



# UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE HISTORIC ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, WEST ADAMS AND JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITIES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, June 7, 2012  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved July 5, 2012)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Steve Wallis, Andrea Dunlop, William Hernandez, Fletcher Kauffman, Roy Amemiya, Dolores Spears, Sandra Pruitt, Betty Phillips, Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Myrna Allen, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern, Chris Carlson. (15 total).

**Members absent:** Betty Walton, Gus Harris, Jr., Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Laura Meyers, Jess Bravo, Ed Turner, John Arnold. (7 total).

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved to approve the agenda with item 5A tabled.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Officer Susan Garcia introduced herself. She is the new Senior Lead Officer in this area. 213-793-0787.

Evangela Anderson announced that the Benny Potter Park Annex will be completed Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The official opening will be at 11:30 on that day.

The community opening will be on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2 pm. There will be a mobile aquarium from Long Beach Aquarium, funded by UNNC.

Albert Lord talked about how the Benny Potter Park improvements have been a 10 year effort on the part of the community. About \$2 million dollars has been invested by the city in the park upgrades.

The city has upgraded the bus stop in front of Holman Church on Adams by putting in a cement pad, to prevent indentations caused by buses where water would pool on the road.



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Rene Gunter mentioned that she had put in a drought tolerant garden at her own effort and expense at the Bob's Tire at the corner of Washington and Arlington. She invites anyone in the community to help out and weed at any time that the store is open, as Bob has no objection.

Nabeel Kurban, the Vice Principal from Mid-Wilshire school, an adult education school run by LAUSD, announced that the overall division will not be closed, and Mid-Wilshire school will be a hub of consolidation. They have many vocational, ESL, citizenship and high school GED programs, as well as medical technology, computer, and solar installer programs. They are thankful for the support of the community that they have survived.

Debra Varnado had some information on the City of Los Angeles bus bench program. A private vendor will be installing bus benches, and there will be a mechanism for neighborhood councils to advertise on bus benches. For more information, contact Mike Culver, 310-897-7096. Debra also noted that Los Angeles World Airports (LAX, Van Nuys, Ontario), has an outreach program for local small businesses.

Betty Phillips announced that LAPD Chief Banks and LAFD Chief Cummings are having a basketball playoff this weekend at the Galen Center.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Swearing-in of newly appointed Governing Board members.  
Stevie Stern swore in new board members Sandra Pruitt and Dolores Spears.
- B. Funding Request – 28<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration – R. Gunter - **ACTION**

Rene Gunter presented funding request for \$482.91 for insurance for the annual 28<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club Fourth of July party. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> year. The neighbors pay for all food and entertainment costs, but insurance costs have been climbing. The street is closed for the day, and it greatly helps increase neighbors meeting neighbors and also improves the safety atmosphere.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved to fund the above request for insurance for the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club for up to \$482.91.

Roy Amemiya seconded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Planning & Zoning Committees – Laura Meyers
  - 1. 2715 S. Western Avenue, Suite D, Case No. ZA-2012-594-CUB - Proposed Conditional Use Permit (alcoholic beverage) for the sale of beer and wine for offsite consumption for existing convenience market, in the C2-1 Commercial Zone, having the hours of operation from 7 AM to 9 PM daily; proposed hours of beer and wine sales are the same  
**DISCUSSION AND ACTION.**  
  
Tabled.
  - 2. 2028 W. 31st St. – Possible continuation of discussion from prior UNNC committee meeting(s) and possible action regarding work done without permits to a contributing structure to the Jefferson Park HPOZ, and recommendations to the Planning Department to bring work into compliance with the Jefferson Park Preservation Plan and City HPOZ



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Ordinance. – ACTION

Tabled.

## B. Committee Updates

William Hernandez had an update on the Normandie-Cordova park committee. The committee went on a bus tour of other local parks to review ideas. The park design process is moving along smoothly and quickly.

The design focus is on activities for young children and exercise equipment.

Chris Carlson noted that Governor Brown is suggesting removing a year of science from California Public Schools and only requiring one year of high school science. Currently the state owes the schools \$2.5 billion in arrears for past science classes. Chris suggests advocating to the Governor’s office to keep the requirement and make good on the funding.

Stevie Stern reminded everyone that the median added on Washington west of Arlington had to be hardscape because the railroad tracks were too close to the surface and there was not enough room for soil for plants. There is a design process for an Arlington Heights monument to go on that median now. They are still testing the other two proposed locations on Washington for the medians to see if they will be able to go forward.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

### A. Approval of monthly expenses and Bank statement – W. Todd – ACTION

Wesley Todd presented the May 21, 2012 US Bank Statement for approval.

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved to approve the US Bank Statement.

William Hernandez seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the May 3, 2012 Governing Board Minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to accept the minutes with corrections as noted.

Betty Phillips seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstentions.

## PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

### A. New, Continuing and Old Business, including, but not limited to:

#### 1. Formation of 2012 Elections ad hoc committee – ACTION

Rosalie Preston introduced herself as one of 11 independent election administrators for this fall’s NC elections.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved that UNNC form an ad-hoc committee for the 2012 UNNC Election, with Chair Stevie Stern, Dolores Spears as Elections Outreach Chair, with



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members: Betty Phillips, Billie Green, Sandra Pruitt, William Hernandez, and Fletcher Kauffman.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## 2. Approval of 2012 Election Stipulations Worksheet – **ACTION**

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC adopt the Neighborhood Council 2012 Elections-Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet, with the election to be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Council District 10 Field Office; that stakeholder verification will be self-affirmation; the minimum stakeholder age will be 14; and there will be no vote-by-mail option.

Jeff Camp seconded.

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

There was a discussion about the various options for election outreach.

Dolores Spears will arrange the food for July.

## 3. Upcoming events at Benny H. Potter Park Covered earlier in Public Comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Billie Green announced Holman Church's pastor is retiring and a new minister Reverend Saul is starting.

Roy Amemiya announced that Wilshire Division LAPD is putting on a carnival on June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are 50% off right now. It will be on Venice. So the flip side is if you are driving, avoid Venice from Crenshaw to La Brea during this time.

Chris Carlson announced that this Saturday WAHA is having the annual Spring Home Tour in the North University Park area, including the Chester Place houses. It's from 10am to 4pm.

LAUSD is extending the no service zone for buses around each school to 4 miles. Traditionally students who have had bus service will no longer have bus service. More kids will be walking and biking to school.

Stevie Stern thanked Wesley Todd and Norman Gilmore for helping to finalize all the end of budget year funding requests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

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Attachments: None.