UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, Jefferson Park, & Harvard Heights communities

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2025

1. **Presentation - South LA Black cultural district**

Council President Laura Meyers gave a brief presentation regarding the South Los Angeles Black cultural district that runs through part of UNNC's footprint in Historic West Adams. More to come, along with representatives from the organization leading plans.

2. **Public Comments**

A: Council member Cesar Garcia mentioned a new coffee shop on 12th & Jefferson.
B: Maria from Rec and Parks discussed upcoming sports programs including Play LA and Girls Play LA. These events take place at Normandie Park and South Seas Park within UNNC's footprint.
C. John from Battalion 18 LAFD covers UNNC's area, warns of recent brush fires as the seasons change but the weather remains hot. Warns of "red flag season" in November & December due to strong wind events. Move towards Zone Zero in 2026 to remove flammable materials close to residences.

3. **Call to Order**

Candice Jackson
Elizabeth Fenner
Hunter Reis
Laura Meyers
Sho'K King
Ed Saunders
Michelle Rosser
Tamala Choma
Michael Soderstrom
Michael Kimbrough
Karen Alprecht
Christine Carlson
Siobhan O'Neill-Schwent
Cesar Garcia

4. **Review & Approval of Agenda**

5. **Government Agency Report**
A: Jeff Camp's CD10 Report ran through upcoming events - 6th Ave Elementary tree planting, taste of soul, Korean festival, Olympic Division Fall Carnival, West Adams Halloween Parade, Polish Fest, Greek Fest. He also spoke about the Convention Center expansion and the reasoning behind Councilwoman Heather Hutt's vote in favor. Chris C mentions the amount of debt that the city will be taking on due to major construction. Ed Saunders asks if any federal funds will be used for the construction. Jeff also mentions ballots for upcoming special election, implores people to vote.
B: Alfonso's DONE report consisted of a recap of the recent Congress of Neighborhoods.

6. **Support Letter Request from Friends of the Jefferson Library**
Friends of the Jefferson Library requests a written support letter to create a natural Monarch butterfly garden at the Jefferson Library along with a corresponding mural. Milkweed will be planted into planters that are already at the library. Elizabeth F wants to do something similar on the patio of Washington Irvine library. Chris C suggests buying the correct species of milkweed for native monarchs. Shoiban O offers to donate some of her local milkweed species that could fit for the space and recommends talking to Natural History Museum. Vote called, motion passes unanimously.

7. **NPG Request for FA-MLI's Educational Outreach**
Laura M explains a prior conversation from executive committee and recommends approving the $2,500 NPG. Vote called, motion passes unanimously.

8. **President's Report**
A: Michael K is appointed as UNNC's LANC representative
B: Board votes on resolutions brought to neighborhood councils at the Congress of Neighborhoods — allowing for digital public comments at council meetings. Motion passes.
C: Vote on holding a retreat in early November. Motion passes.

9. **Treasurer's Report**
A: Board votes to approve August MER
B: Presentation of updated UNNC Budget - vote to approve as presented by Treasurer Candice J. Motion passes.

10. **Appoint Cesar Garcia as Rec and Parks Committee Chair**
Board votes to approve Cesar Garcia as the Rec and Parks Committee Chair, which is currently vacant. Motion passes.

11. **Vice President's Report**
Update on board member's training requirements

12. **Tree Committee Council File 21-1230-S10**
Tree Committee chair Theresa Maysonet explains that the tree committee opposes council file 21-1230 and asks for UNNC's support in writing a CIS. Call to vote, motion passes.

13. **Traffic Safety Letter**
Board votes on a revised letter that was discussed in a prior meeting. Call to vote, motion passes.

14. **Calendar of Upcoming Events**
Board members commit to attending at least one of the three upcoming events happening the following weekend.