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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2009
7:00 pm
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved 11/17/2009)

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

Members present: Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore, Wesley Todd
Members absent: None

Also present: Gus Harris, Jr., Brenda Bankhead, Dianne Lawrence.

Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda and Stevie Stern seconded.
Agenda approved unanimously.

Public comments:

No public comments.

Executive Committee Business:

A. Request for Funds to repair wrought iron ceramic pot at the Washington Blvd Stop-In-Center.

Brenda Bankhead presented a summary of maintenance issues with the plants and trash and interior spaces of the Washington stop-in center. The quote for the wrought iron repair was not ready yet.

Brenda and her sister have been performing light maintenance and plant watering at the stop-in center for the last five years. They would like to find other volunteers or resources for maintenance.

UNNC did pay for a thorough cleaning that was just completed yesterday.

There is a question about whether LAPD is using the Stop-In-Center (not Drop-In-Center) and maintaining as much of a visible presence as the community might want.



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There was discussion about asking LA Conservation Corp / Clean-and-Green to maintain the plants in front. Billie will check into this. Since the space is used by the Avenues Neighborhood Watch Block Club and UNNC Econ Dev, the question is whether and to what extent UNNC should take responsibility for paying for periodic maid service. Brenda will bring back a more specific proposal at a future Executive Committee meeting.

B. Review of governing board members absences

The Executive Committee discussed absences of three board members.

C. Review Placement of Ad in Neighborhood News

It was the sentiment of the Executive Committee that UNNC would prefer that the ad in the Neighborhood News for UNNC should not be on a facing page with another neighborhood council's ad. This was communicated to Dianne Lawrence, editor and publisher, who was present at the meeting.

After discussion, Norman agreed to do a minor ad revision to make the meeting times more legible.

D. Review how we outreach through advertisement

Gus Harris, Jr. expressed concern that some local publications accept ads for businesses that are suspected of not operating legally, such as medical marijuana. He is concerned that a UNNC ad in the same publication could imply support of illegal businesses.

New Business:

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved and Wesley Todd seconded adding Wendy Fraticelli to the agenda to put in a request for the Council District 10 4th Annual Winter Wonderland at the CD10 offices.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

Wendy Fraticelli presented a request for funding for the December 19th Winter Wonderland up to \$1500 to cover the costs of lunch for 500 people (hot dogs, drinks, chips). The event is for needy kids in the neighborhood. UNNC is encouraged to have a booth or table for outreach.

Discussion: There is also a holiday event at South Seas House pending, and UNNC regularly supports events at the South Seas House.

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved that UNNC fund up to \$1500 of expenses for food for the Winter Wonderland event for disadvantaged children. Norman Gilmore seconded.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.



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Treasurer's Report:

Wesley reported on the status of accounts payable. A sidewalk improvement project has had activity. The Molly Maids have not confirmed the amount for cleaning the Stop-In-Center. Furloughs are affecting DONE's ability to respond in a timely manner to payment requests.

Committee Update:

Stevie Stern discussed the need for ad-hoc committee to upgrade the website. Stevie Stern and Norman Gilmore are interested in participating in the committee.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to forward a request to the full board to form a web-site ad-hoc committee to supervise the process of upgrading the website content and functionality. Norman Gilmore seconded.

VOTE: Approved unanimously.

OUTREACH: Gus Harris, Jr., the chair is expanding to recruit existing neighborhood leaders as participants in the Outreach committee.

New Business:

Norman Gilmore stated that he had received three responses to his RFP for the website update. He stated that he felt the RFP needed to be re-issued with more detail, and that respondents would need to clarify various aspects of their proposals.

Billie Green discussed the Taste of Soul event on Crenshaw. Estimates are that 100,000 people attended. Herb Wesson had offered a booth space for neighborhood councils. Next year we should be sure to man a booth in shifts. West Adams NC had a presence at that event.

Stevie Stern suggested that the Executive Committee review the standing rules and potentially update them to encourage better compliance with duties by board members.

Minutes:

Norman Gilmore presented the minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the minutes. Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
November 18, 2009