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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2011
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved January 24, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting around 7:22 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Billie Green, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore

Members absent: Stevie Stern.

Additional UNNC board members present: Chris Carlson, Myrna Allen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

UNNC paid for the breakfast and lunch for volunteers and kids at Winter Wonderland at the Council District 10 Field office on Western, catered by Games/Sportsbar/Restaurant. It was very well received. Olympic Park NC paid for the snow this year. There were over a 1000 kids PLUS parents. The kids got small backpacks and toys, as well as raffle prizes such as 10 bicycles. Several local organizations donated the gifts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Funding Request – For UNNC’s website – Norman Gilmore - ACTION.

No action needed, as the funds are already approved in the budget as a line item.

- B. Design of Banner for Carson-Gore Elementary School – ACTION

Chris Carlson presented the design for the banner for Carson-Gore Elementary.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the design.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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C. Election Alternatives for NC Elections – ACTION

Because there are new motions pending at City Council on how to fund and manage the NC elections for 2012, this item is not yet ripe for discussion.

D. Review Board Members' absences

No current strings of absences.

E. Discuss final plans for Board retreat in January

We have a small budget for breakfast at the retreat.
Saturday, January 7th, 9:30 to 12:30 at Wilfandel House on West Adams.

F. Plan agenda for January Governing Board meeting.

Items noted above will be agendized for the Governing Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley had to spend a lot of wasted time trying to get DONE to fund the card with our approved funds. Now it takes 72 hours to load additional funds on the card. It now takes about six weeks to get a check from the city.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Myrna Allen was appointed as UNNC's representative to SLAANC, the South LA Alliance of NCs earlier in 2011. SLAANC is not trying to have a formal decision process because it would be too difficult to get approval from all the member NCs. So they are picking projects informally to recommend to NCs.

Their first project is organizing a group to get trained on how to develop local community gardens, with NC funding support. The current UNNC ad-hoc Community Garden committee is Patty Sophos, Linda Marais, Gus Harris, Jr., Jess Bravo and Myrna Allen.

Norman Gilmore noted that Fire Station #34 has mounted the sign that UNNC paid to repair.

Chris Carlson reported on the Choices program through LAUSD. Many local families are applying which is good. There is a lot of interest in the Mid-City Magnet for grades 1-5, which feeds to LACES.

Since the State of California has withdrawn transportation funding for buses, LAUSD is suing the state, and going into deficit spending to keep the buses going, due to the requirements of federal law on busing.

Chris Carlson also reported that the LAUSD board voted that Title 1 funds which are to be used to overcome disadvantages of poverty of individual students, be redirected to schools that are 50% underprivileged students instead of 40% underprivileged students. The new cutoff takes 22 schools out of the funding for this, including several local schools. LACES for example will receive \$460,000 less as a result of not meeting this new cutoff.



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OLD BUSINESS

The Washington Blvd median project has started. However, the old redline car tracks are only 4 inches down on Washington Blvd instead of the expected 14 inches. They are changing the median design as a result. Because of the tracks they can't dig down enough to provide soil for plants. So the one median needs design help. Myrna Allen suggested a sculpture might be a nice solution instead of plantings.

Billie Green recommended going to see the dolls created and exhibited at William Grant Still Community Center. UNNC participated in this art program. The show runs through January 27th or so. It's located on Adams and West View.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the November 15th, 2011 minutes as presented.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

December 21, 2011

Attachments: None.