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## UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved April 16, 2013)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Billie Green, Wesley Todd, Norman Gilmore

**Members absent:** Stevie Stern

**Additional UNNC board members present:** John Arnold, Sandra Pruitt, Myrna Allen.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Wesley Todd moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Billie Green announced that the Angelus Vista Neighborhood Association went to the Education and Neighborhoods City Council Committee chaired by Bernard Parks to seek naming approval for their neighborhood. Bernard Parks tabled the request because they had not sought input from UNNC. So this will be a future agenda item for UNNC.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

##### A. Funding Request - Jefferson Park HPOZ Signage - Steve Peckman – ACTION

Steve Peckman, on behalf of Jefferson Park United, presented a funding request for twelve 30"x30" metal signs for the Jefferson Park HPOZ. Jefferson Park HPOZ was approved as an HPOZ in July 2011, with strong community support.

At the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Governing Board meeting, Steve applied to UNNC for funds to be coordinated with a LANI grant request. UNNC approved that request. However, LANI said the proposal was good but they ran out of funds for our area, and the grant request was not awarded. Thus the previously approved UNNC funds were not used/applied.



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This project has been reviewed by the Los Angeles DOT and the vendor and sign specifications are approved by the city.

The signs have FCAL coating which makes them easy to clean with soap and warm water. Most signs will be on traffic signal poles.

One benefit of the signs is to educate realtors about the existence of the HPOZ.

There are letters of support from Councilman Wesson and West Adams Heritage Association.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board fund this request for manufacturing and installing twelve HPOZ signs in Jefferson Park for \$2,379.75.

Wesley Todd seconded.

John Arnold asked what permits would be needed for the signs, and what the specs and warranty are on the signs. Steve Peckman said that DOT told him permits are only needed for putting the sign up for traffic safety. The signs are supposed to be essentially indestructible.

The city approved vendor that provided the quote is Maneri Sign Company, Inc., which has 30 years of sign manufacturing experience.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- B. Funding Request – project to rehabilitate the deteriorated window films on the Jefferson Park Library at 2211 W. Jefferson Boulevard – Khaldoon Khaireddin – ACTION

Khaldoon Khaireddin presented a funding request for the Jefferson Park Library. Since the library was renovated more than 15 years ago, the window film on the front windows has become very faded and scratched. It is very unattractive, and also a safety concern since it is not as transparent as it was and it is hard to identify who is near the front door.

The funding request for UNNC is \$2,950 out of a total project budget of \$4,950. Architecture firm Killefer Flammang has pledged \$1500. They plan to raise an additional \$500 separately.

The project is supported by John Frank, the Jefferson Park branch Librarian, and Herb Wesson.

A to Z Glass & Mirror is the city approved vendor, and the quote is \$4,950. They will be specifying the highest possible quality window film. There will also be a plastic holder that will allow the posting of public notices to be visible through the window.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board fund replacement of the protective window film at the Jefferson Park Branch Library for up to \$2,950, including necessary supplies, labor and mounting frames that enable easy posting of notices that can be read by anyone standing outside the library at the front window.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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## C. Funding Request – Beautification project in Arlington Heights – Wanda Green – ACTION

Handled out of order after Item E.

Wanda Green of Avenues Neighborhood Watch (ANWA) is trying to get a handle on the trash problem in their area.

They meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Washington Irving Library.

They presented a funding request for \$759.39 for equipment like shears and rakes, safety items like vests, and expendables like trash bags.

Sylvia Lacy of Council District 10 was able to review the list of equipment items requested during the discussion. The Council office can provide some of these items, but cannot provide any custom items.

We identified the items that the Council Office volunteered to provide and deleted them from the request.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board consider funding the following items for up to \$563.00: bundle of 50 pairs of gloves, one pick up pin stick, two reacher pick up tools, six helmets, 25 caps with the ANWA logo, 15 ANSI safety vests, and a plastic storage bin.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## D. Funding Request – Outreach project in Arlington Heights – Wanda Green – ACTION

Handled out of order after Item E.

Wanda Green and Myrna Allen presented a funding request for yard signs.

One sign would say “Avenues Neighborhood Watch & Association of Historic Arlington Heights – Your Neighbors Working to Remove Blight”.

The other sign would say “ANWA Neighborhood Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm – Washington Irving Library 4117 Blvd at Bronson Ave.”

Billie Green strongly recommended that they just get the meeting announcement signs, because that would lead more people to the block club meetings, who they could then recruit for cleanups.

We discussed ways to re-word the sign so it would be easier to read by people driving down the street. We also recommended that the typefaces and font sizes be varied to maximize legibility of the key information.

We mentioned that we would like the UNNC logo on it as well.

They got a quote for \$25 per sign for 24” x 18” for two signs.



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Norman asked about having the signs double-sided with Spanish on one side.

We asked that they update the quote with the new quantity and specs.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board consider funding up to ten yard signs announcing ANWA meetings for up to \$250.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

E. LA Native/Palms Neighborhood Council Requesting Support from UNNC for sustainable native landscaping of the Crenshaw Line – Charles Miller – ACTION

Charles Miller presented a plan to advocate for native landscaping on the Crenshaw light rail line, as part of his work with LA Native Coalition ([www.LANative.org](http://www.LANative.org)). He is also the Chair of the Green Committee of the Palms Neighborhood Council.

Previously, this group advocated for native landscaping for Expo Phase 2, and this was supported by the Audubon Society, the city of Santa Monica, and the neighborhood councils along Expo Phase 2.

Currently, Metro uses non-native, tropical exotics. He says that plants currently used in Metro landscaping use seven times more water than native plants.

Charles offered six reasons to support native plants for landscaping along the Crenshaw line.

#1 Twenty percent of the energy used in California is used to move water.

Using natives reduces water pollution. Of the 6000 native species, none require fertilizer. California soils have low nitrogen levels. Non-native species require fertilizer. One of the top three causes of pollution in the Santa Monica Bay and Ballona Wetlands is fertilizer runoff.

#2 Currently, the county is in violation of federal run-off standards.

#3 In the last 50 years we have lost 90% of our native song birds and native butterflies. Every single native butterfly species has butterfly caterpillars that can only eat our native plants. The primary food source for native baby birds is the native caterpillars that eat the native plants. Within a generation, we could be left with just crows, pigeons, and gulls, the scavenger birds. No native plants, no native song birds.

#5 The non-native plants use more water, and grow faster. So they have to be trimmed more often, and so more green-waste goes to local landfills.

#6 Our culture and history are related to our native plants. Hollywood is even named after a native plant.

He is asking that neighborhood councils and the City of Inglewood to support native plants along the Crenshaw light rail line.



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Metro created the Expo Authority to build the Expo line. The Expo Authority did agree to use 90% natives on Expo phase 2. They kept the ginkgo biloba as the signature tree and the station tree is the mexican fan palm.

Charles has been told by Metro that this process is early enough that the Crenshaw line would be able to incorporate native plants into their designs.

The Urban Design Committee, which advised Expo Rail, also moved to support natives twice, most recently in January.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board consider recommending to Metro that Metro adopt a landscaping plan with 100% native plants for the Crenshaw line.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

F. Review Board Members' absences

Ed Turner has been unable to attend recent meetings for health reasons.

No one else has three consecutive absences.

G. Plan agenda for next Governing Board meeting

Items noted above will be included on the next Governing Board Agenda.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Wesley Todd doesn't think we will have funds to complete all the projects under consideration.

Wesley Todd is still waiting for LANI to re-cut the check for the banners grant.

Billie Green reported that AAA Flag won't invoice for any project until the permit is approved by the City Council. The City Council just finished approving the motion for the banners. The next step is for AAA Flag to verify that everything is in order with the city and they can issue the invoice.

Since we are no longer paying for the Sprint wireless internet, but our MailChimp has gone up, Norman needs to recalculate how much we will have unused in the computer and services budget.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

We need to have a special meeting to review the proposed bylaws sent by Grace Liu, the head of DONE.

Norman made a redline showing changes, and Grace Liu made substantial alterations which have not been reviewed or approved by UNNC.

## NEW BUSINESS

Billie Green had comments on the ethics training. She said that Carmen Hawkins said that we should put the amount people are asking for on funding requests on the agendas.



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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Wesley Todd moved to approve the February 19, 2013 minutes as presented.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned around 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

March 19, 2013

Attachments: None.