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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved November 20, 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, Steve Wallis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There will be a community cleanup in the Harvard Heights and West Adams Heights Neighborhoods on October 27.

Taste of Soul is October 20th, from 10 to 7, on Crenshaw from King to Rodeo.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Request For UNNC Support and MOU – regarding the formation of a new Charter School in the West Adams Area (location TBA)- A. Dunlop – ACTION

Andrea Dunlop presented on behalf of a group of parents from the West Adams neighborhoods who are working to form the City School West Adams first through third grade charter school. This parent group is working to start a new bi-lingual charter school (Possibly Spanish and French). They need to finish raising \$250,000, as well as take other steps in getting the charter school approved.

The current board has previously formed five charter schools.



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They are requesting that UNNC support the proposed charter school by entering in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A sample MOU was presented.

Norman Gilmore observed that the MOU expressed a desire for UNNC to make certain commitments, but required nothing of the parent group in return. Thus the MOU was one-sided, and perhaps an MOU was not the best approach.

Norman Gilmore was also concerned that insufficient information was presented about the specific individuals who served as the board of the organization as who the school leaders would be.

Stevie Stern observed that the obligations requested of UNNC, such as access to meetings, were already part of our general obligations to our stakeholders and communities. The MOU, however, would give the appearance that schools had to approach us for this level of access. This would be confusing.

The Executive Committee consensus seemed to be that the Governing Board should consider a general letter of support for certain educational principles, rather than an MOU.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board consider sending a letter addressed to LAUSD expressing UNNC's support of quality education, school choice, parent involvement, and language immersion programs.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

B. Funding Request – Harvard Heights for rebuilding monument at Venice and Westmoreland Blvd. beautification matching grant from LANI – M. DeMan - ACTION

Steve Wallis and Mark DeMan presented a funding request for restoring a granite monument in Harvard Heights, in particular stripping the paint which has accumulated from years of graffiti paint-outs. The monument is on the southeast corner of Venice and Westmoreland. The monument has been painted so many times the lettering is getting filled in.

The Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association is applying to LANI for a neighborhood maintenance grant of \$3000.

The low bidder of two was Spectra Company, for \$4,142 dollars, and Harvard Heights is asking for \$750 from UNNC toward the restoration cost. Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association is committing to \$392 minimum contribution.

Mark DeMan stated that he had spoken with a LANI representative about approving matching funds after the LANI deadline on October 29th, and LANI was amenable to having matching funds approved after the date of grant submission, to accommodate UNNC's Governing Board meeting on November 1st.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to recommend to the Governing Board that UNNC contribute \$750.00 to remove paint and refurbish the granite street monument on the southeast corner of Venice and Westmoreland, including re-grouting, abating lead-based paint materials, applying



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anti-graffiti coating, and related services.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- C. Request for Funding – Leslie Shaw Park In Jefferson Park beautification matching grant from LANI – S. Pruitt – ACTION

Sandra Pruitt asked the board about options for improving Leslie Shaw Park. She suggests that Leslie Shaw would benefit from a canopy over the playground equipment, new playground equipment, and new shade trees.

The scope of the suggested work substantially exceeds what is possible with the UNNC budget and the LANI maintenance grant program.

Sandra was advised to contact Board of Public Works, as well as Herb Wesson and his deputies and ask if Leslie Shaw Park could be the next recipient of Proposition K funds.

- D. Request for Funding – UNNC’s Banners- LANI beautification matching grant – Economic Development Committee – Jess Bravo – ACTION

Jessica Bravo and Andrea Dunlop presented a funding request from the Economic Development committee. During the year, various windstorms damage the street banners that identify various UNNC neighborhoods. The current bid from AAA Banner is \$12,856.25 to print and mount 104 UNNC neighborhood banners.

LANI has said that this project is within their funding guidelines.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC fund \$3214.13, in association with West Adams Heights Neighborhood Association and LANI, for repair and replacement of neighborhood street banners north of the 10 freeway.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC fund \$3214.12, in association with West Adams Avenues and LANI, for repair and replacement of neighborhood street banners south of the 10 freeway.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- E. Request for Funding - Metal HPOZ signs for Jefferson Park HPOZ – LANI beautification matching grant – S. Peckman - ACTION

Steve Peckman, on behalf of Jefferson Park United, presented a funding request for metal signs marking the Jefferson Park HPOZ. Steve noted that Ken Bernstein at Office of Historic Resources has previously noted that the Jefferson Park HPOZ was formed with more community support than he had seen from any other HPOZ.



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The funding request is for \$2472.03 from UNNC, out of a total projected project cost of \$4944.07, to produce and install 26 metal signs.

Jefferson Park United, in cooperation with West Adams Heritage Association and UNNC previously did extensive outreach to all affected properties, with doorhangers in English and Spanish distributed to all affected parcels both before and after the June 2011 adoption of the HPOZ.

There are about 2000 structures within the HPOZ. The funding request is for twenty-six 30" x 30" metal signs. The total cost of the sign manufacturing is \$4944.07. The signs are 30" x 30" metal signs.

Billie Green stated that the city will not allow posting signs on every street entering the HPOZ. Signs may only be posted on major entry streets.

Steve Peckman agreed to get a new quote for nine signs, or whatever number of signs DOT would allow.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC consider funding Jefferson Park HPOZ entry signs.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- F. Review Board Members' absences
This item was tabled.

- G. Plan agenda for next Governing Board meeting
Items noted above will be included on the next Governing Board Agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We discussed the amount of pending funding requests and the remaining budget. The consensus of the Executive Committee was that it would be no problem to spend the Neighborhood Improvement budget down to zero before the end of the fiscal year, since we are fortunate to have a lot of quality projects coming in at once. It was noted that UNNC has a separate budget for all of our regular operating expenses. Spending the Neighborhood Improvement budget to zero would not in any way affect our regular operations.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the September 18, 2012 minutes.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned around 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

October 29, 2012

Attachments: None.