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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2011
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved November 3, 2011)

CALL TO ORDER

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: William Hernandez, Sanjiv Bhattacharya, Gus Harris, Jr, Jess Bravo, Fletcher Kauffman, Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Billie Green, Ed Turner, Roy Amemiya, Laura Meyers, Betty Walton, Evangela Anderson, Jeff Camp, Betty Phillips, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Steve Wallis. (17 total).

Members absent: Myrna Allen, Wesley Todd, Allen Lulu, John Arnold, Andrea Dunlop, Chris Carlson. (6 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ed Turner moved to approve the agenda, tabling 7a1 and 7a2.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jess Bravo, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the September E-waste collection event had a lower turnout than the spring event, but still collected a lot of TVs, computers, and paint.

Evangela Anderson, Chair of the Parks committee, announced that South Seas House will be putting on the annual haunted house. The second Tuesday at the South Seas House is the Park Advisory Board monthly meeting, from 6:15 to 7:30.

Remember that computer classes are being offered on the new computers available at the South Seas House.

Laura Meyers reported that the murals at the Golden State Building will be viewable Saturday October 22nd. They are still at risk of being removed by the State Department of Insurance, which is liquidating Golden State Mutual assets.



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COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

October 15th is the Taste of Soul on Crenshaw.

Theft of wire from light poles is EPIDEMIC! Report apparent thefts, even if workers appear to be wearing official vests and badges. If you don't see a truck with the city logo, then it is probably theft. Call it in.

West Adams Neighborhood Council and CD10 are having a clean-up on October 29nd on Washington.

PRESENTATION – EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION CHILDCARE CENTER AND THE ECF WEST ADAMS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – FILIBERTO GONZALEZ AND KAREN GILMAN

ECF has been in West Adams for 60 years. ECF has recently formed a community advisory committee. Karen is a social worker, working with parents of zero to 3 year olds, as well as working on legislation and advocacy at the state and federal level.

They are a zero to three year old intervention program serving children with special needs. The kids have a range of needs from Downs Syndrome to Epilepsy to physical and speech therapy.

ECF is working to acquire the historic FireHouse#18, which will be the 4th site of the adult art center.

ECF is funded both by federal tax dollars and private donations.

ECF was funded in 1948 was formerly 2225 at West Adams and Cimmaron, across from the Clark Library. There are 400 children from birth to three served by ECF at the West Adams Center. Professionals like Karen also make home visits. First Five LA funds Early Childhood Education programs, and ECF recently received a grant to do outreach.

ECF is inviting UNNC to consider participation in a bi-monthly community advisory committee. The committee meets during business hours. The next meeting is October 26th at 10 a.m.

Evangela Anderson and Betty Walton both expressed interest in participating in the committee.

You can learn more at <http://www.ecf.net/> Contact ECF at 323-735-1424.

PRESENTATION – PHARMACY DEPOT UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG RECYCLING PROGRAM– J. BENAVIDEZ

Jason Beavidez announced a program to properly store and dispose of medicines. Pharmacy Depot at 4972 W Pico Blvd, 2nd Floor, is one of two pharmacies from downtown to the Westside that can accept drugs at no charge for proper disposal. Rite-Aid and other pharmacies do offer take-back programs, but charge about \$3 for the mailing envelope. The Wilshire and West Hollywood Police Stations accept narcotics for disposal.

Pharmaceuticals are found now in all major city water supplies. You should not flush old medications because no sewage treatment facilities have the ability to remove these drugs before returning the water to the environment.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons – ACTION

The following board members self-nominated themselves as Chair’s of the following committees.

- Jeff Camp – Public Safety Chair
- Jess Bravo – Economic Development Chair
- Laura Meyers – Planning and Zoning Chair
- Evangela Anderson – Parks Committee Chair
- John Arnold – Historic Preservation Committee Chair
- Gus Harris, Jr. – Outreach Committee Chair
- Betty Phillips – Public Works Committee Chair

Stevie Stern nominated Chris Carlson – Education Committee Chair.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the above board members be appointed by acclamation to the committee chair positions noted above.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

B. Funding Request – Council District 10 for Winter Wonderland Holiday Event – Sylvia Lacy – ACTION

Tabled.

C. Funding Request – William Grant Still Community Art Center for Doll Show – Amitis Motevalli – ACTION

William Grant Still Arts Center’s 31st Annual Black Doll Exhibit is a celebration of black dolls representing eras from slavery, Jim Crow, freedom marches, music, dance, jazz, hip hop and global perspectives. Cecil Ferguson and Miriam Ferguson were the originating curators, and Miriam Ferguson is returning to curate for the first time since 2000.

In addition to the exhibit, the staff would like to have associated education workshops and school tours for the community. We also hope to build self-esteem with children and youth. The funding request is for painting materials to prep for the installation of the exhibit, as well as art supplies and cloth for Doll Making Workshops.

The Department of Cultural Affairs pays for the part time staff and the city facility, but has not been able fund programs. Staff was briefly laid off this year due to the city funding crisis.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to fund the materials for the WGS Doll making workshops, including paint supplies, craft supplies, and fabric for up to \$900.

Evangela Anderson seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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- D. Funding Request – banner to promote Los Angeles Police Department Southwest Division’s program “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It. Remember” – Jeff Camp, Chairperson, UNNC Public Safety Committee – ACTION

Jeff Camp of the UNNC Public Safety Committee presented a funding request for up to \$165 to create three banners for the Wilshire, Olympic and Southwest stations. They will include the UNNC logo and the messaging for the “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It, Remember” program trying to reduce opportunistic car break-ins.

MOTION: Evangela Anderson moved to fund up to \$165 for printing three banners described above for use by the local police stations.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Historic Preservation/Planning & Zoning Committees

1. 15th Street and 2764 West 14th Street, Case No. CPC 2011-2468-CU-PUB - Request for a Conditional Use Permit (Public Benefit) to allow a public charter school in a historic structure -- Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 331 (Pacific Bell Building), to allow parking in the residential zone, to permit the demolition of a residential structure within the HPOZ/residential zone, to allow encroachments into the setback areas, and to permit a joint community center. – ACTION

Tabled.

2. 2401-2425 W. Jefferson Blvd. and 3115 S. 4th Avenue, CASE NO. CPC-2008-3464-DB - Revisions to previously approved Mixed Use Commercial and Affordable Housing Project located at Jefferson and 4th Avenue. Possible design revisions to project located within the boundaries of Jefferson Park HPOZ. The Planning Commission has previously approved a density bonus to allow a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.16 and a waiver to allow a 49-foot-high building (in lieu of 25 feet for any portion located up to 49 feet from the R-1 zone, and 33 feet for any portion located 50-99 feet of adjacent R-1 properties). The development and design team has changed, and will present updated proposed plans.– ACTION.

Tabled.

3. Update: The developer of the 2401-2425 W. Jefferson Project has a new development partner, but they were unaware of the new Jefferson Park HPOZ, and so needed to go back and review the HPOZ rules to verify that proposed changes are appropriate.



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4. Stevie Stern noted that there is an applicant for a liquor license for a facility just outside UNNC boundaries. The case# is ZA-2011-1041-CUB. The location is the northwest corner of Washington and Crenshaw. The owner of the Party Center business is expanding to an adjacent space and is proposing an event space of some type. UNNC will not be taking an official position, but is bringing it to the attention of reps for that area.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 9-21-2011.

MOTION: Jess Bravo moved to approve the US Bank statement dated 9-21-2011.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the September 1, 2011 Governing Board Minutes for approval.

MOTION: Roy Amemiya moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Betty Phillips seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Sanjiv agreed to arrange the food for November.

A UNNC retreat is proposed for Saturday, January 7th 2012, probably from 9 am to 12:30.

A reminder that the South Seas House just got 14 brand new computers for community use as part of the President's stimulus program and offers computer classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billie announced that Amazing Grace Conservatory has installed a computer lab, so they have an open house for that this Saturday at 6pm. 2401 W Washington, corner of Wilton and Washington.

Billie Green noted that LAUSD has provided a new building to a privately operated charter school, and Billie has concerns about tax dollars being used in this way.

Meeting adjourned after 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

October 6, 2011

Attachments: None