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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
7:00 pm
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES (approved 8/18/09)

Vice President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore.

Members absent: Wesley Todd

Agenda approved unanimously.

Public comments:

Billie Green reminded that movies in the Park is coming to Jim Gilliam Park this Friday.

There was an update from Gus Harris and Billie Green on the council voting against Medical Marijuana Dispensaries hardship applications.

Charlotte Austin-Jordan, the CEO of Save Our Future, announced the launch of Save Our Future. Save Our Future is a charter school for ages 16 to 24, for young adults who have not finished their diploma. August 10th at noon Congresswoman Watson is visiting. The school is run as a partnership with Save Our Future with McCarty Memorial Church. Other organizations participating are Jump for Joy, National Association for Social Justice.

Executive Committee Business:

Tonia Rowe-Russell from Nosey Eye Block Club presented a funding request. Nosey Eye Block club covers the 2000 block of 29th Place between Western and Adams.

It was noted that this is the 3rd year this block club has requested funding, and UNNC is discouraging block clubs from applying for more than two years.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to forward the request to the full board for two jumpers for \$183 for the block party. Norman Gilmore seconded. Approved unanimously.



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Gus Harris discussed the Holman Church Festival. Saturday at 8 a.m. The UNNC is invited to attend the breakfast on Saturday morning with Councilman Wesson.

Billie Green will recruit volunteers for the booth from 11 am to 4 pm.

Billie Green stated that UNNC received a letter from Margaret Lee stating that she has resigned her at-large position on the board effective immediately.

Joyce Smith presented herself as a candidate for the at-large position vacated by Margaret Lee.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to accept Margaret Lee's resignation letter, and further moved that the Exec Committee recommend Joyce Smith's appointment to the Governing Board to take Margaret Lee's at-large board position. Norman Gilmore seconded. Unanimous approval.

Norman Gilmore presented a preliminary draft report on possible goals for upgrading UNNC's electronic communications; including the web-site, email lists, and automated telephone calls.

Billie Green presented a draft ad for the Neighborhood News paper. It was agreed that we will continue to revise the ad.

The Executive Committee resolved that if board members must leave full board meetings prior to adjournment, they must notify the chair that they are leaving early. This is to make sure we do not have quorum issues or voting tally problems.

Treasurer's Report:

Stevie presented a new budget status report developed by Wesley and the CPA that will be easy to produce from Quickbooks and clearly show UNALLOCATED budget (as contrasted with UNSPENT BUDGET) remaining by major budget category.

Committee updates:

Planning & Zoning

Laura Meyers presented the following land-use issues.

AT&T is planning on moving many phone equipment closets above-ground. (AGF – Above Ground Facilities). AGFs are notorious graffiti and poster magnets and are a blight problem. UNNC will send a letter to City Council members objecting to the lack of notice being provided. Only homeowners can object, and are limited to a 14 day period after notice.

An existing restaurant at 3rd Ave and Venice Blvd has applied for a beer & wine license. UNNC will ask for the file to be kept open.

1303 South Western on the edge of Country Club Park is a gas station that wants to sell beer & wine.

Verizon Wireless has an application to put antennas at Arlington in Western Heights.



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3200 West Adams Charter School has not updated Planning and Zoning with their plans, but they have started expedited planning with the planning department. This tends to bypass neighborhood council input. The hearing is August 5, 2009.

Cultural Heritage Ordinance – The Planning Commission has sent the ordinance back for further discussion so that interiors are not unilaterally excluded from protection by the new ordinance, as requested by downtown interests.

Gramercy Housing Group is building major park improvements with volunteers at 4th and Washington on September 17th. They may present an funding request at the next board meeting.

Norman Gilmore presented the draft minutes from the June 16, 2009 Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the minutes be approved with the corrections noted. Stevie Stern seconded. Votes: unanimous approval.

Billie Green discussed three Historic Cultural Monuments that were nominated in West Adams Heights. These are being referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary