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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved February 21, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: None.

Additional UNNC board members present: Myrna Allen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

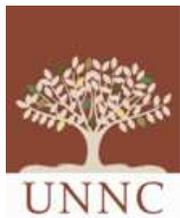
Lawrence Joe with the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission handed out the schedule for the second round of public comment meetings. The live meeting will be at Van Nuys city hall, and a telecast at the downtown City Hall.

From February 1st to February 11th, there will be 7 more meetings to take public comment on the proposed draft maps.

Myrna Allen reported that elections were assigned to DONE for one year. The City Clerk is abandoning the tabulation of the survey on election alternatives that they had solicited from NCs. DONE however, will accept the surveys as input instead.

Myrna also reported on the discussions and training of SLAANC and will provide the report at the board meeting.

Billie Green reported that a planning meeting for the pocket park on Normandie and Cordova will be held at CD10 either the 6th or 8th.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Funding Request – Dinner for SLAANC meeting – Myrna Allen - ACTION.

Myrna Allen has been our representative to the South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. This advisory body meets monthly. Each different member NC is asked on a rotating basis to provide refreshments for the meeting. Myrna requested \$60 for subway sandwiches or similar.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to recommend the above funding request to the UNNC Governing Board for up to \$60.00.
Wesley Todd seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- B. Follow up to CUP hearing for F. Douglass Charter School – discussion and ACTION

Linda Marais discussed the continuing violations of traffic safety and related Conditional Use Permit (CUP) violations at Frederick Douglass Charter School on West Adams. Parents continue to drop of children unsafely on the street, and the school continues to fail to put any effort into monitoring or enforcing the traffic safety rules. Kids are playing unsupervised during school hours at the Benny Potter Park which is a block away from the school.

As far as we know, the school does not even have a Facility Use Permit with the city for use of the park for supervised activities during school hours.

A plan approval hearing to assess compliance with the CUP was held around July 14th, 2011, however, the Letter of Determination has still not yet been issued.

Also, Linda noted that the long promised cross-walk light at 4th and Adams will be installed soon.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board write a letter to the hearing administrator and Kevin Jones of planning requesting the issuance of the Letter of Determination; further noting that UNNC is aware of extensive documentation that the school is not complying with many of the CUP conditions.
Stevie Stern seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- C. Review Board Member absences.

There are no board members with 3 consecutive absences.

- D. Plan agenda for the next Governing Board meeting.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

No special items to report. We have quite a bit of budget left for this fiscal year, and we should be promoting projects to be funded. It takes a lot of time to get big funding requests go through. Projects should be submitted by March to beat the end of the fiscal year.



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COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Norman presented a draft of the new form “UNNC Funding Request for Neighborhood Event”.

Stevie gave an update on the status of the medians being built on Washington Blvd. Because the old railroad tracks were too close to the surface of the road, the median nearest Arlington cannot be planted as originally planned. Instead they are working on putting in sand color river rock and a small “Arlington Heights” monument.

The LaSalle Monument is doing a soil percolation test. The neighborhood project manager, Amy is being asked to consider hardscape instead of landscaping in order to simplify the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Billie suggested that we have a community meeting to raise awareness for possible projects. We discussed options for how to engage people in generating project ideas. Billie clarified that the LA Conservation Corp has several divisions with different specialties such as a project group that is hired, vs. the Clean & Green department.

It was suggested that we have a project management guide that would help people learn about how to solve certain problems.

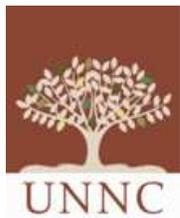
Billie Green noted that the 311 system is the best way to request things from the city since they issue tracking numbers for issues, but unfortunately, many people bypass the system and call the council office. As a result, the 311 system looked underutilized, and they cut the hours back to closing at 5pm, instead of the old 24x7.

We talked about some neighborhoods that have needs for improvement, but no leaders have emerged to submit proposals. We need to do more outreach.

Stevie Stern said DONE is putting on training session for NC Treasurers this Thursday. She and Wesley Todd will be attending.

Myrna Allen said that SLAANC is working on outreach program to help property owners learn about available solar options, for example, by putting on events with multiple solar companies presenting.

Burnett Oliver stated that he was concerned about the proposed ballfield upgrades by a 3rd party at Johnnie Cochran school. A similar project was strongly opposed when suggested about seven years ago, due to traffic impacts on local streets and prior experiences with league play at that field.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the December 20th, 2011 minutes correcting item F to refer to January instead of September.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

January 24, 2012

Attachments: None.