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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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

MINUTES

(approved December 2, 2010)

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Wesley Todd opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Allen Lulu, Joyce Smith, Jose Rauda, Betty Walton, Myrna Allen, Evangela Anderson, Norman Gilmore, John Arnold, Laura Meyers, Stevie Stern, Wesley Todd, Betty Phillips, Chris Carlson, Fletcher Kauffman, Ruth Jones-Sawyer. (15 total).

Members absent: Gus Harris, Jr., Billie Green, Andrea Dunlop, Jess Bravo, Roy Amemiya, Rachel Turner, Jeff Camp, Steve Wallis. (8 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Allen Lulu moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Myrna Allen seconded.

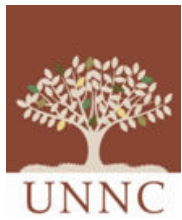
Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Schulberg, newly elected president of the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council introduced himself. He wanted to bring to UNNC's attention that at the last CRA meeting it was announced that Public Storage has purchased the Bekins/American Storage building and they want approval to put up three lighted signs on the building. These signs will be more than double the size permitted for our area. Besides being lit, the sign font is totally out of style for the building. A CRA meeting to vote on this will be at the CD10 Field office on November 16th.

Laura Meyers suggested that John Arnold, as chair of the Historic Preservation committee, may be able to call a special meeting to develop a UNNC position on the Bekin sign proposal.

Ed Turner announced that Trinity Baptist at 2040 W Jefferson will be the location of the 7th Annual Prostate Screening and Education event on Saturday, November 13th. American Bio-Clinical Labs will perform PSA blood tests and USC Norris Cancer Center doctors will evaluate the PSA test results.



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Erik Derr of Mid-City Press introduced himself. He will be covering UNNC for Mid-City Press.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

No specific CD 10 update.

John Arnold and Stevie Stern arrived. Stevie Stern assumed her normal duties as chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Funding Request – CD 10 Winter Wonderland event in December 2010 – S. Lacy – ACTION

Sylvia Lacy of Council District 10 presented a funding request for the 5th (?) annual Winter Wonderland Holiday event for under-privileged children. Local schools (private and public), as well as Project Save, are asked to suggest local families in need. The funding request is for up to \$1000 for the snow, out of a total \$6000 required for the snow. The total budget is about \$15,000. UNNC supported this event last year. Other sponsors will be funding toy giveaway and other activities. Board member Stevie Stern observed that hundreds of local kids enjoyed playing in the snow immensely and the event is very worthwhile.

The event will be Saturday, December 18th.

MOTION: Evangela Anderson moved to fund the request for up to \$1000 toward the provision of snow for the 2010 Winter Wonderland Holiday event for local under-privileged children.

Betty Phillips seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Case No. ZA-2000-377-CUZ-PA2, Proposed cellular telephone facility, 1955 W. Jefferson Blvd. (Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church) – a new design is being proposed for the installation and maintenance of a WTF on the façade of an existing Church Bell Tower – ACTION

A third new design was presented for the antennas. Instead of enclosing the antennas in large blocky fiberglass housings which substantially altered the tower top, the latest design has the antennas mounted on each side of the top of the tower, and painted to match the tower brick color. Photoshop renderings provided by the applicant were projected for the board and meeting attendees.

Deacon Hosea M. Alexander, Sr., PE, from Holy Name of Jesus Church, presented some citations to support his contention that electromagnetic radiation of the sort emitted by cellular antennas may be harmful.

Another parishioner stated opposition to the project.

Virgil Williams, on the pastoral committee of Holy Name, commented that if a standalone tower is built at another site, it could be a much worse aesthetic outcome.

The pastor and four parishioners are in favor of the new design.



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Sylvia Lacy reminded the board that federal law prohibits local government entities from using allegations of health risks as a reason to object to the placement of wireless tower facilities.

MOTION: Allen Lulu moved that UNNC recommend to the Planning Department that the current third design revision as shown by the applicant renderings with antennas mounted directly without enclosures and painted trompe l'oeil is an acceptable design for the Wireless Telecommunication Facility at Holy Name of Jesus.

Fletcher Kauffman seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstention, 1 recusal.

Evangela Anderson said bye-bye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 10-21-2010.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to approve the US Bank statement dated 10-21-2010.

Allen Lulu seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the October 7, 2010 minutes for approval.

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the October 7, 2010 minutes with corrections to the announcements that were noted.

Fletcher Kauffman seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Thanks to Joe Rauda for arranging food tonight from Chin's Hawaiian Teriyaki BBQ.

Chris Carlson agreed to arrange for food for the December meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norman Gilmore presented the new UNNC business cards to all board members. They now include useful outreach information about UNNC on the back, as well as listing our committees on the front, so please hand them out. GotPrint.net printed the cards with color on both sides at a final cost of less than \$18 per board member (250 cards each). Excellent design services were once again provided by Linda Frost Design.

John Arnold announced that the Historic Preservation Committee had a meeting about the upcoming Jefferson Park HPOZ hearing tentatively scheduled on December 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

November 8, 2010

Attachments: None.