UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council

UNNC Environmental Committee Meeting Agenda

Special Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2024

7:30 p.m.

In Person and on Zoom

NOTE: *In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 and Los Angeles City Council approval on November 1, 2023, UNNC will be conducting this Committee meeting both* ***in-person and also virtually utilizing the Zoom platform****. You have the option of attending in person, 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.*

MEETING LOCATION:

In person at the **South Seas House**

2301 West 24th Street (corner Arlington), Los Angeles CA 90018

OR, JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84109916766

Meeting ID: 841 0991 6766

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Agenda Packet link with meeting presentation materials here:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: *As is usual for UNNC meetings, Stakeholders are invited to participate. However, please do "mute" yourself throughout the meeting, whether you are joining the meeting by internet or telephone. When an individual wishes to address the Standing Committee, the Chair or Moderator will unmute the line, whether it is during the public comment section on the agenda, or prior to the Committee taking action on any agenda items. All other rules to public comments still apply. Please see expanded information regarding public comments and other virtual meeting protocols on page 3 of this agenda.*

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AGENDA

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

2). **General Public Comments** (1-2 minutes per speaker)

3). **Possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) re Council File 24-0602, an initiative to get the city to transition away from artificial turf:** The Los Angeles City Council is considering a Motion that would potentially ban synthetic grass/artificial turf use in the city, for environmental and health reasons. Artificial turf is made by fusing rubber and plastics together, and may contain PFAs and other "forever chemicals." These chemicals may leach into groundwater or runoff into waterways and the ocean. The Motion asks for recommendations to transition away from artificial turf; and to have LADWP make recommendations for incentive programs to remove and replace the material, among other ideas that would also "incentivise the transition towards California drought-friendly landscaping broadly." **– DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

4). **L.A. Sanitation Dept. proposal to increase Sewer Service Charge Rates**: LASAN is proposing to resume Sewer Service Charge rate increases that were paused in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose is to pay for upgrades and repairs to the City's wastewater system and the reclamation plants, with anticipated costs to exceed $3 billion. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 at 10 a.m., in person in City Hall. **– DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5). **Potential Summer Landscape Care Event – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

6). **Round Robin Updates – DISCUSSION**

7). **Announcements/New Business/Old Business – DISCUSSION**

8). **Adjourn**

Future Meetings: The next scheduled meeting of UNNC's Environmental Committee is on Thursday, August 8, 2024. *(Standing Environmental Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month.)*

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