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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2009
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved December 3, 2009)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Andrea Dunlop, Roy Amemiya, Laura Meyers, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Billie Green, Tae Kim, Brian Song, Joyce Smith, Evangela Anderson, Ed Turner, Marva Maxey, John Arnold, Stephen Wallis, Brenda Bankhead, Betty Phillips, Marco Giordano, Moon Chung, Gus Harris, Jr.

Members absent: Jess Bravo, Mason Bendewald.

AGENDA

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda. Moon Chung seconded.
Agenda approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Evangela Anderson reported on Halloween at Benny Potter Park, with movies in the park showing "Monster House", and a haunted house at the South Seas house.

Laura Meyers reported that the proposed City Ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Unit alternatives will be discussed at an upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting.

Marva Maxey stated that she appreciates how diligently Wesley Todd has performed the duties of the office of Treasurer.

Sandy Bleifer stated that she is the listing agent for the Pittman Dog & Cat Hospital for lease, at 2901 Exposition Blvd. It was built in 1963 in the Googie style, by Paul Seely, a colleague of Paul Revere Williams. The building would be good for a vet, a senior rec center, a pre-school, professional office space or other similar use.

Wendy Fraticelli of the Council District 10 office asked for any input on the Medical Marijuana ordinance which is in progress.



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Christina Ortega-Libatique from DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). Saturday, November 21st, 8:30 am to 12:00 there will be a DONE Board Training. Ethics training will be part of the offerings. Location is TBD, in the South LA area.

Robin Young (Community Relations Coordinator, Mid-City / Light Rail Transit, 323-601-1949, robin.young@parsons.com) provided an update on the Expo Light Rail. Board members asked about the status of crossings at Foshay and at Farmdale. It was stated that the underpass tunnel at Foshay is being reinforced and LAUSD will open and staff it during school opening and closing hours.

The pedestrian safety solution for Farmdale is still at the Public Utility Commission. The possibilities of a pedestrian overpass or additional station were speculated about.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gus Harris, Jr. arrived.

Wendy Fraticelli of the Council District 10 office presented a funding request for the 4th Annual Winter Wonderland on December 19th, for families with needy children. Previous attendance has been about 500 disadvantaged children and their parents. Food, presents, and activities are provided, such as Santa Claus, an animal show, a distribution of age appropriate gifts, a raffle and, of course, playing in the snow. The funding request is for \$1,500 toward the total cost of \$5000 for the snow. These are kids who would normally not get to travel or have a great Christmas.

MOTION: Marva Maxey moved to fund the \$1,500 for the above funding request.
Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: 19 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Stevie Stern discussed the planning beginning on upgrading the web site. Norman has reviewed numerous other NC websites. He has issued a preliminary Request for Proposal and received information back from several development shops.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to form a Web Site Upgrade Ad-Hoc Committee.
Laura Meyers seconded the motion.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

(LATE ANNOUNCEMENT)

Raul Claros (213-744-2111, raul.claros@asm.ca.gov) from Assemblyman Mike Davis' office, announced that he would be our liaison to the Assemblyman's office.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Election 2010 Ad-Hoc Committee

Sandra Mendoza of the City Clerk's office presented the "2010 Neighborhood Council Election Procedures particular to UNNC."

Every Neighborhood Council has one polling place. Staffing and budget allows for a six-hour polling window. Everyone in line at closing will be permitted to vote. Voters can register the same day. Voters do



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not have to be US Citizens. Vote by mail is only available to those who are unable to vote in person due to disability. As a result, the City Clerk has to prepare for a possible large turnout.

UNNC's polling place will be the Council District 10 Field Office.

The City Clerk's office does not have a budget for voting outreach. This is now the responsibility of the NC. There are two types of outreach: Recruiting candidates to run for the board, and candidates presenting themselves as individuals or slates.

In 2010, all NC board members are up for election. The City Clerk is designating candidates to be in Group A or Group B. Group A is for two-year terms and Group B is for four-year terms. In 2012, all terms go to four years, so the board turn-over will be staggered.

The non-resident seats are numbered 1 to 11 in the stipulation document. These have not been assigned to Group A or Group B.

Running for named seats conflicts with making sure that the highest vote getters get elected.

Sandra will take our request to the City Clerk to allow candidates to run for Group A or Group B. The top vote getters would be assigned to named seats after elections.

MOTION: John Arnold moved to accept 2010 Neighborhood Council Election Procedures particular to UNNC, with the changes that (i) polling place hours will be from 9:00 to 3:00 pm and (ii) that non-residents candidates will be allowed to express their interest in running for a two (2) year term (Group A, which comprises seats 1 to 6) or a four (4) year term (Group B, which comprises seats 7 to 11).

Roy Amemiya seconded.

Vote: 19 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Planning and Zoning Update:

1. CASE NO. ZA-2004-5467(CU). The Zoning Administrator waived the public hearing. There is no known public controversy over this particular case, however, UNNC had previously had an understanding with the Planning Department that hearings would not be waived without asking for us.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that UNNC write to the Planning Department to remind them of our mutual understanding that they will not waive public hearings for our area without our input.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

A friendly amendment from Stevie Stern was accepted to add that we ask the Council Member Wesson to also support us in this request.

Vote: 19 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

2. City of Los Angeles Draft Bike Plan.



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MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that we write a letter to Jordann Turner, City Planner, asking that the bike riders' bill of rights be added to the Draft Bike Plan, and that bicycle parking requirements should be specified. (The secretary failed to record the vote. No one could remember the vote outcome at the December 3rd meeting. Sorry!)

3. Case ZA-2009-1067(CUB), 1900 West Washington was a request to extend hours to sell beer & wine until midnight, instead of 10 p.m.

MOTION: Stephen Wallis moved that UNNC would support extending the hours to 12 p.m., subject to the conditions that the Zoning Administrator reserve the right to add conditions in the future, such as providing a security guard during business hours, to cleanup graffiti within 24 hours, to not provide servings of ice in cups, no sales of individual drinks, and to provide video camera coverage of the parking lot.

Andrea Dunlop seconded.

Discussion: CD10 gets many complaints about this location, at least twice a week. Andrew Westall went to the hearing and stated the council office's opposition to extended hours.

Vote: 16 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that due to requests by Jefferson Park stakeholders, that UNNC write a letter to the City Planning Department requesting expeditious review of the already funded, completed and submitted survey for the Jefferson Park HPOZ, which was originally initiated in 2002.

Stephen Wallis seconded.

Vote: 20 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION: John Arnold moved that UNNC urge the City Attorney and the City Council to approve the Interim Control Ordinance while the Jefferson Park HPOZ is in the final stages of processing.

Evangela Anderson seconded.

Background info: The ordinance was prepared, but City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's office claimed there weren't enough permits in Jefferson Park to warrant an ICO. UNNC Board members have provided photographic evidence to the Council Office that the historic fabric of houses is being lost to unpermitted work.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore distributed minutes for the October 1st, 2009 UNNC Board Meeting.

MOTION: Billie Green moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Stephen Wallis seconded.

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



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's Report.

Wesley Todd discussed the importance of adhering to payment procedures.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

John Arnold agreed to order the food for the December meeting.

Saturday November 21st Board Training – Please attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
December 6, 2009

Attachments:
None