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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2009
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(Approved July 2, 2009)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at about 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Gus Harris, Jr., Brian Song, Brenda Bankhead, Tae Kim, Moon Chung, Evangela Anderson, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Ed Turner, John Arnold, Laura Meyers, Mason Bendewald.

Members absent: Billie Green, Jess Bravo, Stephen Wallis, Andrea Dunlop, Marco Giordano, Margaret Lee, Roy Amemiya, Betty Phillips, Marva Maxey

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tori Hill is a community liaison for Expo Light Rail. Available for future presentation.

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Luis South stated that he has been researching feasibility of co-op ownership model for new multi-unit buildings in Los Angeles. He is interested in working with others who want to promote the use of this approach in multi-unit developments currently proposed and in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd distributed regular monthly budget detail report with actual cash spent shown for each budget category.

2009-2010 BUDGET

Stevie Stern circulated a draft budget document for 2009-2010 (attached).

Gus Harris moved, and Evangela Anderson seconded approval of the budget submitted for consideration and totaling \$104,439.16. (Attachment 1)

Proposed budget line items were discussed.

Vote: 12 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION OF FUNDING REQUESTS

The board heard presentations of the following funding requests. Motions to fund individual requests were deferred until all requests had first been heard. (See below for funding motions and votes.)

1. Funding request presented by Amy Morie for
“Median adoption and beautification project by LaSalle Block Club and West Adams Heights Neighborhood Association”
(catty corner to Rosedale Cemetery)
Modifications to previous submission include best practices for drought tolerant plantings and storm water capture.
Request funding from UNNC of \$10,000 of \$40,070 project total.
Funding uses are:
\$8000.00 for stone paving and curb work by Los Angeles Conservation Corp
\$2000.00 for planting supplies by Los Angeles Conservation Corp.
2. Funding request presented by Michelle Cortez et al for
Benny Potter Park improvements by West Adams Quality of Life Committee
 - a. Block Club Meeting Signage: \$375.00
 - b. Two dogipot stations and 12 “leash” signs: \$1436.45.
Free install by Parks & Rec.
 - c. Two bike racks: \$708.00
 - d. Security Cameras: \$13,889.06 by Digital View
Working with SLO on camera review.
30 day DVR review capability
3 bids reviewed.
3. Funding request presented by Carlton Stubbs for
South Seas House Summer Camp
Supplies and toys to be used by 50 kids/week for 10 weeks.
Items will continue to be usable for future programs.
Total request: \$850.00
4. Request for funding and UNNC support for “Children’s World” activities and food presented by Rev. Henry Masters of Holman United Methodist Church.
The event will be part of the 64th anniversary “World House Festival” the weekend of July 24-26, 2009. The event will be advertised throughout West Adams.
UNNC will be provided with a booth for outreach activity, as well as promotional consideration.
Funds requested: \$1570.00
5. Funding Request presented by Jason Berkin
“Growing Curb Appeal” to plant a parkway at Ardmore and Washington Blvd for a length of 65 feet.
Funds requested: \$600.00
6. Funding request presented by Albert Lord of City Council District 10 for
Movies in the Park on June 19, 2009 at the Benny Potter Park.
UNNC will be provided with a booth for outreach activity, as well as promotional consideration.
Total funding request: \$3755.96 to cover:
 - a. \$655.00 for site services, including toilets, sinks, and generators and lighting



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- b. \$1,190 for raffle prizes
 - c. \$1910.96 for Candy / Ice / Water / Misc supplies
7. Funding request presented by UNNC Board Member Laura Meyers for Survey LA Building Permit Research and Data Entry Project
Funds requested: \$4800 out of a total budget of \$9800.
West Adams Heritage Association is contributing \$5000.
This project will help document potentially historic resources in our area, increasing the likelihood of future preservation.

After hearing all funding requests above, the board then voted on individual requests as follows:

Brenda Bankhead moved to fund the request for up to \$10,000 made by Amy Morie of the LaSalle Block Club Median Adoption Project.

Moon Chung seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Evangela Anderson moved to fund the request for up to \$850 made by Carlton Stubbs of South Seas House. Laura Meyers seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Mason Bendewald moved to fund the request for up to \$600 for Jason Berkin's Growing Curb appeal project. Evangela Anderson seconded.

Norman Gilmore moved to amend the motion that funds shall not be disbursed until the owner of the adjacent property finishes improvements, including, but not limited to, relighting the alley. Ed Turner seconded.

Amendment accepted by movant.

Vote: 11 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Laura Meyers moved to fund the request for up to \$2565.96 for Movies in the Park at Benny Potter Park requested by Albert Lord of City Council District 10. Such sum shall include \$655.00 for sites services, and \$1910.96 for food and misc supplies, and excludes all funds requested for raffle prizes. Evangela Anderson seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Mason Bendewald moved to fund the request made by Laura Meyers for Survey LA up to \$4800.00. John Arnold seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Laura Meyers moved to fund the request made by Rev. Henry Masters for up to \$1570.00 for Children's World activities.

Tae Kim seconded.

Vote: 10 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained.

Norman Gilmore moved to support the entire Benny Potter project proposal. Evangela Anderson seconded.

Stevie Stern moved to amend that there be six signs on 25th. Amendment not acted on.

Stevie Stern moved to separate the vote regarding the Benny Potter Park improvements into the four separate motions. The pending motion was withdrawn.



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Norman Gilmore moved to fund the West Adams Avenue Block Club signs requested by Michelle Cortez for up to \$375.00. Moon Chung seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Norman Gilmore moved that the board reconsider funding the Benny Potter Park dog stations requested by Michelle Cortez when diagrams are provided to the board by a project representative that show precise placement of all signs and dog stations. It was the sentiment of the board that signs should be placed on trash cans rather than poles to avoid visual clutter, and that explicit consent of all property owners who would have signs placed in front of their property should be obtained.

Ed Turner seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor, 2 opposed, no abstentions.

Norman Gilmore moved that the board reconsider funding the bike racks for Benny Potter Park requested by Michelle Cortez when diagrams of proposed locations are provided to the board. It was the sentiment of the board that placing a bike rack at South Seas House would probably violate the integrity of existing design elements.

Ed Turner seconded.

Vote: 11 in favor, 2 opposed, no abstentions.

Norman Gilmore moved to fund the security cameras up to \$13,889.06 for Benny Potter Park requested by Michelle Cortez of the West Adams Avenue Block Club; provided, however, that project representatives have 60 days to obtain letters of intent from city parks officials regarding acceptance of the proposed plan.

Moon Chung seconded.

Vote: 7 in favor, 6 opposed, none abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: PLANNING AND ZONING

Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC support the appeal of the Planning Department's denial of a Conditional Use Permit application (ZA-2007-5722-CUB-1A); and to again advise the Planning Department that UNNC and adjacent residents continue to support the granting of a permit to use a license to sell liquor with food at Eureka Café (4053 West Washington Blvd), provided the required conditions continue to firmly establish the character of the business as a restaurant and not a nightclub, bar or rental-hall; and that conditions include a public hearing in 2 years.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: 10 in favor, 3 opposed, no abstentions.



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NEW BUSINESS

We need a board member to vote at the city clerk's office on Saturday, June 13th.

Norman Gilmore will vote UNNC's position at such meeting and John Arnold agreed to be the designated backup.

Evangelina Anderson kindly agreed to arrange for food at the July 2nd meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
June 8, 2009

Attachments:
Fiscal Budget approved for 2009-2010

United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park Communities (UNNC)

Proposed UNNC Fiscal Budget July 2009 through June 2010

G/L Code	Account Title	Proposed Budget
	Monies already in our account	\$59,439.16
	Yearly Funding	\$45,000.00
1000	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
2000	Neighborhood Improvement and Community Projects	\$ 51,000.00
3000	Outreach and Events	\$ 30,000.00
4000	Governing Board and Community Meetings	\$ 5,000.00
5000	Website Design and Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00
6000	Business Cards	\$ 2,000.00
7000	Elections/Bd. Appointments	\$ 2,439.16
8000	Committee Support	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS		\$104,439.16
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Submitted to UNNC Governing Board for approval 06/03/09 –
 This budget will be adjusted per transactions for June 2009