UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023

1) **Welcome/ call to order/ approval of agenda/ roll call**

President Greg Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
Vice-President Paula Southern called the roll. Members present:

Jazmine Johnson
Nuriel Moghavem
Dolores Spears
Taylor Fife
Charly Paap
Paul King
Carlos Kerrick
Laura Meyers
Sarah Longhenry
Paula Southern
Grace Yoo
Dennis Leski
Kareene Alprecht
Theresa Maysonet
Michael Kimbrough
Gregory Jackson
Ivy Bordenave-Priestley
Lizy Moromisato
John Arnold

Greg moved to approve the agenda, and Lizy seconded; the motion passed.

2) **Public comments**

A. Dolores

1. At a recent City Council meeting, Herb Wesson was honored with a staircase; Tiffany Haddish appeared at the meeting to share a few words about Wesson.
2. Ernest J. Gaines will be on a new postage stamp.

B. John

1. The Paul Williams House (1271 W. 35th St.) has been saved from demolition and will be turned into an historic preservation project for the community.
2. John was elected to the AIA (American Institute of Architects) recently, and AIA LA has chosen West Adams for its headquarters.

C. Laura - the Government of the Republic of Korea recently finalized a deal to purchase the Hung Sa Dahn/Young Korean Academy (3421-3423 S. Catalina Street), saving it from demolition

D. Tori - thank you to everyone for attending and participating in the homeless count last week

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

A. DONE report - Gibson Nyambura

1. In-person meetings start March 1. Workshops to train for this coming.
2. ADA inspections for physical meeting locations

B. US Rep. Kamlager-Dove's office - Naomi (contact: Naomi.riley@mail.house.gov)
Community swearing-in of Rep. Kamlager-Dove on February 26 at The Beehive

C. LAFD - Paul Pham
Fire prevention: caution in using space heaters

4) **Executive Committee Business**

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A. **Secretary's report** - Sarah Longhenry

Greg moved to approve the Governing Board (01/05/22) minutes, and Theresa seconded; the motion passed.

B. **Treasurer's report** - Paul King

1. Budget review - available funds
2. Paul moved to approve the December MER, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
3. Grace negotiated a new rate for the storage unit to save $53/month, and Greg, Lizy, Paul, and Grace officially moved units last weekend.
4. Laura moved to reimburse Greg for refreshments for the homeless count/special executive meeting on 1/26/23. Paul seconded.

C. **Vice-President's report** - Paula Southern

1. Training status report - stay ahead of 2023 training renewals
2. Attendance status and review

D. **President's report** - Greg Jackson

1. Requested that any who can stay involved on the governing board will do so, acknowledging a four-year commitment is a lot.
2. In-person meetings
    a. proposal for the Governing Board to meet at the Gramercy Place Apartments; requirements include in-person quorum, deposit, contract – thank you to Laura and Theresa for coordinating this
    b. proposal for the committees to meet at the South Seas House – thank you to Theresa and Donna Jones for coordinating this
3. Call for leadership of CIS system - Ivy will work on this

5) **Funding request(s)**

A. Theresa - Renew UNNC Zoom business license (approx. $200)

B. Theresa presented information: the Executive Committee requests up to $1,000 for the purchase of a TV monitor, laptop, microsoft office software, wireless mouse and keyboard to accompany the virtual conferencing system Polycom Studio which enables hybrid meetings in a conference room setting.

C. **Election** - Lizy Moromisato & Laura Meyers

1. Laura moved to spend up to $300 for refreshments (bottled water, wrapped pastries), and insurance (facility fees waived) on vote by mail event in Jefferson Park on March 11, 2023, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
2. Laura moved to spend up to $350 for refreshments (coffee service, bottled water, wrapped pastries), and insurance (facility fees waived) on vote by mail event in Harvard Heights on March 11, 2023, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
3. Laura moved to spend up to $450 for refreshments, decorations and insurance (facility fees waived) at meet and greet event at South Seas House or Park Annex on April 1, 2023, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
4. Laura moved to hold a virtual candidates forum on April 4, 2023, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
5. Laura moved to spend $3,340 for rentals, insurance, signage and decorations, food/refreshments for visitors, plus contingency, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
6. Laura moved to spend up to $250 for Election Day polling place support (ie., banner saying "Vote here" and refreshments for polling place volunteers and poll workers), and Greg seconded; the motion passed.

6) Committee Reports

A. **Election/Outreach** - Lizy Moromisato
   1. Thanks to Audrey Arlington's efforts in speaking with the administration at several churches about our upcoming election.
   2. Social media, postcards, several outreach methods currently being used.
   3. We will not have an election if there are not enough candidates running.

B. **Unhoused (Homelessness) Liaison** - Tori Bailey
   1. Results of the Annual Greater Los Angeles's 3-day Homeless Count on Thursday, January 26, 2023) – biggest UNNC turnout ever
   2. Plans to coordinate a brief on the Mayor's Homeless efforts

C. **Planning & Zoning** - John Arnold & Laura Meyers
   1. Upcoming events: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ula-stakeholder-session-1-affordable-housing-programs-tickets-513380483847?aff=odcleoeventsincollection and https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ula-stakeholder-session-2-homelessness-prevention-and-tenant-protections-tickets-513459921447?aff=odcleoeventsincollection
   2. Re: Homelessness Emergency Fund, Item 6-D2, Council File 23-0033
      Laura moved to adopt a Community Impact Statement (CIS) stating that UNNC enthusiastically supports the concept behind the motion, but would request that among the list of tasks of activities there be added a phrase that includes preventing homelessness, especially preventing tenant displacement; and assuring there is good oversight of the fund, and Greg seconded; the motion passed.
   3. Laura moved to submit a letter indicating UNNC is generally supportive of expanding the opportunity for restaurants to occupy both private and public land. We believe it's imperative that the departments work together to have a cohesive program, and Theresa seconded; the motion passed.

7) **Lacking quorum, the meeting ended at** 10:09PM