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UNNC Environmental Committee

Thursday, August 11, 2022

8:00 p.m.

NOTE: In conformance with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) [Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), adopted with an urgency; and amid ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, UNNC will be conducting this meeting virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. You have the option of attending via the internet or by telephone. Thank you for your patience – we are all still learning how to use this new technology. Questions? Email President@unnc.org.

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AGENDA

1). **Determination to continue to hold meetings virtually:** The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with guidance from the Los Angeles City Attorney, have established that BONC has the authority to adopt AB 361 Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E)(1)(b)-(c) on behalf of the City's neighborhood councils, and to determine that due to the Covid-19 state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. This meeting is being conducted virtually pursuant to that directive.

2). **Welcome & Call to Order; Introductions; Review of the Agenda**

3). **Public Comments / Announcements on non-agenda items** (1-2 minutes per speaker)

4). **Planning Future In-Person Home Composting Workshops:** The Garden School Foundation (GSF) and UNNC presented a composting workshop in May, 2022 at the GSF garden located at 24th Street Elementary School. Now UNNC and GSF are discussing planning ongoing future in-person home composting workshops. Discussion includes creation of hand-out materials, closing-out report about the previous funded NPG grant, and a potential new NPG funding request. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5). **LADWP "Cool LA Assistance Program":** The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Board of Commissioners proposed a new "Cool LA" initiative to address extreme heat impacts faced by homeowners and renters when temperatures exceed 90° Fahrenheit and heat indexes (air temperature plus relative humidity) exceed 105° F. "Cool LA" will enable LADWP customers to purchase or replace various types of cooling units, including window and room air conditioners, at reduced cost to help lower extreme heat indoor temperatures to a safe level. "Cool LA" will also provide low-income customers with extreme heat electricity bill payment plan options to help them manage higher power costs for using air conditioning during the year's hottest days and nights by spreading their bill across multiple months, and will partner with community-based organizations to spur program participation and raise awareness of ways LADWP can help residents stay cool. (Press release with more details is in the agenda packet). The Committee will also discuss what other efficiency/rebate/upgrade programs are available to residents that they may not be using? – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

6). **Proposed Biodiversity Motion:** A Resolution was passed by LANCC (the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition), requesting that neighborhood councils adopt the following motion:

"WHEREAS Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species; THEREFORE, the ["xxxxxx"] United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council appeals to the City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within the City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council." – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**



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7). Follow-up to previous agenda items. -- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

* **Update/Follow-Up on Washington Boulevard Tree Planting project:** Requesting updates regarding removal of tree cages on Washington Blvd.; and KYCC's responses to open questions on the list of proposed planting locations

* **Update/Follow-Up re Social Media Posts** for UNNC Environmental Committee

8). Review and Approve Prior Meetings' Minutes – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

9). Adjourn

Time allocations, if any, for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chair

Future Meetings: The next scheduled meeting of the UNNC Environmental Committee is Thursday, September 11, 2022 at 8 p.m., subject to cancellation if no agenda items. *(Standing Environmental Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, currently via Zoom.)*

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