



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

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## UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved May 21, 2013)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

**Members absent:** None.

**Additional UNNC board members present:** None.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donna Jones noted that the new crosswalk light at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Adams will be officially opened on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The light will be a big help to the organizations along that section, including Frederick-Douglass High School and Holman.

May 5<sup>th</sup> is Big Sunday, and Donna Jones announced that West Adams Avenues neighbors can bring large items to dump in a big dumpster. Anthony Carter and his wife won a city contest for the free dumpster.

Billie Green said the cleanup that Vince is planning for Washington and Venice is being pushed to July.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

##### A. Funding Request for South Seas House Summer Camp - ACTION

Donna Jones presented a funding request for the South Seas House Summer Camp. This program is staffed and run by the Department of Recreation and Parks.



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It is a nine week program including arts and crafts, field trips, games, sports, and swimming. It goes from June 10 to August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The funding request is for \$936.50 for craft supplies and sporting goods for the summer camp. Some items can be re-used, like hula-hoops and boogie-boards, and some items like craft supplies will be used up.

An itemized list with about 35 items, including SKU, price and quantity was presented.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board approve funding for up to \$936.50 for sporting goods and craft supplies for the South Seas House Summer Camp program.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## B. Funding Request for Community Event With neighboring NC's for helping the Homeless - Steven Meeks – ACTION

Handled after Item C.

Steven Meeks said that he participated in the Homeless count, but felt that it was ineffective. He wants to address the issue of mental health and homelessness in our community.

He wants to work on an outreach event that would provide assistance to homeless people in our community. He wanted to propose an event on Crenshaw that would be put on by the West Adams NC and UNNC.

He was suggesting that the costs involved would be for food, toilets, and flyers and advertising.

Norman asked what the “theory of change” would be. He said there are many sub-populations of homeless, including veterans, those with mental illness, those in economic distress, and substance abusers. In Norman’s opinion, a one-time event would be most likely to be able to reach those in economic distress.

Stevie Stern suggested that Steven ask agencies for their ideas about what kind of program would work.

Steven is inquiring with LAHSA, Chrysalis, and the Dreamcenter for program ideas that are known to work, but is still waiting to hear back.

Stevie Stern also asked about how one would go about doing outreach to people living in their cars.

The committee encouraged Mr. Meeks to continue researching programs that have been shown to work in the field.

## C. Proposal for “You have the UNNC President’s ear” outreach - ACTION



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Stevie Stern proposed setting up an informal program where she would periodically spend a couple hours at the Washington Boulevard Starbucks with the UNNC signage and answer questions about the community and how to get involved.

The other members of the executive committee thought this was a great idea. Norman suggested that Stevie work on a slogan that encouraged positive interaction rather than merely creating a forum for complaints that UNNC may not be able to address. For example, “What are your concerns?” would engage stakeholders to talk, but might lead to just complaints. The conversations should ultimately have a goal of empowering the stakeholder to get involved in the community. Stevie may also want to provide opportunities for stakeholders to say what they think the strengths of their community are.

Norman suggested that Jeff Camp is really great with marketing slogans and that Stevie should run this by him for his ideas on how to pitch it.

## D. Review By-laws – ACTION

UNNC last approved changes to its bylaws on June 2, 2011. Most of the changes made were to accommodate the City Clerk’s desired election timing and rules from the 2010 election, as well as clarifying terminology. Grayce Liu at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has since reviewed our bylaws, and requested that we incorporate additional changes.

The secretary projected a redline version of the bylaws showing the changes made to the UNNC approved bylaws by Grayce Liu. The executive committee went through reviewing the changes.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board adopt the bylaw changes proposed by Grayce Liu, with the following additional changes:

In Article V Section 7: Absences, remove the word “automatically” and in the second sentence change “will be asked” to “may be asked” as shown:

A Board member may ~~automatically~~ be removed due to absenteeism of more than three (3) consecutive absences from regular Board meetings. A Board member who has been absent for more than three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings ~~will~~ may be asked to appear before the Board and a two-third (2/3) vote is required for removal of the errant Board member.

In Article V Section 9: Change Secretary to President as follows:

The ~~Secretary~~President shall then have the matter placed on the agenda for a vote of the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board.

In Article VII: Delete the initial sentence as follows:

~~All committees.....shall be made of up members that are appointed by the Board.~~

In Article VII Section 3, change existing paragraph 3(B) to 3(C).



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In Article VII Section 3, insert a new Section 3(B) as follows. "The Board shall establish the rules for Committee membership in the Standing Rules."

In Article XIII, add a new sentence at the end:

Any Bylaw Amendment not approved or disapproved by the Department within one month of submission for review shall be deemed approved.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

We reviewed the Standing Rules, and noted that some portions are now duplicated within the bylaws and should be removed from the Standing Rules.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved that to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board amend the Standing Rules to remove Section 3: Roles of Governing Board Members within the Community, and renumber the following sections accordingly.

Wesley Todd seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

E. Review Board Members' absences

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

Billie will follow up with Ed Turner.

No one else has three consecutive absences.

F. Plan agenda for next Governing Board meeting

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off for demand warrants as we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhood Councils may have access to checking accounts next year instead of the demand warrant system. The card cuts off around June 15<sup>th</sup> to about the first week of July.

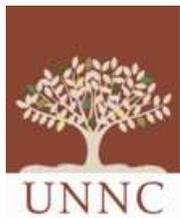
At our next meeting we need to vote on a resolution to re-allocate budget amounts.

Norman and Wesley will draft a board resolution to re-allocate budget amounts to match current funding authorized by the board.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

John Arnold is going to coordinate design of the LaSalle Monument.

Norman will schedule a meeting late in the afternoon on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for the web-site ad-hoc committee.



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## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

We will discuss the 2013-2014 budget at the May meeting.

Stevie Stern said that the librarian at the Washington Irving Library said she could use a screen and projector. She is checking with the library hierarchy to see if she can apply for a UNNC Grant.

Norman Gilmore will contact Recreation and Parks Foundation to find out how UNNC can transfer money for the future Leslie Shaw Park upgrades.

Billie Green asked if we could get a letter for Angelus Vista to support having signs with the name of their community. The name of the community "Angelus Vista" is on the original tract maps. The city process was held up in the Education and Neighborhood City Council Committee, as Councilman Parks wanted to get the opinion of the Neighborhood Council. This will be an item on next month's Governing Board agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned around 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

April 25, 2013

Attachments: None.