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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved February 15, 2011)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore

Additional UNNC board members present: Andrea Dunlop, Jeff Camp, Myrna Allen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stevie Stern proposed to amend the agenda with a new Item C for a funding request from the Economic Development Committee.

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

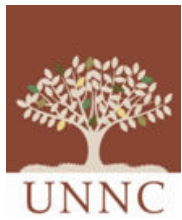
Wesley Todd noted that LAPD did a sweep of some local high schools today and did bust a number of kids for drug possession.

Donna Jones of West Adams Avenues stated that the Benny H. Potter park cameras were installed in the park annex, and there was already a noticeable drop in perceived suspicious behavior.

Phil Brown requested a discussion on strategy for dealing with Planning (Land Use and Traffic) during New Business.

Andrea Dunlop said that the banner company found some unused UNNC banners in their inventory, which will save us some re-printing costs.

Norman Gilmore asked if we had anyone designated as liaison to Community Health Councils vacant lot/healthy activities program. Also, a program out of USC has sent some emails regarding Community Gardens. Also, the UNNC outreach ad in Neighborhood News and Mid-City Press is coming up again.



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There were questions about whether Neighborhood News has been fully distributed at the last two issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Discussion with Regional Representatives regarding projects with UNNC's area. UNNC hasn't had any applications for neighborhood improvement grants this fiscal year to date. Previous examples include the plantings at Mid-Wilshire school on Washington, and building a pergola in Western Heights. More examples of neighborhood mini-grants previously funded by UNNC include parkway signs for block clubs, and funded trash cans and dogipot stations. There was a suggestion that we fund refrigerator magnets for each block club with regular meeting dates, that would also UNNC meeting and contact info. Wesley is working with Gus on lighting the Jefferson Park sign on the eastern entry to Jefferson Park. It was suggested that they approach LA Trade Tech or DWP for design and installation assistance.

- B. Funding request from West Adams Avenues Quality of Life Committee to fund a report which would be the compilation of documents that would be used for a project to make park-like improvements to 25th St. in the West Adams Avenues neighborhood. Derek Japha from 9th Avenue of West Adams Avenues presented a funding request for a project.

The neighborhood is discussing improvements to 25th Street, including traffic calming and open space. Los Angeles has very uneven distribution of open space, and south LA in particular lacks open space. A relevant study is "Parks and Park Funding in Los Angeles: An Equity Mapping Analysis" by Jennifer Wolch, Sustainable Cities Program, John P. Wilson of GIS Research Laboratory and Jed Fehrenbach, Department of Geography.

The neighborhood had a recent meeting with Councilman Wesson and a senior person at DOT to discuss a pilot project for increasing open space in our community. One possibility is reducing the width of roads that are unnecessarily large to increase the parkway and landscaping.

Because of the limited city budget, the city planning department cannot take on conceptual and design work. The neighborhood would like to create a concept and design document that researches and defines this potential open space program. This document would need some professional resources such as developing 3D renderings, and research and writing.

The goal would be to end up with a report that had a set of recommendations that would be vetted as possible by the Department of Transportation. DOT cannot do the front end work, but has agreed to do traffic analysis and code review once the vision has been presented.

Derek Japha can create a lot of the plan design and report elements himself, but the report needs two professional renderings showing the eye-level view of the proposed features. The first draft of the report can get initial impressions from DOT in a couple weeks, and once that input is received, it would be desirable to add the renderings to aid in helping city leaders and neighborhood groups to understand the concept.

Therefore, on behalf of West Adams Quality of Life Committee, Derek Japha presented a request that UNNC fund two renderings to be professional produced for up to \$1400 total.



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After discussion, the sentiment of the committee was that the West Adams Quality of Life Committee should proceed with their initial submission to DOT, and bring back their final report to UNNC for discussion about whether renderings are truly needed.

- C. Andrea Dunlop, co-chair of the Economic Development Committee, presented plans for outreach for the Spring Fling Cleanup. To create awareness of the event, they propose to create banners, posters, postcards announcing the clean up and locations. They would require funds for design and printing of the above. The tentative dates are late May or early June. The funding request is for up to \$1000 for all design and printing of banners, posters and postcards.

Stevie Stern moved to forward to the Governing Board the request for up to \$1000 for designing and printing outreach materials for UNNC's Spring Fling cleanup.

Seconded by Wesley Todd.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- D. Plan agenda for next month. Items for the next Governing Board meeting were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No exceptional items to note. Mid-City Press's accounting computer was stolen, and they are struggling to figure out everyone's balances. They have not been able to bill UNNC as a result.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Stevie suggested that we get a new easy to carry portable fabric banner with the UNNC logo of the style sold by FedEx Office. After discussion, we decided to base the design on the UNNC Banners poster. Linda Frost would do design.

Stevie got back to Peter Schulberg of Olympic Park regarding the ideas for adjacent NCs mixer.

Jess and Andrea have been taking care of the plantings at the Washington Blvd. planting site. The principal of the school is denying that they can take any responsibility for continued maintenance.

January 23rd is the CD10 Candidate Forum. Setup starts at 1:30. The event starts at 2:30.

Mayor Villaragoisa's office announced there is a community check in on February 16th 6:00 to 8:00 where people can share ideas with the Mayor. It's at the Little Ethiopia Cultural Center on Fairfax.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Brown asked to discuss long range transportation issues facing Los Angeles. His website is <http://flowboulevardplan.com/>

He contends that for the cost of one half mile of subway construction costs, that we could eliminate congestion in Los Angeles. He endorsed ideas such as paired one-way streets.

After some discussion, the Executive Committee advised that there was not a specific enough proposal in order for UNNC to take any action.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the December 21, 2010 Executive Committee minutes.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

January 18, 2011

Attachments: None.