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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2021

6:30 p.m. Reception/join the meeting and Presentation:

Honoring Black History Month – Trailblazers in Our Community

7:00 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) 7:00 p.m. **Call to order/approval of agenda** **L. Meyers**
- (2) 7:05 **Meeting Protocols Reminder – BRIEF DISCUSSION**
- (3) 7:05-7:15 **Public Comments and Announcements, 1 minute per person**
- (4) 7:15-7:20 **Board Member Training Report/Update**
- (5) 7:20-7:30 **Council District 10 Report**
- (6) 7:30-7:40 **Reports from other Government Officials, City Departments and Agencies, including Moises Gomez/Byzantine-Latino Quarter Pico BID**
- (7) 7:40-7:45 **DONE Report**
- (8) 7:45-7:50 **President’s Report:**
 - A. **Appoint Vice President -- DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- (9) 7:50-8:00 **Executive Committee:**
 - A. **Funding Request:** UNNC’s Election Outreach Committee requests funds for outreach activities to help solicit candidates to run for Governing Board positions and to encourage stakeholders to request Vote-by-Mail ballots and to vote. Expenditures may include printing (example, possibly window posters for local businesses, and/or possibly lawn signs) and/or social media advertising efforts. \$1,000 is in UNNC’s annual budget for this effort; that budget allocation may need adjustment. Request up to \$1,500.00 total for expenses. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
 - B. **Funding Request:** Western Heights Neighborhood Association requests Community Improvement Project funding for “doggie waste stations.” Requesting up to \$1,100.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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(10) 8:00-8:40 **Planning and Zoning Committee**

A. Case No. ZA-2020-2662-SPP-CU, 3000-3012 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Proposed project will demolish existing buildings (youth center, church) and construct new commercial office building with 54,874 sq. feet of floor area and subterranean parking. Requested entitlements include Specific Plan Approval and requested relief from a 5-foot landscape buffer requirement. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

B. 1537 S. Wilton Place – heavily damaged by fire on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021

UNNC may adopt a Resolution related to this incident, as it affects the status of **Case No. DIR-2018-5925-TOC-1A** and **ENV-2018-5926-CE-1A**, where UNNC has previously voted to SUPPORT the Appeal and OPPOSE the project as presented. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

C. Demolition of 1509-1515 S. Gramercy Place – before final City Council action

The 1904 residence located at 1509 S. Gramercy Place was demolished, and construction of condominiums commenced, before the case was heard at City Council (hearing for **Case No. TT-74990-CN** and **ENV-2017-3017-CE** is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, at the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management/PLUM Committee, and sometime thereafter at the full City Council.) Given that the final decisions have not been made, a question is: what city procedures allowed this? UNNC may adopt a Resolution related to this incident, as UNNC has previously voted to SUPPORT the Appeal and OPPOSE the project as presented. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

D. Angelus Vista Character Residential Overlay District Historical Survey(s)

When the Angelus Vista Character Residential Overlay District CPIO was adopted by City Council, the language in the ordinance authorizes the City Planning Department to utilize either SurveyLA or “other” historical survey in order to evaluate the status of the District’s individual period residences. SurveyLA was considered problematic by the community because it does not cover the entirety of the District and was not based on the City’s HPOZ guidelines for surveys. Since the final implementation of the ordinance, however, multiple issues have arisen and the utilization of “other” historic surveys is proving difficult. Community members and preservation advocates have recommended that new procedures be considered, and potentially a new survey be prepared. Discuss alternatives and make recommendations. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**



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E. Planning Department Comprehensive Fee Update:

The Planning Department has released a revised fee schedule for "project-related" services, including fees for residents' HPOZ and Mills Act applications, as well as Appeals. The proposed revised fee schedule, if adopted by the City Council, will increase the City's cost recovery for case processing from 64 to 84 percent and reduce the General Fund subsidy by \$6.1 million. Review of specific fee categories and recommendations. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

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

(11) 8:40-8:50 **Committee Updates and Reports – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

A. **Committee Reports** (1 minute each, if feasible)

(12) 8:50-9:20 **Communications Committee**

A. **Proposed DONE Digital Social Media Policy:**

Recommend Adopting UNNC position statement (proposed document in meeting agenda packet) **OPPOSING** the proposed Digital Social Media Policy as currently drafted, and in addition asking that it be a “Guideline for Best Practices” rather than a requirement/”policy.” -- **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

B. **Proposal: Engage Joshua Johnson to be UNNC’s photographer.**

Scope of work includes:

- * Take photos on a weekly/bi-weekly basis of people, places and things in and around our neighborhoods that can be posted on our social media channels and the UNNC website.
- * Take photos of/at UNNC sponsored events for publication on social media channels and UNNC website.
- * Take photos at UNNC meetings that can be used as needed by the Communication and Outreach committees.
- * Take photos as needed/directed by the Communications and Outreach committees.
- * Take headshot style photos of board members for publication on the UNNC website and elsewhere.
- * Archive all photos in an organized manner in a shared space accessible to members of the Communication and Outreach committees.
- * Collect and archive photo releases for any people appearing in photos.

Budget for approximately one year is \$3,000; any remaining funds at June 30, 2021 will need to be re-authorized for fiscal year 2021-2022. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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C. **Proposal: Engage Michael Falcone to be UNNC’s Graphic Designer**

Scope of work includes:

- * Create beautifully designed graphics for use on our social media channels, UNNC website and printed materials.
- * Create weekly “advertisements” for UNNC committee meetings that can be posted on our social media channels
- * Create and be the point person of an archive containing the UNNC logo. Distribute appropriate version(s) of the logo as needed.
- * Create advertisements and flyers promoting UNNC Sponsored events
- * Exploration of a rebrand of the UNNC logo

Budget for approximately one year is \$3,000; any remaining funds at June 30, 2021 will need to be re-authorized for fiscal year 2021-2022. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

(13) 9:20-9:50

UNNC CIS Committee (*Background materials in online agenda packet, see page 1*)

A. **Proposed CIS - Council File: 21-0032. Report- current status of housing developments awarded Prop HHH funds. – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Proposed Type of NC Board Action: FOR

Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports a report of the status of all projects awarded Prop HHH funds that are in the pre development stage.

The average per unit cost of an apartment built using Prop HHH funds is \$531,373 (LA City Controller, “Meeting the Monument, An action Plan to advance Prop HHH” September 2020). Only \$140,000 of the \$531,373 can be funded by Prop HHH. This forces the developers to piece together funds from a myriad of other sources, adding time and expense to each unit. These other sources will attach qualifications regarding who can occupy the completed buildings (examples; if the funds come for the Veterans Administration only homeless veterans who received a honorable or general discharge, if the funds come from the County Department of Mental Health only persons with a mental health diagnoses and who are clients of a DMH funded program can live in those units).

As the developers tie up these funds, our unhoused community members languish on the streets!

To date, four years after LA City voters passed Prop HHH, only 3 buildings have been built. And as they wait for housing, our unhoused community members are dying on the streets.

The UNNC supports a detailed report of the projected unit costs, total building cost, projected completion date of all projects that have been awarded Prop HHH funds.



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B. Proposed CIS - Council File: 21-0043, Options for withdrawing funding for Prop HHH projects in pre development – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Proposed Type of Board Action: FOR

Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) support Motion 21-0043, The potential withdrawal of Letters of Commitment for Prop HHH funded projects in pre development that will not be able to deliver housing for persons experience homelessness in a timely and economically sound manner.

In 2016, the voters of the City of Los Angeles voted to tax themselves to end the public shame that is homelessness. The voters were promised 10,000 new housing units. 4 years later, only 179 units have been built.

Although nearly all the Prop HHH funding has been allocated, the majority of the projects are still in the pre-development stage as developers seek additional funding.

While the developers are seeking funding, 3 of our unhoused community members die on the street every day!

The City of Los Angeles needs to build housing and they need to do it fast. The status quo is not working. If a developer is not able to meet their agreement to deliver housing on time and at budget the City is obligated to find a developer who can.

The UNNC supports this motion which will seek a means of withdrawing letters of commitment for Prop HHH funded projects that are still in the pre development stage.

C. Proposed CIS, Council File: 21-0039. Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan, Infrastructure Conditions, Equity, Low-Income communities of Color. – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Proposed Type of Board Action: FOR

Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports Motion 21-0039, reforming the city’s Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan to prioritize equality.

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According to the LA County Parks Needs Assessment (<https://lacountyparkneeds.org/final-report>), all of the UNNC falls into the high or very high parks needs category. Unlike other, more affluent Los Angeles Communities like Silver Lake, Hollywood Hills or Bel Air which have low parks needs rating. In fact, all communities in the working class communities in the southern and eastern part of Los Angeles are considered to have a high parks need.

Parks are just one example of the gross inequality of how infrastructure resources are distributed in Los Angeles. From street light maintenance to library building, wealthier parts of the City receive a disproportionate share of the infrastructure dollars and the working class communities are forced to deal with potholes and broken playground equipment.

The UNNC supports Motion 21-0039; a comprehensive plan so traditionally underserved communities will receive the improvements wealthier parts of the city have come to expect. With declining city resources, due to the aftermath of Covid-19, Los Angeles needs to ensure the money we do have is wisely spent in the areas of the greatest need.

D. Proposed CIS - Council File No: CF 20-1267 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Proposed Type of Board Action: FOR
Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports the motion asking the chief legislative analyst, "in concert" with the city attorney and the LAPD, to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas. The motion asks for current regulations for modified mufflers be more heavily enforced, and asks the City Council to consider whether current local laws are sufficiently strong enough to address both public safety and quality of life issues that modified mufflers pose in L.A.'s neighborhoods.

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| (14) | 9:50-10:00 | Secretary’s Report
A. Approval of Minutes from prior Governing Board Meetings – DISCUSSION AND ACTION | G. Monzon |
| (13) | 10:00-10:15 | Treasurer’s Report
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 | G. Jackson |
| (14) | 10:15 p.m. | Adjourn | L. Meyers |



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