UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024

1) **Welcome/ call to order/ roll call**

Paula Southern called the meeting to order at 7:09PM and called the roll.
Members present:

Dolores Spears
Hunter Reis
Laura Meyers
Michael Soderstrom
Edward Saunders
Grace Yoo
Kareene Alprecht
Theresa Maysonet
Michael Kimbrough
Chris Carlson (online)
Christopher Weed
Marco Ramirez
Bettye Anderson
Diana Cooper

2) **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

Michael Kimbrough moved to approve. Michael Soderstrom seconded. Unanimous approval.

3) **Public Comments**

A. STEM Preparatory Schools - 3200 W. Adams
1500 students total
Would like to partner with us.

B. Theresa- Letter of Support (CIS) requested by Steve Peckman last meeting was not submitted on time.

4) **Government agencies' reports and comments**

A. CD-10 Heather Hutt's office - Eric Aguiar, Field Deputy

1. Coyotes in West Adams neighborhood- possibly a Den at the Murphy Drill site? No Den site found, do be careful. DO NOT FEED the coyotes.
2. Report items/trash to MyLA311 website or app - TRASH and graffiti
3. Jim Gilliam Park Spring Fest Resource Fair on Saturday (4/6) at 11am-3pm.

B. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Alfonso Manzo

1. Working with Homeless Liaisons / Committees to meet every other month.
2. Congress of Neighborhoods- Alfsons will be one of the two people in charge of putting this event together. First planning session meeting is this Saturday 1pm.
The Congress of Neighborhoods will be September 28, 2024.
Training Update/ Correction for Chris Carlson as it was approved by Vanessa but not yet corrected online. A. Manzo says Chris Carlson is APPROVED to vote.

C. Astrid Villagran (South Seas House) at Benny Potter Park
Recruiting for classes for Adults such as Yoga,Computer 101, Walking Club, more
Job Openings at South Seas House, please apply.
Summer Camp - $80 per week, but reduced rates
Seeking Park Advisory Boardmembers

5) NO PRESENTATION from LAANE- presenter is ill.

6) **Funding Requests**

A. NPG $2000 Request from Rediscover Center to Support Family Workshop Series.
Executive moves to approve. Hunter seconds.
12 YES, 2 ABSTAIN, 1 INELIGIBLE

B. Purchase of Separate Teleconferencing System for Governing Board meeting location.
Approval for up to $2,000 to purchase the new separate teleconferencing system equipment
Executive Committee Moves Michael Soderstrom seconds.
14 YES, 1 INELIGIBLE

C. Outreach Event/Resources Fair for Leslie Shaw Park in Jefferson Park. Up to $2,500
Saturday, June 1st 10am -2pm. Printing to be paid for by CD10 office.
Executive moves to approve the event and budget as amended. Michael Kimbrough seconds.
14 YES, 1 INELIGIBLE

7) **Bylaws: Proposed amendments to current UNNC Bylaws**

Proposed adjustments may include changes to Article V, Section 7 (Absences), including temporary Board appointments to accommodate leaves of absence; Article VII, Section 3A (Committee appointments); Article XIV, Section 2 (Training); plus discussion and possible amendments regarding the use of 2/3 voting “super majorities.”

Ad Hoc Committee moved to accept the FINAL APPROVAL of the Amended bylaws. Michael Soderstrom seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

8) **Committee Reports**

A. Planning & Zoning

B. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

CERT Neighborhood Team Program, 3 months completed and 3 months remaining. May 1, June 5, July 10 6:30 -8:30pm

C. Outreach Committee

Rediscover Center's Earth Day Sustainable Arts Festival - April 21st.

D. Environmental Committee

Give Executive Committee the right to approve EIR re: plastic reduction for submission. Environmental Committee moved, Kareene seconds.

9) **Executive Committee Reports**

A. **President's Report -** Paula Southern

1. Resource Fair on June 1, 2024.
2. Resignation of Dennis Leski effective March 31, 2024.

B. **Treasurer's Report** - Candice Jackson

1. No Monthly Expenditure Report
2. Board member reimbursement - $179.58 for Hunter Reis
   Moved by Laura Meyers. Seconded by Paula Southern.
3. Budget adjustments- Laura moved to transfer $3250 to NPG, transfer $3500 to Outreach, and authorize the Treasurer to transfer these from rollover funds and operational funds, and Michael S. seconded; the motion passed.
4. Funding updates

C. **Secretary's Report**

Theresa moved to approve March 7, 2024, Governing Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Kareene Alprecht; the motion passed.

D. **Vice-President's Report** - Laura Meyers

1. Attendance – pretty good besides Sho' King
2. Training
   a. Most caught up, a couple need to take Anti-Bias training, Cornerstone still an issue for a couple members
   b. Amended Code of Conduct up and due by June
   c. Additional training (Gender Expression/Identity) should be up soon and is also due by June

10) **Old Business**

11) **Paula adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.**