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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2009
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES (approved October 1, 2009)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Andrea Dunlop, Jess Bravo, Roy Amemiya, Laura Meyers, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Billie Green, Gus Harris, Jr., Tae Kim, Brian Song, Joyce Smith, Evangela Anderson, Ed Turner, Marva Maxey, Mason Bendewald, John Arnold, Stephen Wallis.

Members absent: Brenda Bankhead, Betty Phillips, Marco Giordano, Moon Chung

AGENDA

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda. Marva Maxey seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tonia Rowe-Russell from Nosey Eye Block club reported that the Nosey Eye block club annual party was a big success and UNNC support was much appreciated. She also discussed Nosey Eye Block Club's new outreach program to new block clubs, which will kick off at their next meeting on October 10th at 10:00 am at the South Seas house.

Albert Lord reported on the mural restoration on Jefferson Blvd.

Diane Lawrence said the ad for the October issue is due September 25th.

Luis South mentioned that the Jefferson Park Library branch has a worthy exhibit of kids arts.

Laura Meyers reported that the Historic Cultural Monument draft ordinance with undesirable changes was deferred, and the latest staff report shows that HCM interiors are back into the draft ordinance. Downtown interests offered up a new compromise, and then backtracked. Big hearing Thursday on Sept. 10, 2009 at the Planning Commission. Item#8 on the agenda, so perhaps a morning meeting.

Ed Turner reported on the Stop-The-Violence march held last week.



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Stevie Stern provided the update from DONE:

UNNC may wish to send a delegate to the Congress on October 10th to participate in the budget process. EmpowerLA is a Regional Roundtable discussing Gang Reduction and Youth Development on September 12th at the Marvin Braude Consituent Center in Van Nuys, from 8 to 12:30. Parking Day LA is September 18th. DONE will provide resources to host your temporary park. This is an opportunity to distribute shade trees to stakeholders.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mason Bendewald presented a funding request for Angelus Vista Block Club signs.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to fund up to \$850 for the Angelus Vista Block Club sign proposal. Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: 15 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 recusal.

Stephen Wallis arrived.

Luis South from 2000 block of the 30th Street Block Club of Jefferson Park Neighbors presented a funding request for insurance for their annual Oktoberfest block party, October 10, 2009. Projected attendance is 300 people. The funding request is for up to \$260.00 for liability insurance.

MOTION: Marva Maxey moved to fund the insurance request for the 30th Street Block Club up to \$260. Ed Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Stevie Stern presented a funding request for a digital camera to record UNNC events. The camera recommended is shock-resistant, freeze-resistant, and waterproof to increase its longevity as a public use camera that will be checked out to community members. In addition, an Eye-Fi Explorer 4GB memory card is requested that will automatically tag photos with the geographic coordinates where they were taken. In addition, the Eye-Fi has the capability to upload photos automatically without any cables or training required. Just parking at McDonalds with the camera on will result in photos being uploaded to a UNNC photo account online. These two features are both highly applicable since this card will be used to document neighborhood projects and issues (e.g., blight). Many different people will use the card, so eliminating any training for uploading is a huge benefit. A spare battery and carrying case was recommended as well.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moves that up to \$600 be approved for purchase of a water-proof, shock-proof camera, Eye-Fi Explorer card, battery and miscellaneous accessories. Stephen Wallis seconds.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Michele Lazzarino of the West Adams Quality of Life Committee presented an update on the funding request for the Benny Potter Park security camera. The General Services Department, LAPD and Park Services attended on-site meetings to discuss this project. The Quality of Life Committee will fund maintenance after the first year warranty expires.



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Gary Newton of the Office of Public Safety of General Services submitted a letter supporting the above project.

Debbie Rolland and Albert Torres of Department of Recreation and Parks submitted a letter supporting the above project.

Board members suggested that Stacy Anthony of the City Attorney's office and Captain Zipperman of LAPD should be checked with on the above project.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the funding authorization deadline for the Benny Potter Park cameras be extended for two months (to the November 2009 UNNC board meeting).

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions.

Kathy McCune of Metro presented a discussion of new HOV lane policies. A pilot project will try to improve the I-110 and I-10 HOV lanes by adding toll lane that allows solo drivers to use the HOV lanes when capacity is available.

The system will be in operation by December of 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore distributed minutes for the August 6th, 2009 UNNC Board Meeting.

MOTION: Ed Turner moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Roy Amemiya seconded.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's Report.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Stevie Stern stated that the Election committee consists of Betty Philips, Joyce Smith, Roy Amemiya, Wesley Todd and Gus Harris, Jr.

Stevie will email board members training/retreat dates for consideration.

Stevie challenged the board to improve participation in committees. At-Large members are supposed to be attending committees. Resident representatives are supposed to be attending block clubs.

The UNNC Governing Board has been invited to join Councilman Wesson for breakfast this Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norman Gilmore and Billie Green presented a new version of the ad for Neighborhood News.

Stephen Wallis said that Public Safety Committee was developing a program for getting reports of blight quickly to the right department to take action.



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Norman Gilmore asked if anyone wanted to take the lead on the NC DOT MOU process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
October 2, 2009

Attachments:
None