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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2009
6:30 pm
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES (APPROVED 4/2/09)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Martin Andara, Laura Meyers, Stephen Wallis, Evangela Anderson, Wesley Todd, Billie Green, Stevie Stern, Norman Gilmore, Roy Amemiya, Brenda Bankhead, Gus Harris, Marco Giordano, Brian Song, Marva Maxey.

Members absent: Moon Chung, Andrea Dunlop, Tracy Hart, Rafael Nadal, Tae H. Kim, Margaret Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Safety concern for crossing Jefferson to go to library.
2. Street Cleaning is a concern on Jefferson and 2nd avenue, trash build-up impacts parking.
3. Major housing development proposed for 4th and Arlington: safety concern pedestrian safety vs. vehicular traffic. Gus Harris: Safety board attempts to get a light at 3rd but due to street being a secondary highway and light currently at 4thwill need to get community signatures to get either a stop sign or traffic light at 3rd.
4. Resident comment: Traffic on Jefferson and Arlington: Request for additional light on Jefferson both sides of Arlington
5. This Monday Santa Monica public library has a speaker re: grant proposals for non-profit foundations. Must register to attend....press release on web site smpl.org
6. Stevie Stern: Martin Weil passed away and a memorial will be held this Saturday 7 March.
7. Andrea Dunlop gave birth to baby girl, Stella.
8. Steve's house broken into this past December.....general notice announcement to raise level of awareness please report suspicious activity to senior lead officer...in many neighborhoods of our community
9. Gus Harris: Police chief Garner passed: viewing at Crenshaw Christian Center this weekend.
10. Steve Wallis : Two suspects have been identified in recent break-ins:...two older teenagers....light skinned biracial men...one with loose corn row hair style....black Toyota and or Grey Van implicated in crimes.....
11. Laura Meyer: referring to a past crime wave....about 60 events occurred.....a problem occurred because the crimes were cross categorized. And suggests that law enforcement make a coordinated effort amongst various departments.



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Stevie Stern summarized the process for conducting the Election of Board Officers.

Stevie Stern was nominated for and accepted the nomination for Board President
Laura Meyers moved that the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Steve Wallis.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Gus Harris nominated Billie Green for Vice President. Billie Green accepted the nomination.
Laura Meyers moved that the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Evangela Anderson.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Billie Green nominated Wesley Todd for as Treasurer.
Laura Myers moved that the board accept the nomination by acclamation, seconded by Norman Gilmore.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Gus nominated Roy Amemiya as Secretary. Roy declined the nomination.
Norman Gilmore nominated himself for Secretary.
Laura Meyers moved that the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Gus Harris.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Chair of the Economic Development committee: Jess Bravo nominated herself. Billie Green moved that
the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Marva Maxey.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Chair of the Zoning and Planning committee: Marva Maxey nominated Laura Myers. Marva Maxey
moved that the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Billie Green.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Chair of the Public Safety Committee: Steve Wallis nominated himself. Laura Myers moved that the
board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Gus Harris.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Chair of the Outreach Committee: Gus Harris nominated himself. Marco Giordano moved that the board
accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Marva Maxey.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee: Evangela Anderson nominated herself. Billie Green
moved that the board accept nomination by acclamation, seconded by Marva Maxey.
Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

The following committee's did not receive nominations for Chair, and remain without a Chair.

1. Youth Committee
2. Public works
3. Historic Preservation

Tree Committee: A task force committee does not expire, and therefore this position remains at the status
quo.



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NEW BUSINESS

The Liquor Store at 2115 West Jefferson applied for CUP to modify condition #5 to extend hours and remove condition #11 to remove requirement for a security guard, and to relocate store. Zoning and Planning committee decided to oppose removal / modification of conditions #5 and 11. The city Zoning Administrator did not grant request but agreed to keep case open until March 15th.

Norman Gilmore stated that Mr. Yoon and the neighbors did not reach a definitive agreement by this meeting, but that many conditions were mutually agreed upon. Mr. Yoon still objects to the automatic 2 year review, and about maintaining security during during the day.

The board previously sent a statement of opposition to the hearing officer that had a list of conditions.

The previous letter included requests to not allow sale of airplane size bottles, splits, and fortified wines.

These requests were dropped by the neighbors. New conditions agreed to included limiting the floor space devoted to alcohol to 250 sq ft, installing 3 security cameras, and limiting parking to 50 minutes.

Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC rescind the letter on this subject that it had approved in February 2009 and instead advise the City Zoning Administrator handling this application to adopt new list of conditions as follows:

Re: ZA 2008 2049 regarding Century Market at Jefferson Blvd and Arlington Ave.

The UNNC supports the above Conditional Use Permit amendments if, and only if, the following conditions are added, amended, or retained, as applicable, and the other unreferenced existing conditions remain unaltered (see CPC 92-0974 and ZA 97-0586):

1. Retention of bi-annual review for Conditional Use Permit
2. No alterations to Condition 5
3. No alterations to Condition 11
4. Enforcement of a no loitering provision
5. Amendment of Condition 4b to require graffiti removal in 24 hours.
6. Assurances of compliance with existing Condition 9.
7. Addition of a condition limiting floor space devoted to sales of alcohol to 250 square feet.
8. Installation of three (3) security cameras connected to recording equipment.
9. No sales of single cups of ice, or no sales of ice in less than 3 lb quantities.
10. No sales of "splits" for less than \$2.
11. Parking in lot limited to 50 minutes, as part of a no-loitering provision.

Condition 5.

Condition 5 stipulates the following hours: Monday- Thursday: 9am-9pm. Friday: 9am-10pm. Saturday 8am-10pm. Sunday: 8am-9pm.

Condition 11.

Condition 11 stipulates that "At least one licensed security guard shall patrol the subject premises during the hours the subject property is open to the public...so as to discourage loitering, rowdiness, public drinking, and criminal activity in and around the site." Also, the owner should enforce a no loitering policy in the new parking lot that also services a fast food restaurant.

Condition 4b.

Graffiti removal shall take place within the 24 hours. (the original conditions allowed up to 15 days.)

Condition 9.

Maintaining the subject property trash and debris free as stipulated in the original condition.



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New Conditions:

Mr. Yoon agrees to maintain in the new store the same square footage of space devoted to alcohol sales and display as in the old store. **(250 sq. ft)** The display will be limited to the east side of the store. See attached floor plan supplied by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Yoon will install video surveillance (CCTV) on the south, east, and north sides of the property.

No sales of single cups of ice.

Parking will be limited to no more than **50** minutes.

The motion was seconded Evangela Anderson.

Vote: In Favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Gus Harris

Laura Myers moved to amend the motion by adding the following two conditions:

1. The store owner shall have the security guard to monitor entire premises, including the parking lot.
2. The store owner shall provide a closed and covered trash enclosure in the parking lot.

The motion was seconded Evangela Anderson.

Vote: In Favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Gus Harris

Committee Business:

Planning and zoning Committee

Laura Myers has been monitoring the proposed revisions for the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Laura Myers recommends that the UNNC Board authorize a board member to be a spokesperson to attend march 12 Planning Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Stevie Stern that UNNC that:

1. City departments should not be exempted from complying with requirements to preserve historic landmarks.
2. The UNNC advises the city that the "Hardship Clause" is a loophole that will be abused, and should therefore be removed.
3. The UNNC advises that the city create an appeal process for individuals on fixed income and senior citizens, in the event that their residency in a historic monument and requirements to preserve that landmark in historic condition could result in economic hardship.
4. Laura Myers should communicate these points to the City at the March 12 Planning Commission Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Evangela Anderson.

Vote: In favor 13 opposed 0 abstained 0

Treasurers report: presented by Wesley Todd



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Presidents update:

President's volunteer service awards presented to Jessica Bravo and Andrea Dunlop.

Thanks to Martin Andara for arranging food.
Thanks to Marco Giordano for taking minutes.

A new organization has taken over operation of the senior center where UNNC stores office items. We will move our items out of the senior center. The CD-10 field office will allow us to store our items. UNNC is looking for a new office.

Funding: UNNC received letter from DONE advising that the city budget is being reviewed. We are advised to write a letter to the city council in support of continuing funding of neighborhood councils. Stevie says we have available money for projects RIGHT NOW and asks us to speak to community for input to support public safety projects and or beautification projects.

We have two board members who have said they intend to resign: Martin Andara, and Michele McDonough.

It was announced that Sunday March 22 is Heritage Day in Heritage Square.

Edward Turner has expressed an interest to fill an open UNNC board seat.
The Executive Committee will interview all candidates for open board seats on March 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary