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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved May 15, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:21 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: None.

Additional UNNC board members present: Andrea Dunlop, Chris Carlson, Laura Meyers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Carlson announced the Western Heights Home and Garden Tour on June 3rd, from 11am to 4pm. There will also be plant sale. There will be a secure bike corral and food trucks.

www.westernheightsonline.com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Funding Request - Eco-LogicalART Project ReStore Mural Program – P. Schulberg – ACTION

Peter Schulberg presented Project Restore from Ecological Art Gallery. They recycle the vinyl from billboards as paintings made by local youth and put the art back up on the billboards or hang the vinyl billboards in temporary locations. Previous projects have put up the art on recycled backing on bus stop displays. They are working specifically on a new series for Mid-City. Schools and construction fences are prime spots for mitigating visual clutter. He would like to bring a proposal to various Neighborhood Councils to support murals over the course of one year. Project Restore has received grants from the Lia Fund, the Vinyl Institute, and The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative. Eco-LogicalART is a 501c3 non-profit located at 4829 W. Pico Blvd, LA 90019. 310-525-0676 or www.eco-logicalart.org



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Peter went through a presentation showing examples of the art produced and testimonials.

At Queen Anne Park Eggstravaganza and Wilton (something) opening, and Beverly Hills Earth Day they created the art during public events. He is proposing LAUSD sites, such as fences around schools, as well as around construction sites.

Peter presented a total budget of \$5016 for a 15 month program. These artworks would be created at UNNC events or other local events. Part of the budget is a grant from LANI.

The budget includes:

\$1260 for material costs and permits.

\$3,300 for labor

\$456 as 10% contingency

\$5016 Grand total.

LANI and Peter's Gallery are providing some of the funds.

The proposal is that four of the pieces will be installed within UNNC boundaries for 15 months. Two of the works will be original, created in partnership with UNNC schools within UNNC boundaries. The art is rotated every three or four months, rotating in art works created in other neighborhoods. The creation of the works could be done in partnership with Carson-Gore or Johnnie Cochran schools.

At one recent event, over 100 kids participated in the creation over the course of a weekend.

Peter requested \$4000 from UNNC to fund the creation of two original murals and the installation of temporary murals at four locations with murals at each location rotated every three to four months for a period of 15 months.

This includes: 4 sets of mural canvases measuring 8 x 16 feet; installation and display for a period of 3 months; quarterly change-out/rotation of the mural works quarterly; programming/creation of 2 of the 4 murals from within NC boundaries; supervision/expertise of Eco-LogicalART and Lead Artist for 12 months; and all paints, brushes, projection equipment, permit fees, as required.

LAUSD has the ability to mount murals on an ad-hoc basis.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the Governing Board consider funding the above project for up to \$4000 for materials and labor for the following goods and services:

4 sets of mural canvases measuring 8 x 16 feet; installation and display for a period of 3 months; quarterly change-out/rotation of the mural works quarterly; programming/creation of 2 of the 4 murals from within NC boundaries; supervision/expertise of Eco-LogicalART and Lead Artist for 12 months; and all paints, brushes, projection equipment, permit fees, as required.

Wesley Todd seconded.

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

B. Funding Request – beautification project of historic sign posts in Western Heights – K. Johnson –



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ACTION

Karlyn Johnson Brown presented a proposal for installing four decorative posts at the 20th Street and 21st Street bump outs on Arlington Ave. There are currently street signs in the bump outs. The proposal

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to forward this request to the Governing Board for up to \$2,697 for decorative posts including freight and ancillary installation materials.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed.

- C. Funding Request – Charm School for Wayward Cats non-profit yearly fundraising event – Leslie Tresun and Matthew Schow – ACTION

Matthew Schow and Leslie Tresun presented a funding request for Trap/Neuter/Return, a program of the Kitty Bungalow Charm School for Wayward Cats, a 501c3 non-profit that serves the South Los Angeles area. They deal with the cat overpopulation issue by offering free Trap/Neuter/Return, outreach, education, socialization and adoption issues. The South LA Shelter has an almost 75% kill rate of felines. Kitty Bungalow rescues straight from the street. They have been spaying/neutering over 150 community cats.

The request is for \$2,500 out of a total project cost of \$6,500. UNNC is being asked to fund \$1500 of outreach materials, \$500 of transportation, and \$500 of veterinary care.

Since this organization is a 501c3, we may be able to do a Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved that the Governing Board consider funding the above project for up to \$2,500 pending approval of information from DONE.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- D. UNNC Interview to replace two vacant board positions At-Large and Residential Representative - ACTION

Marisha Morris presented herself as a candidate for the at-large position. She has been a member of the community for 30 years. She resides just south of the UNNC boundary.

Sandra Pruitt presented herself as a candidate for an at-large seat. She has lived in Jefferson Park since 2008. Sadly, in 2009, her son was murdered at Jefferson and Arlington. She and her daughter participate in local community events and she wants to work on public safety and quality of life issues.

Dolores Spears has lived in Jefferson Park, east of Arlington, since 1994. Dolores has been active on alley cleanups, block parties, and working on prostitution abatement. Dolores is concerned about outreach issues. She's also concerned about alley dumping and other quality of life issues.

Elizabeth Fenner, a resident of West Adams Avenues (Region 3), presented herself as a candidate for the Region 3 Seat. Elizabeth is interested in small business development and tree planting.



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As there were three candidates for two At-Large seats, the candidates were asked to leave the room so that the Committee could discuss which candidates to recommend for the available At-Large seats.

Upon their return, Billie noted that all candidates were eminently qualified.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board appoint Sandra Pruitt to the open At-Large seat expiring in 2012; that Dolores Spears be appointed to the At-Large seat expiring in 2014; and that Elizabeth Fenner be appointed to the open Region 3 Resident Representative seat.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- E. Executive Committee approval of suggested members for the Jefferson Park HPOZ task force – J. Arnold – ACTION

The names that were supposed to be proposed were not presented at this meeting. The item is tabled.

- F. Funding Request – UNNC outreach tools and materials – S. Stern – ACTION

Stevie Stern presented quotes for three different variations for the pop-up tents that have the UNNC logo in various configurations, to be used at events that UNNC supports. The cost of each additional logo printing is substantial, with the tent with 4 logos and all the options costing as much as \$2,379. The pop-up tent with a single logo is \$1,099.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the Governing Board consider funding a pop-up tent up to \$1,099 and up to three hours of design services at \$90/hour for a pop-up tent with UNNC Graphic logo on the top-front and front edge, as well as an additional back banner for mounting on the back of pop-up shelters.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- G. Funding encumbrances for upcoming election – S. Stern – ACTION

There was a discussion about what UNNC would have to pay for at this election. The 2010 Election had many expenses such as ballot printing paid for by the City Clerk.

There is a distinct lack of clarity about how the elections will be handled in 2012.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved that Stevie Stern and Wesley Todd research costs that may be needed for the 2012 election, and present to a recommendation to the Governing Board for costs that may be encumbered.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- H. Review Board Members' absences



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There are no board absentee problems that need to be reported.

- I. Plan agenda and 10th anniversary of UNNC for May Governing Board meeting
Applicable items above will be on the next Governing Board agenda.
We're going to invite former board members. We're going to invite Councilmember Wesson.
Also will invite of the early DONE representatives who helped us and DONE leaders Greg Nelson, Bong Hwan Kim. Also Mike Davis, Curren Price, Karen Bass, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Ed Reyes.

There was discussion about cake flavors. We'll pass out T-Shirts from inventory.
Will be time for acknowledging dignitaries. Will provide time for them to speak. Acknowledge founding committee and board members.

We will have a special executive committee meeting Wednesday or Thursday of next week to address the tabled item for the Jefferson Park HPOZ ad-hoc committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd and Norman discussed the pending funding requests and the amounts needed to be put on the debit card. Wesley and Norman have submitted a request to DONE to put about \$12,000 on the debit card to pay for UNNC board approved projects.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Laura Meyers mentioned that 2715 S. Western Avenue, Suite D, has applied for an ABC beer & wine or liquor license or something, but we don't know the exact details yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Stevie reported that the Avenues Neighborhood Watch Association is upset about the new median. The median had to be made as hardscape, which was due to the rail tracks being too close to the surface, thus making it impossible to plant that median. The median was designed with river rock instead of plants. The idea is to further enhance it with monuments. The median at 5th has now come back with soil sample problems. The 10th and Washington median soil samples seem to be fine, but we have not heard a definitive answer yet.

Billie Green reported on the latest soil samples taken at the LaSalle monument location, with samples taken at three different depths down to 36". The soil was not as bad as last thought. They are trying to move the project forward. The soil sample test cost \$235. They needed a jackhammer to go through asphalt, cement, asphalt, and finally cement to get to soil.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Wesley Todd moved to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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Meeting adjourned around 11:09 am.
Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
May 16, 2012
Attachments: None.