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

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

1. Call To Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Laura Meyers
Michael Soderstrom
Sokrith Sea - excused
Hunter Reis
Elizabeth Fenner
Candice Jackson - excused
Michelle Rosser
Kareen Alprecht
Siohban O'Neill-Schwenk
Cesar Garcia Gonzalez - excused
Joshua Pierce
Sho' King
Edward Saunders
Michelle Rossner
Sandra Pruitt
Rabeyah Khan

2. General Public Comments

None

3. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Rafael Espinoza Ochoa from Olympic Station

- Officer Espinoza updates board on local crime reports, including 4 catalytic converter thefts in the past few weeks, up from zero. Announced a new pilot program that the Olympic division is attempting to get into where street cameras will be installed along the south side of western from Pico south to the 10 freeway. Also some along Venice and Washington.
- Board member Ed Saunders brings up the constant noise of helicopters without transparency from LAPD as to why the helicopters are flying overhead. Officer Espinoza recommends the Citizen app.
- Member Michael Soderstrom brings up various encampments and RVs that have been reported between Venice and Washington Blvds.

- Officer Espinoza mentions a man who was arrested for stealing fiberoptic cables along Cambridge in Harvard Heights.

4. Project Vision Zero Update

Update on Vision Zero's project to install bike lanes on Pico Blvd. They are currently in their post-planning outreach phase and are expecting to start building in late 2026/ early 2027.

5. Government Agency Reports

- Ann Hickambottom from office of Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas: Updates on what Senator Smallwood Cuevas has been working on, including protections for airport workers.
- CD10 Report: Alisa Rivera from CD10 - Street slurrying will begin in the area shortly by a contracted company. Barricades will be set up until the slurry dries. Reminds people to continue using 311 to report bulky items or graffiti. Speed humps will be installed between Adams/Jefferson sometime in 2026. Gave updates on several properties that have had complaints filed against them. Love Hutt will take place March 15 at the new District 10 office.
- A caller comments on the street slurry fliers being distributed in English only, saying many of her neighbors were unable to read the warning.
- Board members Siohban O'Neill-Schwenk and Chris Carlson mention the encampments that have set up along Jefferson Park that continue to cause issues for residents, such as throwing rocks at people and cars.

6. Funding Requests

- Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Saturday June 6, still figuring out if we will need insurance. Emergency Preparedness committee is asking for $1000, $600 for refreshments and materials for the workshop, $400 if we need to get insurance. Kareen motions to grant $1000, Hunter seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- South LA Trees Request: Tree planting at 21st and Gramercy. No request for money at this time as the cost of trees is still unknown.
- Fire Service Day Events: Asking up to $3200 for two different events happening on the same day, Saturday May 9, at Station 94 and Station 26. Both motions to fund events pass.
- My Serenity Sanctuary requesting $2500 for a Self-Care Summit at the Peace Awareness Labyrinth on September 19. Motion to fund event passes.

7. UNNC Planning/Zoning Committee

- Review of Prior UNNC Recommendation, Case No ZA-2024-7026-CUB: Request for UNNC to ask for more time for constituents to leave comments on the conditional permit application for Hidden History Museum. Motion for

UNNC to write a simple letter asking for more time for comments. Motion passes unanimously.

- Case No CPC-2024-3112-DB-PR-VHCA: Gary Benjamin gives brief presentation for the building proposal for 2800 W Jefferson Blvd. To be built into a 70-unit, 6-story apartment building with 9 very low income units. Motion made to support the project with the concession to increase the size of the walls to reduce noice from outside sources. Also to reduce one parking space below the atrium in hopes of planting a larger tree.
- Follow Up to previous cases

8. Committee Reports

Outreach Committee: Recap of Health and Wellness Fair from Sandra Pruitt

9. Executive Committee Report

President Report - upcoming events: eggstravaganza, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, etc Motion to support two council district proposals surrounding the Mary Clay School.

10. Adjourn