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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2010
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved March 4, 2010)

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:47 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: Marco Giordano, Betty Phillips

AGENDA

Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda with Item 5A delayed until later in the meeting.

Marva Maxey seconded the agenda.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Susan De Giulio is a volunteer with the SurveyLA Speakers Bureau. SurveyLA is working on creating a record of historic and cultural resources in Los Angeles. Existing HPOZs will not need to be re-surveyed. There will be surveyors taking photos and making notes in some of our neighborhoods. The data will be available in the city ZIMAS planning database. Residents are encouraged to submit culturally and historically significant resources.

See www.surveyla.org for more information and to contribute your own local knowledge.
2. Robin Young from Expo Light Rail gave a few updates. The canopies are being installed at Crenshaw and Western stations. The pavers will be installed this week. Sound wall installation is ongoing. The soundwalls are coated with an anti-graffiti finish. The canopies are being monitored for vandalism by security. New water lines will be installed in March at Crenshaw and Exposition.
3. Lora Davis (323-373-0961) from Wellington Square is announcing that a certified farmers market is coming to our area. Grand opening is scheduled on Sunday March 21st. It will be open 9am-



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1pm every Sunday. The market will be at Smyrna Church parking lot at 4394 W Washington. Please help get the word out.

Billie Green has a PDF of the poster – email her to get a copy – print it and flyer your street!

A booth at the market will be reserved for rotating promotional use by local non-profit and community organizations.

4. Corri Ravare with ICEF Public Schools is interested in operating the new Barack Obama Global Leadership Middle School at 46th and Western, which 1400 students from grades 6-8.
www.icefpublicschools.org

Council District 10 Update

None today.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) update:

We have a new DONE representative, but he/she was not present at the meeting today. We were listed as behind on quarterly reports on a DONE report to our surprise. However, we have all the necessary information and DONE has said they will accept our historical monthly reports.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Jessica Bravo, chair of the Economic Development Committee, discussed needed repairs for the UNNC neighborhood banners. The permits have been extended through 2010. Out of about 155 banners, about 7 are ripped or dangling. AAA Sign and Banner did perform some warranty repairs in 2009. Initially, 7 extra banners per neighborhood were in reserve.

AAA Sign and Banner charges \$350 for a service call that covers as many repairs as necessary.

MOTION: Roy Amemiya moved to fund up to \$700 for the repair and replacement of damaged banners as designated and supervised by the Economic Development Committee.

Ed Turner seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

B. Planning & Zoning Committee

1. Brian Song recused himself from the discussion.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to appoint a leadership task force/ad hoc committee comprised of Shelina Goldberg(?), Laura Meyers, and John Arnold to coordinate and compile the comments from the stakeholder community regarding the 2000 page Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Washington Square. Comments are due to the Planning Department February 22nd. Since this is prior to the next governing board meeting, the task force shall bring a summary cover letter



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outlining the comments to the Executive Committee for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting on February 16th.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: 19 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, 1 recusal.

2. Councilmember Paul Koretz is proposing that retroactive permits cost twice as much, and that various fees be imposed on parties who violate zoning ordinances.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that UNNC prepare and submit a Community Impact Statement supporting Councilmember Paul Koretz' motion before the Los Angeles City Council to impose new or higher fees for failure to obtain required permits from Building & Safety and/or zoning code violations.

Marva Maxey seconded.

A robust (and entirely civil) discussion ensued.

Vote: 11 in favor, 9 opposed.

3. No new info on the Jefferson Park HPOZ or Interim Control Ordinance since Andrew Westall left the Council District Field office to run for an Assemblymember position.
Planning Department is still proposing that HPOZ boards no longer handle basic conforming work applications that is about 80%(?) of HPOZ board work. Conversely, a number of HPOZ boards want to handle 100% of that work.

B. Poster Project Ad Hoc Committee Update

- a. Norman Gilmore presented the 5 new poster designs and UNNC map samples.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2nd half)

B. Youth Committee

Johanna Chase, Chair of the UNNC Youth Committee and Joyce Smith presented a funding proposal for a seven session leadership program for middle school age kids to run through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The sessions will take place on Tuesdays from February 23rd to June 11th in partnership with Recreation and Parks at the South Seas House. Guest speakers will discuss topics including Education, Poetry & Music, Film & Visual Arts, Politics and Community Activism.

The funding request is for up to \$400.00 for materials, including without limitation, 25 journals, 50 DVD-Recordables, snacks & drinks for the final session, and any entrance fees or space rental fees for museums or performing arts facilities. Because this is a pilot program, enrollment will be limited to 20 students.

MOTION: Jessica Bravo moved to fund the above program for up to \$600.

Evangela Anderson seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the January 7, 2010 minutes.

MOTION: Moon Chung moved that the January 2010 minutes be approved as corrected.
Andrea Dunlop seconded.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the February 2010 Treasurers' Report.
Gus Harris Jr. moved to approve the February 2010 Treasurers' report.

Andrea Dunlop seconds.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance committee voted to cut Neighborhood Council Budgets to \$22,500 with no rollover for the next fiscal year.

DONE's audit may delay UNNC access to our rollover funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Adams Heights got a \$10,000 match for previously approved UNNC funds for the monument at the entrance at LaSalle and Washington.

A park is proposed for the end of Normandie at Cordova.

Census assistance will be available at CD10 to help residents fill out forms.

The new Central Region Elementary School#13 on Washington Blvd is having soil removal for abatement of contamination. Email makula@dtsc.ca.gov with comments or questions.

2nd Call event on February 21st – Help promote with a flyer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
March 6, 2010

Attachments:
None