato
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- **Funding request: Outreach Committee — Shirts for new Board Members; Requesting up to \$400 — Ethan Polk — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Motion:** Ethan moves to approve up to \$400 for all Board members.
 - **Second:** Courtney Hogenson
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- **Board Retreat — Selection of Date, 10/05/19, 10/12/19, or 10/16/19 Geoff Bowen — Discussion and Possible Action**
- **Creation of Environmental Committee & Climate Change Awareness Subcommittee and Committee Chair Appointments — Michelle Mendieta — Discussion and Action**
 - **Discussion:** Michelle Mendieta: Climate Change Awareness Committee: The purpose of this committee aims to educate and inform the community of District 10 on the issues of Climate Change. Climate change is no longer on the horizon. It has arrived. Our community consists mostly of the working class that are not educated about this matter or do not understand the severity of climate change. Therefore, it is imperative that we advocate on behalf of this issue. The goal of this committee would provide messages in multiple languages in order to cater to the diverse community of district 10. Currently in our neighborhood there are no ongoing conversation about climate change and its consequences. As leaders and representatives of this neighborhood , I believe it is our duty to act in the best interest of our community and create a conversation regarding the issues and consequences of climate change.
 - **Motion:** Geoff Bowen moves to create the Environmental Committee and the Climate change Subcommittee and Michelle Mendieta will be the Chair of the Climate Chance Subcommittee.



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- **Second:** Laura Myers
- **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- **Motion:** John Arnold moves to nominate Esai Vergara, Kyle, and Issac as Co-chair for the Environmental Committee.
- **Second:** Courtney Hogenson
- **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused

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Treasurer's Report

- Approval of June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Reports — Discussion and Action
 - **Motion:** Geoff Moves to approve Monthly Expenditure Report
 - **Second:** Ethan
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- Reimbursements / Budget Adjustments — Discussion and Action
 - **Motion:** Ethan moves to approval of August 7th Budget
 - **Second:** Laura Myers
 - **Vote:** 18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused

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Secretary's Report

- Review and approval of June 2019 and July 2019 Governing Board Minutes — Discussion and Action
 - Discussion:
 - **Motion:** Geoff Bowen moves to approve Minutes as amended
 - **Second:** Laura Meyers
 - **Vote:** 15 Yes 0 No 3 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused

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Committee Updates / Projects

- CIS Committee Update — Geoff Bowen



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- LAX Roundtable / Quiet Skies Committee Update — Gavin Abercrombie
 - Appointment of Second Chair LAX Roundtable Member — Discussion and Possible Action
 - **Motion:** Geoff Bowen moves to appoint John Arnold as Backup member
 - **Second:** Gavin Abercrombie
 - **Vote:** 14 yes 0 No 0 Abstain 4 Absent 0 Ineligible 0 Recused
- Homeless Committee Update — Tori Bailey
 - Shower day and Homeless Liaison meeting updates
- Public Safety Committee Update — Geoff Bowen
 - Request for CicLAvia to Consider an Event on Jefferson Blvd. — Discussion and Possible Action.
- Youth Committee Update — Esai Vergara
 - Esai Vergara: Youth Committee will be resuming meetings starting September.
- Communications Committee Update — Raheem Dawson & Geoff Bowen
 - Board member Generated News Stories for Social Media Website — Discussion and Possible Action
- Other Committee Updates as Needed
- Adjourn
 - Meeting Adjourned at 9:29pm

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