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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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

MINUTES

(approved August 2, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members present: Elizabeth Fenner, Betty Phillips, John Arnold, Ed Turner, Laura Meyers, Betty Walton, William Hernandez, Fletcher Kauffman, Roy Amemiya, Dolores Spears, Sandra Pruitt, Myrna Allen, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern. (15 total).

Members absent: Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Steve Wallis, Andrea Dunlop, Gus Harris, Jr., Ruth Jones-Sawyer, Jess Bravo, Chris Carlson. (8 total).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the agenda.
Fletcher Kauffman seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Walton thanked CD10 for providing tables and chairs for their block watch meeting.

Julia Robinson-Shimizu, the Director of Marketing and Development for Holy Name of Jesus School, a private school on Gramercy and Jefferson Blvd, announced an upcoming fundraiser at Post&Beam.

Laura Meyers expressed concern about the total lack of response by LAFD and LAPD to reports of excessive fireworks in the neighborhoods, including fireworks pointed at cars.

Albert Lord reported that Benny Potter Park Annex has been packed since opening on Monday. He said that Renee Gunter's block party was a huge success as well.

Albert Lord said the Movies-in-the-Park on July 13, 2012 at Benny Potter Park will be showing the movie Rango.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Appointment of Board Member for Resident Representative Region 3 (West Adams Avenues) – ACTION

(Handled 3rd)

Stevie Stern introduced Elizabeth Fenner to the board. Elizabeth is interested in serving as a resident representative for Region 3, West Adams Avenues.

Elizabeth is interested in beautification and tree projects in particular, and is also interested in education and historic preservation.

MOTION: Roy Amemiya moved to appoint Elizabeth Fenner to Seat 1, Region 3. (previously held by Evangela Anderson).

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Elizabeth Fenner was sworn in by Stevie Stern and joined the board.

- B. Approval of 2012-2013 Annual Budget – W. Todd – ACTION

(Handled 2nd)

Wesley Todd presented a proposed budget for 2012-2013. The total money allocated by the city this year is \$37,000. See attachment.

Norman Gilmore recommended that we discontinue the Sprint Wifi Internet Hotspot which is approximately \$70 per month, as we get a poor signal in our regular meeting place, and we aren't getting enough use out of it to justify the cost.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that UNNC adopt the budget as presented.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Betty Phillips arrived.

- C. Funding Request: CD 10 Movies In The Park – ACTION

(Handled 1st)

Sylvia Lacy presented a funding request for the Movies-in-the-Park at Benny Potter Park on July 13, 2012. This is a big event to promote community connection, and for people to understand that the park is safe and can be enjoyed after dark. Last year about 800 people attended.

They do try to set it up so the full line is served once, and the food distribution stops when the movie starts.

There was a discussion about if there is anything that can be done to improve food quality.



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Somebody suggested whole wheat buns as a small step toward improving the food quality. Sylvia agreed to purchase whole wheat if possible.

MOTION: John Arnold moved to fund the above request for up to \$1500 toward food such as popcorn, hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, boxes, punch, water, cups, ice, napkins, foil and related food service items for the Movies-in-the-Park at Benny Potter Park.

Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: 14 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

D. Funding Request: Nosey Eye Block Club July 21st block party – T. Hart – ACTION

(Handled 4th)

Tracey Hart presented a funding request for the annual Nosey Eye Block Club to be held on July 21st. They are a long running block club that does charge annual dues of \$25 per family.

The neighbors put on the event and provide all of the food and entertainment. They close off the street for the day. The funding request shows that \$725 is being contributed from other sources.

The funding request is for up to \$262 for the insurance. Merriwether and Williams provided the insurance quote. <http://www.imwis.com/contact/>

MOTION: Ed Turner moved that UNNC fund the insurance for Nosey Eye Block Club’s annual party for up to \$262.00.

William Hernandez seconded.

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

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Planning & Zoning Committee

1. Letter re adopted Multiple Approval Ordinance requesting further review (1) of allowing expired determinations to have an extended life and (2) questions over authority of HPOZs and/or Specific Plan submissions - DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Laura Meyers presented background on Ordinance No. 182106. On the surface, it looks like a logical streamlining of the expiration dates for various planning approvals. However, when looking at it in detail, the proposed ordinance re-animates the terms of a lot of approvals that have previously expired, dating back to 2005.

Laura Meyers read a proposed draft letter to be sent from UNNC to Council President Wesson regarding the problems with this ordinance.

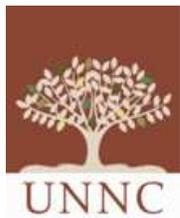
Betty Walton departed the meeting.

MOTION: Myrna Allen moved that UNNC adopt and send the letter as presented.

John Arnold seconded.

Vote: 14 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Myrna Allen and John Arnold accepted a friendly amendment from Elizabeth Fenner to



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revise the letter to ask Council President Wesson to introduce a motion addressing these concerns.

2. Community Care Facilities Ordinance – FURTHER DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

The UNNC Planning Committee notes that the municipal code has at least 9 known vague definitions of community housing and rooming houses. As a result, Building and Safety has no clear guidelines on when to judge that a boarding house is being run in single family neighborhoods. We've had an 8 room mansion converted to 30 rooms, 41 sex offenders in a single house, housing for mentally ill veterans, and in all cases, all unlicensed housing without treatment. State law says that licensed group homes do not need to comply with zoning. Sober living homes are not licensed, and do not have a licensing authority. Sober living houses are essentially unregulated. The Community Care Facility proposed ordinance says that a single lease defines a household. However, multiple leases would be considered a boarding house. Boarding houses are allowed in R-3 and above.

Laura Meyers stated that some Supportive Care organizations are arguing that landlords who want to violate the intent of the proposed ordinance could just write daily leases and still have transient populations. She said they also claim that Building and Safety still won't enforce the rules, even if they are clear and unambiguous.

SCAMP and Community Coalition have argued against the ordinance.

Myrna Allen stated that a facility on her street put in 24 residents with multiple issues: parolees with drug addiction problems. The facility was unlicensed but the city paid \$1500 per tenant. So the facility was a very profitable business, but was flouting zoning and licensing requirements.

Sandra Pruitt expressed concern about whether the ordinance might have unintended consequences.

Julia Robinson-Shimizu was concerned that the ordinance could reduce housing availability for individuals who require supervised or assisted living arrangements.

Norman Gilmore was concerned that unlicensed facilities are more likely to provide substandard housing and substandard care. He also expressed his opinion that group housing is more appropriately located in apartments and multi-family buildings, rather than single family homes or duplexes.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC maintain our current position in support of the Community Care Facilities ordinance.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 10 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

Fletcher Kauffman departed the meeting.

B. Committee Reports



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1. UNNC October 2012 Elections – update

Rosalie Preston, Independent Election Administrator, presented some information on the upcoming NC election and strategies for outreach.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

MOTION: Dolores Spears moved to approve the US Bank Statement.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

Vote: 13 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the June 7, 2012 Governing Board Minutes for approval.

MOTION: Betty Phillips moved to accept the minutes with the two corrections noted.

William Hernandez seconded.

Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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

1. Thanks to Dolores for ordering from Rene's on 7th near Lucas.
2. William Hernandez agreed to arrange the food for August.
3. Upcoming events at Benny H. Potter Park

Stevie reminded everyone to visit the new Benny Potter Park.

This coming Saturday, UNNC is paying for the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific Mobile Unit to come out to Benny Potter Park (the first of two visits.)

We should be gearing up to use the park events for outreach.

Stevie Stern reminded everyone that the Leslie Shaw Park in Jefferson Park could still use a steering committee to look at upgrading the amenities in the park. In particular, there is no shade in the park. It was pointed out that Leslie Shaw was an important civil rights leader, and the park could also help tell his story in some way as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Arnold summarized the successful outreach for the Jefferson Park HPOZ, and thanked the board for funding the printing and distribution of the doorhanger.

Dolores Spears announced that construction of housing has begun on the corner of 31st and Western. This is the Mercy Housing apartment project called Jefferson Terrace on the old Fatburger lot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary



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August 6, 2012
Attachments: 2012-2013 Budget.

**United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Budget July 2012 - June 2013**

Approved July 5 2012

Yearly Allocation	\$37,000.00
Rollover	
Total	\$37,000.00

Budget

Category	Annual Total
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Codes

Operations

UTI	Phone Systems	\$300.00
OFF	Office Supplies	\$700.00
RET	Retreat	\$200.00
FAC	Account Review	\$250.00
POS	USPS - Box Rental	\$400.00
COP	Copying	\$1,000.00
	Bus Cards	\$1,000.00
	Sub Total	\$3,850.00

Outreach

MEE	GOV BD Meeting/Refreshment	\$1,200.00
WEB	Website Maint	\$5,300.00
COM	Computer/Software/Supplies/Design	\$2,000.00
ADV	Advertising	\$1,000.00
	GOV BD Funding Approval	\$11,762.50
	Rollover	\$0.00
	Sub Total	\$21,262.50

Community Improvement

	GOV BD Funding Approval	\$11,887.50
	Rollover	
	Sub Total	\$11,887.50
	GRAND TOTAL	\$37,000.00