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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

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

6:30 p.m. Presentations:

Lizy Moromisato, UNNC Outreach Chair, will present “Asian American Heritage Month”

And

A Conversation with Lisa Hart, Chair, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance:

*"Learn How to Get Paid to Drive Free with Electric Vehicles, and More Resource Tips
from the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance"*

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting / Call to Order

(NOTE: Presentations may continue after quorum is reached)

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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) 7:10-7:20 **Council District 10, other Govt. Officials and City Agencies Report**
- (5) 7:20 - 7:25 **NC Elections Update – Lizzy Moromisato, Elections Chair**
- (6) 7:25 – 7:30 **Board Member Training Report/Update.**
Reappoint At Large Group A Board member Hunter Hall – **POSSIBLE ACTION**
- (7) 7:30 - 7:45 **Planning and Zoning Committee:**
 - A. Case No. ZA-2021-1174-CU-CCMP, 2124 Venice Blvd. L.A. 90006**

Venice Church of Christ proposes the construction of a new 2-story Church/sanctuary with support facilities (office, library, multipurpose room) and attached pastor's residence. Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CU) allowing the operation of a church within the C1 zone, replacing an existing (vacant) church use. (The separate “CCMP” proceeding relative to design has been approved by the Harvard Heights HPOZ board). UNNC’s Planning and Zoning Committee Motion is to recommend approval. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
 - B. Follow-up to Previous Cases – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**



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- (8) 7:45 - 8:00 **Secretary's Report** **G. Monzon**
A. **Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- (9) 8:00 - 8:30 **Executive Committee:**
- A. **Funding Request:** Administrative adjustment to previously approved Funding Request for UNNC partnership with KYCC to maintain and water 25 young trees on commercial corridors within the UNNC footprint. Convert from Community Improvement Project to Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG). KYCC is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. Request is for \$6,996.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- B. **Funding Request:** Administrative adjustment to previously approved Funding Request 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. Convert from Community Improvement Project to Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG). The 31st Street Quality of Life Committee is partnering with California Greenworks, a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit. Request is for \$6,900.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- C. **Funding Request:** Administrative adjustment to previously approved Funding Request for 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. Convert from Community Improvement Project to Neighborhood Purpose Grant. West Adams Avenues will be partnering with West Adams Heritage Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit which maintains a fund to benefit the South Seas House. Request is for \$5,865.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- D. **Funding Request:** Dynasty's United Youth Association is requesting a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$4,000 for program assistance to provide virtual/in-person homework and assistance and tutoring for ages 5-18 for 3 weeks at no cost for Summer Learning Support. Additionally, there will be STEM, art, and fitness workshops that will be facilitated weekly. The services will be conducted and executed by D.U.Y.A staff members. The goal is to help students master difficult material and content, keep students engaged in academic activities. Pending funds availability, Executive Committee recommends funding in the amount of \$1,000.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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E. **Funding Request:** Request to fund UNNC NC Election Outreach efforts that will be held in Arlington Heights and with the Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association, for helping stakeholders apply for ballots. Requesting up to \$1,000.00. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

F. **Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

(10) 8:30 - 8:40 **Committee Updates (1-2 minutes each), Budget Advocate Report – Discussion and Possible Action**

(11) 8:40 - 9:00 **Community Impact Statements**
(Background materials in online agenda packet, see page 1 for link)

A. **Proposed CIS - Council File: 21-0002-S83**, Resolution – that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kalra) which would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program (CalCare) to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. – **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 single-payer health care system in California that will ensure that all Californians, regardless of employment, income, immigration status, race, gender, or any other considerations, can get health care.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed how flawed and inequitable our multi-payer health system is. Many Angelenos has been infected with COVID, and low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted, with higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death plus being the hardest hit with layoffs. For those with health insurance from their employers, a job loss means lost medical coverage.

The CalCare program aims to:

- *Guarantee health care be free at the point of service for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical, and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; long-term care; and mental health care.*
- *Eliminate copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, assure free choice of doctors and protect the doctor-patient relationship.*
- *Establish state-wide comprehensive universal single-payer health care with streamlined payments, elimination of bureaucracy and a health care cost control system, for lower per capita spending.*

UNNC welcomes and supports this single-payer health care bill and urges the Los Angeles City Council to add this legislation to its State Legislative advocacy program.



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- B. **Proposed CIS ~ Council File No. 19-0603**, regarding a Council Motion entitled **“Building A Safer Los Angeles,”** that will expand requirements to utilize concrete and steel construction and would curtail the use of wood frame construction throughout the city, including for new housing projects. –
DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Proposed Type of Board Action: OPPOSED

Proposed CIS:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) opposes the City Council motion to investigate 1) expanding of Fire District 1 boundaries to include densely populated neighborhoods (such as those within UNNC) and projects over 30 feet in height; and 2) requiring non-wood construction types in Fire District 1.

In addition to our core concern that this will add additional limitations on the ability to build affordable housing as well as all housing projects, UNNC finds that:

- 1. Wood construction is less expensive and more accessible to a wider range of developers. Restricting the use of wood construction will lead to more expensive housing in a narrower pool of developers, which would be imprudent in the current housing crisis where we should be encouraging any and all sorts of housing and innovations to produce more, not less. In short, this initiative, if passed, will upend the construction of housing and the housing industry. This would deeply impact our neighborhood and city.*
- 2. Although it is unclear where the proposed fire district lines will be drawn, presumably Fire District 1 lines will include areas perceived to have more fire danger, which would include the hillside sections of the city, which are more wealthy across all areas. This would mean that denser, cheaper wood-construction development would be funneled into lower income areas, exacerbating that inequity of housing availability worse. More expensive and presumably higher-income luxury concrete housing will be located in already wealthy areas, furthering the equity divide in the city. As a lower-income neighborhood, this would have a negative impact on the UNNC area.*
- 3. Modern large wood construction is universally sprinklered and fire-rated to dramatically lower risk of fire. There are few or no current examples of structural fires in Type V and Type III structures. Additionally, concrete construction is not immune to fire, as the tower fire in London evidenced.*
- 4. With the city contemplating deep restrictions in wood construction, we will be missing out on new technologies in wood construction that are occurring in other U.S. cities such as Portland and Seattle. This wood construction, utilizing a heavy-timber model with smaller dimensional lumber, is more sustainable than concrete in that it locks up carbon in the structure, whereas concrete is carbon-intensive to produce. The California Building Code made changes in 2020 to enhance and encourage the possibilities of wood construction, and the City of Los Angeles should not be denied the opportunity to employ these changes to its benefit.*

<https://softwoodlumberboard.org/california-building-standards-commission-passes-tall-wood-code-change-proposals/>

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5. *The fact that the initiative to expand the Fire District 1 boundaries and restrict wood construction is being sponsored by the concrete industry is deeply suspect and can only provoke cynicism that government and special interests are not working with the interests of the constituents at heart. Using government regulation as an opportunity to advance a particular industry, while undoubtedly common, cannot be tolerated in our city.*

6. *This initiative is also cynically playing off of fears of wildfire and climate change by speciously conflating wood construction and density with risk of fire. The idea that wildfire risk is increased because of new, sprinklered, fire-rated construction is simplistic. Wildfires race through landscaped suburbs on the urban edge, not concrete cities. If the city council were truly concerned about lessening fire risk, density and construction would be more encouraged in the city, and all new suburban construction banned in the urban fringe adjacent to local forests.*

In addition to potential cost increases resulting from the inability to use wood-frame construction, the more stringent code requirements of Fire District 1 may prevent projects from taking advantage of some incentives granted under the Transit Oriented Communities guidelines. For these reasons, UNNC opposes this effort to expand Fire District 1.

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| (12) | 9:00-9:15 | 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 | |
| (13) | 9:15 – 9:30 | President’s Report | |
| (14) | 9:30 p.m. | Adjourn | L. Meyers |

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1-800-855-3000/Spanish

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