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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2020

6:15 p.m. Reception/join the meeting

6:30-7 p.m. Presentation: Debbie Allen Dance Academy

7 p.m. *sharp*: Meeting Call to Order

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MEETING “DOORS OPEN” CHECK-IN STARTS AT 6:15 p.m. Please try to arrive on time.

PRESENTATION

6:30 – 7 p.m.

A permanent home for the Debbie Allen Dance Academy (DADA) is under construction at Washington and Manhattan Place (Angelus Vista). Ms. Allen founded the institution 20 years ago with her husband Norman Nixon. The new facility will provide spacious, state-of-the-art studios that will enhance DADA's programs (students will study dance, lighting, music, writing, acting, hair, and makeup), and is designed to encourage more community participation. This new facility will also house the new Debbie Allen Middle School for the Arts, scheduled to open Fall, 2021. Learn more and ask questions.

MEETING AGENDA

All times are approximate/estimates, and are at the discretion of the Chair

- (1) 7 p.m. **Call to order/approval of agenda** **L. Meyers**
- (2) 7:05 **Meeting Protocols -- DISCUSSION**
- (3) 7:10-7:15 **Public Comments and Announcements**, 1 minute per person
- (4) 7:15-7:20 **Council District 10 Report**
- (5) 7:20-7:25 **DONE Report and Updates; reports from other Government Officials, City Departments and Agencies**
- (6) 7:25-7:50 **Planning and Zoning Committee**

A. Case No. ZA-2019-7284-CU-SPP, 4370-4372-4380 West Adams Blvd. (corner Crenshaw): Maintenance of the existing 24-hour gasoline station, replacement and the continued operation of the 24-hour convenience store, and add new automatic carwash. Planning & Zoning Committee Motion: Recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that it approve the project, with the following recommendations: 1. to utilize native plantings as feasible. 2. Upgrade the facade of the new building to be more in keeping with our historical architecture. 3. Continue the current community engagement, including the current practice of hiring from the direct local community – **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

*Public hearing (telephonic) is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10, at 9 a.m.** To participate in the hearing, here are the instructions: Public participants should may participate on their computer via Zoom, Meeting ID 988 9376 5047, Passcode 378148, or dial by phone: (669) 900-9128 or (213) 338-8477. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID of: 988 9376 5047#*



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B. 1518 S. Gramercy Place, Mogen David Synagogue/Church of Divine Guidance (Angelus Vista): Planning & Zoning Committee, in response to community request(s), recommends that: UNNC requests Council District 10 support for an expedited historic landmark nomination for the Mogen David Synagogue/Church of Divine Guidance (Contributor to the Angelus Vista Character Residential Overlay CPIO). Request that CD10 Councilmember Wesson either nominate church as a L.A. Historic Cultural Monument or support expediting community nomination of the synagogue/church building. SurveyLA identified the structure as “*Excellent example of an Art Deco church. Exemplary of the style; exhibits high quality of design through distinctive features.*” Built 1933 as a synagogue for the Mogen David congregation, since 1950s it has been the Church of Divine Guidance. Summary historic assessment has been submitted. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

C. Planning & Zoning Committee Updates – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

(7) 7:50-8:05

Executive Committee

A. Funding Request: To facilitate UNNC Committee meetings, proposed possible purchase of additional UNNC Zoom license(s); each Zoom Pro license currently costs \$14.99 per month (circa each \$180 annually); request up to \$540.00. –**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

B. Funding Request/Budget Adjustment: UNNC telephone service from Ring Central has had a fee increase not anticipated in approved budget. Request funding in the amount of \$415.71 and a budget adjustment from \$265.00 to \$415.71. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

(8) 8:05-8:30

CIS Committee: Proposed Community Impact Statements

A. Council File 20-1032 (COVID-19 / Municipal Liquidity Facility Loan Assistance / Rent and Utility Related Debt Forgiveness / Program Structure and Implementation), Proposed CIS (FOR): *The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council supports the motion calling for a report to Council on the feasibility of applying for Municipal Liquidity Facility loan assistance in order to provide utility related debt forgiveness and rent forgiveness to those within the City of Los Angeles who have been impacted by COVID-19. The economic impact of COVID-19 as well as statewide and local public health orders have exacerbated a protracted affordability crisis. The City of Los Angeles has made efforts to stave off the effects of the crisis, but if/when the eviction moratorium expires, mounting household debt and widespread evictions could result in human, health, and economic impacts never before experienced in Los Angeles. We encourage you to pass this motion and, after proper analysis of the report, move forward with implementation. We fear the consequences of failing to act at this critical juncture would be disastrous.* –**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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B. Council File 20-0990 (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training, and Anti-Bias Training), Proposed CIS (**FOR**): *The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council supports the motion for mandatory diversity, equity, and inclusion training and anti-bias training for all members of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System. We believe the City must pro-actively work to ensure all levels of our Municipal government are inclusive of and representative of our diverse population. Neighborhood Councilmembers are currently required to engage in ethics training, funding training, and sign a code of conduct before serving the City. Adding a diversity, ethics, and inclusion training and anti-bias training will strengthen our existing system of Neighborhood Councils and make it a more inclusive body. We encourage you to pass this motion and equip Neighborhood Councils with the necessary training to make sure our local government works for everyone.* – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

C. Council File 20-0963 (NC Elections Vote by Mail), Proposed CIS (**FOR IF AMENDED**): *The City Clerk has proposed making all Neighborhood Council elections next Spring 100% vote-by-mail, with the development of a new elections "portal" to be designed and completed by December 2020, and outreach to be done in partnership with DONE and Neighborhood Councils. However DONE's budget request for such outreach was not funded by the City Council.*

The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council supports the initiative to conduct these elections via Vote by Mail, but only if the proposal is amended to include: 1). funding for outreach; 2). a sufficient number of drop off boxes be required so that voting is not totally reliant on the postal service; 3). more interface with neighborhood councils – the City Clerk should work with the individual neighborhood councils on how to design the new portal, and how to determine who would get ballots. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

(9) 8:30-8:40 **Committee Chair/Co-Chair Appointments; Committee Meetings Calendar:** Discuss calendar of standing committee meetings. Appoint Committee chairs and co-chairs for still-vacant UNNC standing committees. These positions may be held by Board members or stakeholders. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

(10) 8:40-9:00 **Committee Updates and Reports – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

A. Budget Reps/Budget Advocate’s Report

B. Other Committee Reports (2 minutes each, if feasible)



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- (11) 9:00-9:15 **Treasurer's Report** **G. Jackson**
- A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report – DISCUSSION and ACTION**
- B. **Budget Updates / Reimbursements / Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; include updates on budget authorizations and any related issues – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION**
- (12) 9:15-9:35 **President's Report:**
- A. **Request Support for LANNC Resolution:** *"It is hereby resolved that UNNC supports the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) request that the City Council create a new Council File to provide transparency for the reallocated \$150 M that was defunded from the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition wants the process to be transparent and the Neighborhood Councils that represent the areas of the city that are underrepresented and areas with People of Color be afforded the opportunity to weigh in on where those funds are allocated and how they are spent for the benefit of the community that are underserved."* – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- B. **Proposed Resolution Regarding Previous UNNC Requests to LADOT:**
UNNC has previously requested certain safety and community benefit improvements related to new development projects within UNNC's footprint. These include: 1). A stoplight at Western and 24th Street; 2). A stoplight at Adams and Montclair; 3). Angled parking on the north side of Washington between Gramercy and Cimarron; 4). Angled parking on 4th Avenue south of Washington Blvd. to the alley, on the east side of the street; and 5). A no parking during morning rush hour zone on the north side of Venice Boulevard from 6th Avenue to the curve, where the CLIC school driveway is. None of these street/safety improvements have commenced. Recommend that UNNC reiterate these requests in a single Letter of Resolution. Proposed Resolution included in agenda packet. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- (13) 9:35 **Adjourn** **L. Meyers**

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