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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2021

6:20 p.m. Reception/join the meeting

6:30 p.m. Presentation:

**Capri Maddox, Executive Director and General Manager of the L.A. Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, will give an overview of this new department and will also discuss their efforts regarding anti-Asian hate issues.**

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**  
*(Note: BONC’s Resolution on Civility is posted in the advance agenda packet)*
- (3) 7:05-7:10 **Public Comments and Announcements**, 1 minute per person
- (4) 7:10-8:00 **Proposal to co-name a segment of Crenshaw Boulevard to commemorate Malcolm X**

Torrence Brannon-Reese, MSW, Founding Director, FA-MLI, Inc., and Shaka Satori Sr., President, African-American Legacy Foundation, request UNNC’s support for an effort to co-name a 2.5-mile stretch of Crenshaw Boulevard from the 10 freeway south to Florence Boulevard after Malcolm X. This includes the segment within UNNC's footprint as well as several other neighborhood councils.

The proposal reads in part, *"For purposes of clarity, this effort would not rename Crenshaw Blvd. As is the case in Harlem, New York, a sign reading Malcolm X Boulevard, would be joined with Crenshaw Boulevard, paying homage to Malcolm X, while respecting the Iconic thoroughfare that is Crenshaw Boulevard. Both names would be respected by the U.S. Postal Service. Finally, as Crenshaw is a major thoroughfare, running through the last majority Black district in Los Angeles, we feel it is significant enough to bear the name of Malcolm X, someone so significant to our history and culture. Malcolm X Blvd. will also intersect with Nipsey Hussle Square, further codifying the legacy of a young man who exemplified the redemption, evolution, courage, commitment, and communal spirit of Malcolm X."*

UNNC’s Planning and Zoning Committee’s Motion/Recommendation to the Governing Board: “We support the proposal to co-name Crenshaw with Malcolm X but we also support a continuing effort to do place-making along Crenshaw Boulevard (as previously voted by UNNC) about our specific cultural heritage in this community through the identification of our historic personages especially in the face of change.” – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- (5) 8:00 - 8:10 **Council District 10, other Govt. Officials and City Agencies Report**
- (6) 8:10 - 8:25 **Treasurer’s Presentation, UNNC’s financial update and budget balances**
- (7) 8:25 - 8:35 **NC Elections Update – Lizy Moromisato, Elections Chair**
- (8) 8:35 - 8:40 **Board Member Training Report/Update**
- (9) 8:40 - 8:45 **Response to Urban Forestry Notification Letter re 1661 Ardmore tree removal**  
(letter for approval in agenda packet)



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- (10) 8:45 - 8:55 **Committee Updates (1-2 minutes each), Budget Advocate Report – Discussion and Possible Action**
- (11) 8:55 - 9:25 **Executive Committee:**
- A. **Funding Request:** Increase administrative budget for UNNC’s annual Post Office Box fee from \$400 to \$422. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
  - B. **Funding Request:** The Garden School Foundation (GSF) requests a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to support its ongoing efforts to address pandemic-related food insecurity among the 24th Street School families it serves. GSF has transformed its 24th Street School teaching garden into a production farm, and has partnered with Food Forward to present “Farmers Markets” free food distributions at the school site, and now wishes to increase the number of these distributions. GSF request NPG funds to support staffing, operations and the purchase of additional PPE/plexiglass barriers. Request is for \$5,000.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
  - C. **Funding Request:** West Adams Avenues Association requests funds for a Community Improvement Project, purchasing replacement HD security cameras for monitoring at the Recreation and Parks Department’s Benny H. Potter Park Annex, Isadore House and South Seas House complex. Request \$5,865.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
  - D. **Funding Request:** The 31st Street Quality of Life Committee requests funds for its partnership with California Greenworks for the “Jefferson Boulevard Greenbelt” project, to plant 25 new trees along the north side of Jefferson between Western and Crenshaw, and maintain them for three years. The 31st Street Quality of Life Committee has a pledge/grant from LANI for a portion of this project. Request is for matching funds from UNNC to help support the watering and maintenance of the trees. Request is for \$6,900.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
  - E. **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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(12) 9:25-9:45

## UNNC CIS Committee

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

### A. Proposed CIS - in support of Council File 20-1178-S1, the therapeutic van pilot program, an alternative to LAPD responding to 911 mental health calls. – **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 CF 20-1178-S1, the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program.*

- *From 2015 to 2019, 25% of the people shot by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers were having a mental health crisis (LAPD 2019 Use of Force Report).*
- *In 2019, the LAPD received 20,758 mental health related emergency calls (Leila Miller, LA Times, 6/24/20).*
- *The LA Jail system is the largest mental health facility in California (LASD News).*

*Police officers are NOT SOCIAL WORKERS and not trained or equipped to deal with psychiatric emergencies. Yet they are often the only resource a community member or family member of a person experiencing a psychiatric crisis has to call. Tragically, many of these calls lead to arrest or death. Peace officers in Los Angeles have been forced to take on the responsibility to respond to mental health patients because up to now no other service has been developed to do the job.*

*And, as a result of there not being a service to respond appropriately to these emergencies, the current system wastes money.*

- *Several studies address the issue of individuals with a mental health disorder having encounters with the criminal justice system. The societal costs associated with these encounters can be substantial (Exploring the identification, validation, and categorization of the cost and benefits of criminal justice in mental health: the PECUNIA project. Janssen, L. 7/27/20).*
- *Ten studies with cost data suggested that pre-arrest diversion can lead to overall cost savings (The crime, mental health, and economic impacts of pre-arrest diversion of people with mental health problems: A systematic review. Bird, K. 6/29/19).*

*Since the deinstitutional movement of the mental health system starting in the 1960s, there has been little to no systemic plan for how to care for the mentally ill in our communities. This motion offers the beginning of an effort to find a solution to the problem. As much as we endorse this motion, we also must point out that it is only the start. We urge City Council to explore additional innovative programs and solutions.*

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- B. Proposed CIS ~ Council File: 21-0002-S66**, Resolution – that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 739 (Cortese) which would establish the California Universal Basic Income for Transition Age Youth pilot program to provide \$1,000 a month to California residents who are 21 years of age and have exited the foster care system. – **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 a pilot project that would provide basic financial income and support for “emancipated” foster youth who have aged out of the foster care system.*

*Existing state law provides for a child welfare system that protects abused and neglected children, but that support and protection ends abruptly when the child ages out of the system. Youths exiting the foster care system face significant challenges, and often cannot afford the basics: housing, food and clothing. At the same time, state and federal support for providers of housing solutions for this population, dubbed “TAY” (Transition Age Youth, age 18-24) have been severely cut back, leading to homelessness and other crisis issues.*

*The State Legislature is considering a bill, modeled after a pilot program in Stockton, California that provides 125 low income residents a basic income for a period of two years, that would provide for TAY youth participating in this proposed 3-year statewide pilot program unconditional monthly payments of \$1,000. According to the Council resolution presented by Joe Buscaino, “SB 739 could represent a first step in addressing the dire needs faced by youth exiting the foster care system and shield them from financial hardship, homelessness, and further distress.”*

*The legislation also asks the State Department of Social Services to administer and monitor the program, reporting the results at the end of the 3-year pilot program. UNNC welcomes and supports this action, and urges the Los Angeles City Council to add this legislation to its State Legislative advocacy program.*

- C. Proposed CIS - Council Files 20-0047, 21-0035, and 20-1106**, New Initiatives to preserve the City's "RSO" rent stabilized housing units: There are several pending City Council motions and initiatives to encourage the retention of, and/or 1-to-1 replacement of, existing RSO/rent stabilized units, which often are affordable units on a practical basis. In prior “TOC” and other density-bonus project applications within UNNC’s footprint, occasionally fewer restricted affordable units were being provided in the new building than the number of RSO units proposed for demolition. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Proposed Type of NC Board Action: FOR IF AMENDED**  
**Proposed CIS:**

*The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) is strongly in favor of any measure that would help ensure the retention of our community’s existing RSO/rent stabilized units. However, it is UNNC’s opinion that in any project, the existing RSO unit count should be maintained in addition to the required affordable units in return for density incentives under any city or state program.*

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*UNNC has had too many TOC projects where more rent stabilized units have been demolished than new/replacement “affordable” units have been approved. The goal should be that in addition to the affordable units required for TOC or other density bonus projects, the existing/demolished RSO units (which tend to be older buildings with lower rents) are replaced, with no net loss of reasonably priced units.*

*Current state law doesn’t directly address Los Angeles’s local density bonus ordinance(s). SB330 bans demolition of protected units unless they are replaced and tenants get first right of return. SB330’s legislative intent was to retain existing “protected” units, NOT to end up with fewer affordable units.*

*Preserving these protected units should not be conflated with the requirements of local or state density bonus incentive programs, which may grant multiple extra incentives beyond an increase in density (extra height; reduced open space; reduced yard setbacks; reduced parking requirements) in return for providing a set percentage of covenanted affordable units.*

*Our community is facing major displacement of our longtime residents. UNNC recognizes that if we place too many requirements on proposed projects they may not get built, and there is a need to build far more housing than this City currently has, but we are equally strong in our view that we must retain as much existing RSO housing as is feasible to protect and conserve the character of our community, and to help our neighbors retain their housing.*

## **D. Proposed CIS, Council File No. 09-0969-S3\* -- Comprehensive Fee Update – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Proposed Type of NC Board Action: OPPOSED (as currently presented)**

(\*UNNC passed a Resolution at the March 4, 2021 Governing Board to oppose the fee increases proposed by the CAO. This CIS, if adopted, replaces the Resolution.)

BACKGROUND: On April 6, 2021, the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) will consider Reports from the Department of City Planning (DCP) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) relative to policy recommendations and amending Sections 19.00 through 19.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for a Comprehensive Fee Update to more accurately reflect the cost of providing planning and land use services, based on new trends and data collected since the fee ordinance was last updated in February 2018 (Ordinance 185432).

The Department of City Planning recommends keeping these fees at their current levels, acknowledging the need to ensure voluntary participation and compliance in the preservation program, especially for lower-income property owners. However, the CAO is recommending a full cost recovery program for City Planning, and now is recommending very high fees in HPOZs, for example, that would range from \$5,700 to nearly \$10,000, and building permit review on historic properties would cost \$3,600.

In addition, the CAO has rejected the Planning Department’s recommendation to increase non-party appeal fees from \$89 to \$151 and, instead, the CAO’s recommendation is to charge \$16,000 for each step in the appeal process (e.g., \$32,000 to appeal first to a planning commission and then to City Council).

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## **Proposed CIS:**

*The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council 1) opposes the CAO recommendations for large percentage fee increases for citizen appeals and historic preservation related projects and 2) the process by which the CAO did not allow for reasonable response time from the community. Furthermore, UNNC’s opinion is that the fees should not dis-incentivize citizen involvement or reduce public benefits related to HPOZs or other historic preservation projects, nor should fees incentivize illegal unpermitted activity. If increased fees for applications related to HPOZs and HCMs passes, this will likely adversely affect the future effectiveness of L.A.’s overall historic preservation program.*

*Similarly, if appeal fees are increased to \$16,097, this likely would severely limit the public’s ability to participate in the appeals process due to it being cost-prohibitive. UNNC’s priority is to increase public participation in local government, not to impose unreasonably high fees, creating unacceptable burdens on stakeholders who care enough to become involved in the City’s decision-making. A \$16,000 appeal fee defies any notion of access to justice or equity. It would prevent most citizens from exercising their right of appeal, would disproportionately silence communities that have been historically disenfranchised, and would bar all but the most affluent residents from bringing challenges in land use cases.*

*UNNC agrees with former City Planning Commission President Jane Usher, who has also strongly objected to the CAO recommendation, writing: “The recommendation of the CAO to increase the fee for a non-applicant to appeal a land use planning case, from \$89 to \$16,097, is unconscionable and unsubstantiated by relevant facts. The long-standing purpose of the non-full cost recovery fee for non-applicant appeals has been to ensure that this City’s government provides project neighbors, non-profit community groups and individuals with an opportunity for administrative redress of a discretionary land use decision. This opportunity for administrative redress will be eliminated if the fee to bring such an appeal is \$16,097. The deck to obtain approval of a discretionary land use application is already stacked so heavily in favor of project applicants, who have a direct financial stake in the outcome. Is it absolutely imperative to remove the appeal tool that gives neighbors, non-profit community groups and individuals a fighting chance? The CAO report to your Committee offers no facts or study to suggest that the current \$89 appeal fee has been abused or overused by non-applicant appellants. There is no analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act of the implications for the environment from introducing a financial tool that will preclude administrative appeals by neighbors to a project. Without such relevant facts, study and analysis, the CAO-proposed fee increase is simply a grotesque overreach and abuse of authority and process.”*

- (13) 9:45-9:55 **Treasurer’s Report** **G. Jackson**  
  - A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report(s) – 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) 9:55-10:00 **Secretary’s Report** **G. Monzon**  
  - A. **Approval of Minutes – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- (15) 10:00 p.m. **Adjourn** **L. Meyers**



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