



# UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE HISTORIC ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, WEST ADAMS AND JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITIES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
7:00 pm  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved December 15, 2009)

Vice President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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

Other governing board members present: Andrea Dunlop, Mason Bendewald, Laura Meyers.

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

#### **Public comments:**

Laura Meyers stated that the city council may be considering revising the ordinance for cell phone towers. She would like to agendize a discussion about supporting a motion to be submitted by City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl at the next Governing Board.

Billie Green announced that William Grant Still Center is having their 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show of dolls of color. It is at 2520 Westview at West Adams. Billie's collection is featured. It goes till February 27<sup>th</sup> and admission is free.

Meet and greet for with the new head of the LAPD Olympic Division, Captain Matt Blake on Wed December 9 at 7 p.m. at CD10.

Mason announced that there was a produce market at West Adams and Western on Saturday and Sunday. Laura mentioned that at Tuesdays at the Shrine auditorium there is a farmer's market.



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## Executive Committee Business:

- A. Request for Funds to replace the parkway trees in Angelus Vista and on Washington Blvd by St. Paul's church, presented by Andrea Dunlop, Tree Committee. The project committee is Andrea Dunlop and Mason Bendewald.

A funding request for four 15 gallon trees was presented

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved that the Executive Committee forward the funding request to Governing Board for \$365.46 inclusive of costs for four trees, costs for tree delivery, and related planting supplies.

Wesley Todd seconded.

**VOTE:** Approved unanimously.

- B. A request for funds was presented by Carlton Stubbs of the South Seas House for up to \$1500 for the South Seas House Holiday Celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 4:00. Approximately 300 people are expected. Rec&Parks will provide staff, entertainment, games, and Santa. The funds provided by UNNC would be used for child friendly activities including one or more of Pony Rides, Carriage Rides, Petting Zoo decorations and inflatables.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to forward the above request to the Governing Board for up to \$1500 for the above listed purposes.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

**VOTE:** Approved unanimously.

- C. Western Heights neighbors requested support for in opposing Case No. ZA-2008-4476-CUW-1A-Appeal. Chris Carlson, president of Western Heights Neighborhood Association, described a proposed cell phone tower that has been denied by the city previously for reasons including height, sight lines, impact on adjacent residences, etc. The applicant has just appealed the city's denial and the hearing occurs before the next UNNC Governing Board meeting.

The following was noted during discussion. The local HPOZ board agendized the matter twice and approved the tower. Representatives of Western Heights were not at HPOZ or UNNC Governing Board to advocate against it. The UNNC Governing Board passed a motion on August 6, 2009 regarding the matter. The appeal hearing on this matter occurs before the next Governing Board meeting, and a requested reconsideration of the UNNC position is moot.

Chris Carlson stated that the Planning Commission denied the existence of the appeal when asked by the neighborhood representative before finally acknowledging the appeal's existence after the filing deadline. If a significant procedural error of this sort occurred, then Laura Meyers will write a letter stating the facts and request a delay to the hearing due this error.



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D. Norman Gilmore presented a request for funding for new advertising materials for UNNC. The funding request is for up to \$2000 for designing four 24x36 poster boards, redesigning the print ad and printing from 12 to 20 total copies mounted on foam board suitable for short term outdoor use.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to forward the above funding request for up to \$2000 to the UNNC Governing Board.

Wesley Todd seconded.

**VOTE:** Approved unanimously.

E. Stevie Stern presented the plans for updating the bulletin boards at our posting locations with an orange background of construction paper and a nice logo for the header. Stevie Stern is also submitting an order for business cards for governing board members as well. Wesley Todd stated that since there is a line item budget for office supplies, no governing board approval is needed for these items.

F. Stevie Stern discussed a possible changing of the UNNC Standing Rules to enforce the ethics requirement. Some neighborhood councils don't allow board members to vote if they haven't passed the ethics test. Alternatively, the standing rules could allow board members to be removed if the ethics test was not completed within a defined time frame of the board member being seated.

G. Absences of governing board members were discussed.

## **Committee Update:**

Planning & Zoning: Laura Meyers suggested creating an ad hoc committee for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and Washington Project through her Planning & Zoning committee.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

There was a discussion of making sure we limit food costs for board meetings to less than \$150.

## **Old Business:**

Billie Green met with a Clean and Green supervisor regarding the Washington Blvd Stop-In Center. Clean and Green can maintain the Stop-In-Center every three weeks, including watering the landscaping. This is a city funded program, so there would be no charge to UNNC.

## **New Business:**

There was a discussion about how useful it would be to have internet access during board and committee meetings. Access to maps, photos, and documents online would be very helpful during meetings. DONE and the Los Angeles Information Technology Agency state that neighborhood councils cannot connect to the internal city network in order to access the internet. The CD10 office is investigating providing an internet connection for the public meeting room that does not go through the city network. Another alternative is for UNNC to purchase a mobile broadband card called a MiFi with a Sprint or Verizon internet plan for approximately \$60/month. This would allow up to 5 laptops to connect to the Internet using WiFi during a meeting. The card would be usable at all UNNC meetings including South Seas House and the Stop-In Center, not just CD10.



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## **Minutes:**

Norman Gilmore presented the minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to approve the minutes with the corrections that were noted.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore  
UNNC Secretary  
December 16, 2009