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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2012
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved May 3, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Betty Phillips, Laura Meyers, Betty Walton, John Arnold, Fletcher Kauffman, Gus Harris, Jr., Billie Green, Andrea Dunlop, Roy Amemiya, William Hernandez, Ed Turner, Steve Wallis, Myrna Allen, Wesley Todd, Jess Bravo, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Chris Carlson. (18 total).

Members absent: Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Jeff Camp, Sanjiv Bhattacharya. (3 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Roy Amemiya moved to approve the agenda with Item 7 adding corrections of minutes for January and February 2012, and approval of March 2012 minutes, tabling item 4C, removing item 4E, and removing item 4J.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlton Stubbs announced the South Seas House Open House and Spring Festival this Saturday, with Egg Hunt, jumpers and a basketball tournament. The event is from 7am to 3pm.

Tunua Thrash with West Angeles Development Corp, announced there are two workshops for homeowners struggling to make payments, as well as a Town Hall Meeting at West Angeles Church. Details at <http://www.westangelescdc.org>.

Andrea Dunlop said they now had solar power on their house and it can be done in compliance with HPOZ restrictions.

Julia Robinson-Shimizu from Holy Name of Jesus School announced their participation in Big Sunday.

Stevie Stern read an announcement for a food co-op organizational meeting this Tuesday April 10th at



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7pm Lotus on the Nile Wellness Center.

Christine Carlson announced that on June 3rd there is a Home and Garden Tour in Western Heights. There will be secure parking for bikes and motorcycles.

Carlton Stubbs said that the Mayor's Summer Night Lights program from 6am to midnight is starting up soon. Kids from 17-22 can apply for jobs with this program. It pays \$3500 for the summer.

CD 10 UPDATE

Albert Lord thanked the community for their support of the redistricting process.

There is a Washington Blvd clean up on April 28th from Arlington to LaBrea.
Donna Jones added that street-cleanups are surprisingly fun. So do it!

Albert is working with the Sanitation Department for additional locations that might benefit from having signs warning against illegal dumping. Let him know about locations with recurring illegal dumping.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Funding Request – booking Aquarium of the Pacific for two dates during the summer of 2012 to come to Benny H. Potter/West Adams Avenues Park – C. Stubbs – **ACTION**

Carlton Stubbs asked for \$1,450 to bring out the Long Beach Aquarium Mobile unit on two separate days, tentatively July 21st and August 10th. It will be coinciding with the opening of the Park Annex.

80 to 100 kids per hour can go through the mobile unit.

Chris Carlson noted that the California Science Center has a free BioZone exhibit that is really great and in our community. Carlton stated that the South Seas does take kids to California Science Center, but it also costs a lot to hire vans and buses to the California Science Center. Gus noted that some local kids are not willing to go to California Science Center because of fear about leaving their local area.

MOTION: Jess Bravo moved to fund the above request for up to \$1,450 for bringing the Long Beach Mobile Unit to Benny Potter Park.

Gus Harris, Jr. seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- B. Funding Request – After-school Enrichment Classes for kids – M. Lazzarino-Cortez – **ACTION**

Michelle Lazzarino-Cortez presented a funding request for a seven week class taught by a Rec & Parks instructor on how to cook healthy meals. This class would be for 10 kids. Funds for the instructor, food, and supplies would come to \$610. It would be at the South Seas House. Registration would be through Rec & Parks at the South Seas House.

Michelle Lazzarino-Cortez also presented a request for teaching a yoga class to eight children, ages five to ten. It's non-competitive way of teaching concentration, healthy practices. This is for five to ten year olds and would be at Wilfandel House for six weeks.



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Norman Gilmore suggested that to avoid appearance of favoritism, that students be selected from a lottery. This would also provide an indicator of demand for future reference.
Chris Carlson was concerned that this program is not sustainable for the amount of funds required and the limited kids served.

Ed Turner was concerned that so few kids would be served.

Michelle Lazzarino-Cortez noted that most classes at the Parks do serve small groups of children by necessity.

John Arnold arrived.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to support the above funding request for up to \$610 for the Cooking Class and \$504 for the Mini Yogis class, with the names to be chosen by lottery.
Myrna Allen seconded.
Vote: 6 in favor, 7 opposed, 3 abstentions

- C. Funding Request – Arlington Heights Upper Avenues Beautification Project – M. Allen – **ACTION**

Tabled.

- D. Funding Request – beautification project of planters in front of the freeway sound wall at 4th Avenue in West Adams Avenues – M. Closson – **ACTION**

Maisha Closson presented a funding request for plants and three planters to be placed at the 4th Avenue cul-de-sac. The total cost would be \$2197.39 without soil, and \$2355.24 with soil. West Adams Avenues is committed to the maintenance.

They frequently get dumping at this cul-de-sac. The hope is that these planters would deter dumping.

Laura Meyers arrived.

There was a discussion about alternatives, including taking up asphalt and planting directly in the ground. Steve Wallis asserted that even planters of that substantial size have been stolen.

The land is owned by the city. John Arnold noted that the planters are probably easier to maintain.

There is a footbridge at the 4th Avenue cul-de-sac, which facilitates littering.

MOTION: Steve Wallis moved to fund up to \$2,355.24 for the purchase and installation of planters, plants, and soil.
Betty Walton seconded.
Vote: 13 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions, 1 not present.

- E. Funding Request – EGGstravaganza community event at Queen Anne Park on April 7, 2012 – G.



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Lemus – **ACTION**

Request cancelled.

- F. Funding Request – UNNC outreach - purchase of a large bulletin board for posting UNNC agendas and flyers in the Benny H. Potter/West Adams Avenues Park – S. Stern – **ACTION**

Stevie Stern presented a funding request for a large bulletin board with locking glass doors to place on the front of the new utility/bathroom building at Benny Potter Park.

This bulletin board would be used for UNNC agendas and information.

The funding request includes a quote from GlobalIndustrial.com for \$709.34, including delivery. A replacement door is \$74.95, if needed. The bulletin board is 60” W x 48” H.

Carlton Stubbs, South Seas park director, has been updating the postings at the UNNC bulletin board at South Seas House, and it is anticipated that he will also help keep the new bulletin board up to date.

General Services the Park will mount the bulletin board.

Steve Wallis recommended adding an anti-graffiti film.

MOTION: Gus Harris, Jr. moved to support the above funding request, including the addition of \$100 for anti-graffiti film and re-keying so that our bulletin board keys match, for a total of \$809.34.

William Hernandez seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Betty Phillips arrived.

- G. Funding Request – UNNC Outreach – refrigerator magnets with UNNC information – S. Stern – **ACTION**

Stevie Stern presented a funding request for \$564 for the design and manufacture of 1000 large custom postcard magnets that would be used as a UNNC promotional item, including UNNC contact information. Manufacture would be \$249, shipping is \$20, tax is \$25, and up to three hours of graphic design is \$270.

Roy suggested that the magnet have some more utility, perhaps a clip, or a thermometer.

MOTION: Myrna Allen moved to fund up to \$564 for the design and printing of 1000 UNNC promotional magnets.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 4 opposed, no abstentions, 2 not present.

- H. Funding Request – UNNC Outreach – pop-up tent with UNNC logo – S. Stern – **ACTION**



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Stevie Stern presented a funding request for up to \$2,788.11 for a Pop-up tent with sidewall with UNNC logos on the top, side edges, and a custom graphic on the back wall. The quote includes a transport bag with wheels and sandbags for stability. In addition, design fees of \$180 would be required for creating the custom back wall and related graphics.

There was a discussion about the overall cost and possible alternatives.

MOTION: Ed Turner moved that we table item H and revisit after looking at ways to reduce the cost.

Chris Carlson seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention.

I. Request for UNNC-appointed liaison to Department of Animal Welfare – P. Darrigo – **ACTION**

Steve Wallis volunteered to be the liaison with Paul Darrigo on animal welfare issues.

Laura Meyers noted that Jim Bickhart is the Mayor’s Deputy for Animal Welfare issues, if you interested in writing to the mayor to support Paul Darrigo’s candidacy for Board of Animal Services.

J. UNNC-designated liaison to Bicycle Commission – **ACTION**

Cancelled.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Planning & Zoning Committees – Laura Meyers

1. 3060 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Case No. ZA-2011-374-CUB

Proposed Conditional Use Permit (alcoholic beverage) for the sale of beer and wine for offsite consumption for new grocery store (already approved) at Crenshaw and Jefferson – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

This project is for the ~~rumored~~ Fresh’n’Easy at Crenshaw and Jefferson. The P&Z committee recommended to approve the application. P&Z recommended that the same conditions be required as at the Fresh’n’Easy at Central & Adams, which is to provide a security guard after 7pm.

The team representing the project introduced themselves:

Jonathan Lonner, the planning consultant for CDC and CIM, presented renderings of the elevations and the site plan. He noted that the outdoor seating would not be available for consuming alcoholic beverages.

Walter Cathey Jr, is in charge of Los Angeles real estate for Fresh ‘n’ Easy.

Philip Ong is the development manager with CIM Group.

Tunua Thrash is the Executive Director of the West Angeles Community Development Corporation.



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MOTION: John Arnold moved that UNNC support the application for the sale of beer and wine at the 3060 S. Crenshaw Blvd project location, provided, however; that the same conditions for security be applied as at the Fresh 'n' Easy at Central and Adams. Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

2. 2740-2742 West 14th Street, Case No. ZA-2012-0269-ZAA
Proposed Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow a reduced easterly side yard of 2 feet in lieu of the required 4.2 feet and a reduced rear yard of 1 to 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, all in conjunction with the approval/legalization of a 540-square-foot dwelling, not including the conversion of the existing garage into a bathroom for the dwelling unit. The proposal/application does not address replacement parking in the R-2 zone. The Office of Historic Resources will also be issuing a separate Determination related to the Harvard Heights HPOZ. A public hearing on the ZAA matter is scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. in City Hall, room 1020 – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

The Harvard Heights HPOZ Board reviewed this and did ask the applicant to reverse a lot of the non-HPOZ work that had been made to the house. They got some concessions for the main house and rear unit.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC Governing Board write to the Zoning Administrator in the above referenced case that UNNC supports approval of this project provided that (i) all of the conditions imposed by the Harvard Heights HPOZ board are incorporated into the Zoning Administrator's Letter of Determination; (ii) the required parking issues are required to be addressed; and (iii) structures which negatively impact on the neighbor abutting on the south shall be removed.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

B. Committee Updates

John Arnold reported that the UNNC Ad-Hoc Committee for Jefferson Park HPOZ Review has five interested members and two maybe interested. The names will be brought to the next executive committee for approval.

William Hernandez, UNNC liaison to the LANI Normandie-Cordova Park committee, had an update on the Normandie-Cordova park project. The committee scored 21 proposals for the park. They identified the top 3 scoring proposals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd presented the Treasurer's report, including the US Bank Statement dated 3-21-2012.

MOTION: John Arnold moved to approve the US Bank statement.

William Hernandez seconded.

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MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the March 1st, 2012 Governing Board Minutes for approval, noting that the year needs to change from 2011 to 2012 in the section for the financial statement and the minutes.

MOTION: John Arnold moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections: (i) amending the second motion on page 6 to replace “review unpermitted work” with “review all proposed certificate cases and any unpermitted work”; clarifying committee membership qualifications; adding that the committee shall make recommendations to the Office of Historic Resources consistent with the Jefferson Park Preservation Plan; that the committee shall hold publicly noticed meetings to accept community input; and that the initial committee members shall be appointed at the next UNNC Executive Committee meeting; and (ii) amending the dates for the approved financial statement and minutes to 2012 (not 2011). Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 14 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstentions, 1 not present.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to amend the January 7, 2012 Minutes to remove the accidental inclusion of an item actually handled at the December 2011 meeting; and to amend the February 2, 2012 minutes to change 2011 to 2012 in the section for the approval of the financial statement and the minutes. Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

Thanks to Steve Wallis for getting the food from Tawada.

Billie Green agreed to arrange food for May.

May 15th is the last day for the demand warrants.

Stevie Stern announced that NC Elections will be held this fall.

Stevie Stern announced Sanjiv Bhattacharya has submitted a letter of resignation from the UNNC Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

May 3, 2012

Attachments: None.