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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:25 p.m. Reception/join the meeting

7:30 p.m. *sharp*: Board Meeting Call to Order

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MEETING AGENDA

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

- (1) 7:30 p.m. **Call to order/approval of agenda** **L. Meyers**
- (2) 7:35 **Meeting Protocols Reminder – BRIEF DISCUSSION**
- (3) 7:40 **Public Comments and Announcements**, 1 minute per person
- (4) 7:45 **Board Member Training Report/Update**
- (5) 7:50-8:00 **Council District 10 Report; reports from other Government Officials, City Departments and Agencies**
- (6) 8:00-8:10 **Interview and Appoint Candidates for Open UNNC Governing Board Seats:**
 A. At Large Representative(s) (two seats, Group A, through 2021). Executive Committee interviewed two candidates in December. Motion: *Recommend both Jazmine Johnson and Hunter Hall to the open At-Large Governing Board seats.* – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- (7) 8:10-8:20 **Committee Updates and Reports – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 A. **Budget Reps/Budget Advocate’s Report** (2 minutes)
 B. **Committee Reports** (1 minute each, if feasible)
- (8) 8:20-8:40 **UNNC CIS Committee**
 (Background materials in online agenda packet, see page 1 of this agenda)
 A. **Proposed CIS, Council File No. 20-1603 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
 Recommend Support for the Shelter and Housing Availability / Homeless Crisis / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) / Measure H Outreach Program motion. Proposed CIS:
The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports the Shelter and Housing Availability / Homeless Crisis / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) / Measure H Outreach Program motion. [cont.]



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Since the passage of Measure H in 2017, LAHSA, the County of Los Angeles Departments of Health Services and Mental Health, and non-profit homeless service organizations who received Measure H funds have hired thousands of outreach workers to develop relationships with our unhoused community members. Currently outreach and engagement is the major way unhoused individuals are able to make contact with a homeless services provider.

UNNC supports the request for a comprehensive report of how Measure H funds are being used and how all City funded homeless services programs are being spent.

Council Motion:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1603_mot_12-15-2020.pdf

- B. Proposed CIS, Council File No. 20-0102 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
Recommend Support for the Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy motion.

Proposed CIS:

Based on the 2020 Countywide homeless count, there are approximately 42,000 unhoused women, men and children in the City of Los Angeles; 29,000 are living on the streets, in cars or other locations not meant for human habitation. From January 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020, 1,248 of our unhoused community members have died. This is a 32 percent increase from 2019.

The vast majority of persons experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles DO NOT WANT to live on the streets and NO humane society should allow its most vulnerable members to languish on the streets.

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) believes everyone has the right to a safe, affordable place to call home. UNNC supports the Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy motion.

Council Motion:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0102_mot_12-15-2020.pdf

- C. Proposed CIS, Council File No. 21-0002-S20 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Recommend Support for City Council motion 21-0002-S20, Supporting the passage of Assembly Bill 71 (Rivas-Chiu) the Bring California Home Fund which will allocate \$2.4 billion annual to address homelessness and housing.



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Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities, Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports City Council motion 21-0002-S20, Supporting the passage of Assembly Bill 71 (Rivas-Chiu) the Bring California Home Fund which will allocate \$2.4 billion annually to address homelessness and housing across the State of California.

Approximately 152,000 Californians are unhoused (California 2019 homeless count). Los Angeles has nearly 60,000 unhoused men, women and children (Los Angeles County homeless count 2020). Everyone agrees, the economic downturn caused by the Covid-19 pandemic will increase homelessness in our state and city. California has been able to use one-time only funding for successful programs such as Project Room Key, Project Home Key, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) to successfully address homelessness. Bring California Home will provide ongoing funding for these and other proven strategies.

Passing this motion will allow the State, Los Angeles, and other local governments the funding to build housing and to offer services and programs that can lead to safe, affordable and permanent housing that will allow unhoused Californians to live, thrive and be productive community members.

Council Motion:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0002-S20_reso_12-15-2020.pdf

(9) 8:40-9:10

Executive Committee:

A. UNNC Comments/Community Impact Statement regarding the "REINVESTMENT OF POLICE FUNDS TO IMPACTED COMMUNITIES," Council File No: 20-0600:

When City Council adopted the Fiscal 2020-2021 budget, it asked for a report to recommendation a structure for the reinvestment of \$150 million in funds transferred from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) budget to impacted communities. The recommendation adopted by City Council on December 9, 2020 states that \$90 million is to be allocated to "Preservation of City Services, Reinvestment in Disadvantaged Communities and Communities of Color, Reimagining Public Safety Service Delivery, and Targeted Local Hire (TLH) Program."



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It further specifies that the allocations should be for "one-time" expenditures (rather than ongoing programs and/or expenditures), and divides the share of funds among council districts based on their respective share of "highest need" census tracts (based on median income, unemployment, federally-defined poverty level and college education attainment).

Council District 10's resulting share is \$4,549,792. The actual allocations for projects are expected to be finalized in early February. The CD10 funds are currently proposed to be spent in this way: 1). to provide \$3 million in gap funding for the Vision Theater for sound staging and lighting equipment; and 2). the balance for Concrete Street Reconstruction: Degan Blvd from 43rd Street to 43rd Place.

Mayor Garcetti has vetoed the City Council plan, particularly as it relates to spending for public works projects.

Executive Committee Motion: Recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that it adopt the following CIS/Resolution – *UNNC is OPPOSED to the original allocations as described in CF 20-0600. UNNC urges That the approximate \$1.5 million in reallocation funds allocated to Council District 10 be **NOT** spent on street improvements on Degan and, rather, divided up for projects within each CD10 NC boundary. Further, UNNC would like to see some of these funds allocated to begin the process of re-envisioning the Washington Irving Library, and other community-based organizations/projects, noting that we understand it must be one-time expenditures that can be completed by June 1, 2021. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION***

- B. **Funding Request:** The Friends of FS34 (Fire Station 34, located on 7th Avenue in Jefferson Park) request funds to purchase community materials for outreach to the Jefferson Park and West Adams community. Due to the pandemic, the annual Fire Service Day was cancelled for 2020, and now 2021. But there is an opportunity to create continued community engagement without the annual event. Funds requested: \$3,000. Executive Committee Motion: *Approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$3,000 for The Friends of FS34. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION***



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(10) 9:10-9:40

Planning and Zoning Committee

A. Case No. DIR-2020-7020-SPPA, 1619 S. Van Ness - 1623 S. Van Ness Ave.

Proposed Project involves: 1) the rehabilitation of two period character 1906 houses (one per parcel) and 2) the construction of two new duplexes (one per parcel) behind each house, resulting in three units per parcel. Houses are located within the Angeles Vista Character Residential Overlay District subarea of the South Los Angeles CPIO, which includes historic preservation and design guideline components. Project requires a slight adjustment to CPIO guidelines. Planning & Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of project concept. -- **DISCUSSION AND ACTION.**

B. Proposed Demolition, 2115 4th Avenue (Arlington Heights Character Residential Overlay District), Application No. 20019-10000-04784):

Applicant proposes the demolition of the visible rear garage. Property is a historic "Contributor" to the adopted Character Residential Overlay Zone CPIO; both house and matching garage were built in 1914. Building & Safety Clearance Sheet does not have a CPIO/zoning clearance requirement showing. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

C. Council File 20-1477, Proposed Structural Demolition Policy:

Councilmembers Buscaino and Koretz have proposed a motion directing the City Planning Department (LADCP) and Building & Safety (LADBS) to report with recommendations on a demolition policy that would allow developers who are in an entitlement process to be granted demolition permits for properties that have become a public nuisance, without the need for an approved set of plans, issued building permits, approval for the entitlement(s), or certification of an environmental clearance.

There was significant opposition from residents and stakeholders throughout the City at the City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) hearing on December 8, but nonetheless PLUM passed the initial motion to ask that LADCP and LADBS to prepare a report on how to implement this idea into law.

Among the issues noted by those who commented were:

- It would encourage and incentivize developers to evict tenants and then allow a vacant property to become a nuisance;
- It therefore could lead to increased homelessness, or longer periods of homelessness for individuals who lose their housing in this manner;
- It could cause further blight by creating vacant lots that may never actually be developed (the project may not be approved, or construction permits never issued, or financing never acquired);



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- A property owner is responsible for maintaining a property – to not abandon it, not turn off the electricity or water, not allow vagrants onto the site – yet this initiative would encourage “demolition by neglect” rather than encouraging owners to maintain the property;
- Technically, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not allow “splitting” of projects, and a proposed demolition is a part of an overall project, and thus this would help a developer/project evade public scrutiny before the demolition is irreversibly accomplished and would violate the public’s due process rights;
- It endangers identified but not yet designated historic resources, since part of the entitlement process is an evaluation of historic significance;
- At a time of an economic crisis and diminished staff funding, directing staff to prepare a report does not appear to be a well-thought-out use of limited available funds or staff time; and
- Noting that the city of Los Angeles is in the midst of an unprecedented affordable housing crisis, what is needed are structural DISINCENTIVES for displacement, not the opposite.

*P&Z motion: Recommend that UNNC write a letter in Opposition to the motion that would allow nuisance properties to have an expedited path to demolition, especially when this would provide loopholes for developers who would purposefully allow a property to fall into disrepair or worse, or otherwise create nuisances where none existed previously with the purpose to demolish. And further, that the Governing Board adopt a Resolution that adopts the points of opposition listed [above] in the agenda. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION***

D. Planning & Zoning Committee Updates and Follow-up to Previous Cases, ENS, and Old Business. – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(11) 9:40 -9:50

President’s Report

L. Meyers

- A. **Reallocation of Current At Large Board Seats, due to clerical errors:** UNNC should have SIX At-Large Representative, Group A seats and FIVE At-Large Representative, Group B seats, for a total of ELEVEN At Large Representative seats on the Governing Board. However, currently there are seven Group A seats on the roster, and only four Group B seats. This error needs to be corrected in advance of the Spring NC elections. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- B. **Appoint/Elect UNNC Vice President – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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- (12) 9:50-9:55 **Secretary’s Report** **G. Monzon**
- A. **Approval of Minutes from prior Governing Board Meetings
– DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- (13) 9:55-10:00 **Treasurer’s Report** **G. Jackson**
- A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report(s) – 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**

- (14) 10:00 p.m. **Adjourn** **L. Meyers**

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