



# 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, May 2, 2013  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved June 27, 2013)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Stevie Stern opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** John Arnold, Bettye Smith-Anderson, Anthony Carter, Chris Carlson, Laura Meyers, Jess Bravo, Ed Turner, Roy Amemiya, Elizabeth Fenner, William Hernandez, Jeff Camp, Betty Walton, Carlton Stubbs, Fletcher Kauffman, Myrna Allen, Sandra Pruitt, Betty Phillips, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore, Stevie Stern. (20 total).

**Members absent:** Dolores Spears, Andrea Dunlop, Wesley Todd. (3 total).

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved to approve the agenda with Item 4, Expo Improvements tabled until next month, and correcting 9A to state that the March 2013 minutes will be presented for approval.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandra Pruitt reported that the Jefferson Park sign lighting project has not been completed. Billie Green stated that Rev. Marzette has been delayed by personal issues from working on the lighting project.

Prescott Mid-City Magnet appreciated being able to display the UNNC funded murals at their school.

Ed Turner said he was delighted to be back and to see everyone.

Betty Walton thanked Billie Green for attending Bob Buchanan's funeral. He has been a longtime activist in our community (since 1968), and lived on Cimarron.

Roy Amemiya, co-chair of the Wilshire CPAB, attended a downtown meeting with all the CPAB co-chairs with Chief Beck and Mr. Paysinger. They encouraged NCs to cooperate more on public safety issues.



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Roy Amemiya also reported that there have been a rash of shootings at Queen Anne Park and a homicide in the Avenues, as well as a shooting today. May 4<sup>th</sup> there is a gun buyback.

Jeff Camp said the new 311 app for the iPhone and Android was awesome. You can request bulky item pickup, report graffiti by using your phone to take a photo and even pay your DWP bills using the app. William Hernandez and Jess Bravo agreed it was great.

Fred Quintana, Policy Director, introduced himself. He is our liaison to LAUSD school board member Hon. Dr. Richard Vladovic, from LAUSD Board of Education District 7. Marguerite LaMotte and Bennet(sp?) are other board members that may overlap UNNC. Please contact him at [freddie.quintana@lausd.net](mailto:freddie.quintana@lausd.net) or 213-241-6385.

Fred Quintana responded to concerns about LACES funding applications that were not timely processed, resulting in loss of funds. This was related to a state deadline called the "Norm date." The district hadn't reconciled some reports, thus missing the deadline. This resulted in a loss of about \$300,000 in federal Title I funds for this year.

Anthony Carter announced that the West Adams Avenue Block Club will be participating in Big Sunday, the annual day of community volunteering. They are happy to have volunteers join them. Go to <http://bigsunday.org/> for information.

Donna Jones announced that the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue light and crosswalk has been opened and the students are now able to cross the street safely. Thanks to Council President Herb Wesson for his support.

## **COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 UPDATE**

No report today.

## **PROPOSED STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR EXPOSITION BOULEVARD ALONG THE EXPO RAIL – DISCUSSION and ACTION**

The new trees will be a mixture of evergreen and deciduous.

Postponed.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Funding Request for \$936.50 to purchase craft supplies and sporting goods for the South Seas House summer camp – Donna Jones, South Seas House Park Advisory Board – ACTION

Carlton Stubbs recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting since he is the Director of the South Seas House.

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.

It is a nine week program including arts and crafts, field trips, games, sports, and swimming. It goes from June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. There are day trips to local places in the community.



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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.

They are also participating in the summer writing program with USC Engineering regarding uses of the neighboring Green house.

West Adams Avenues is also contributing. to this program.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board approve funding for up to \$936.50 for sporting goods, crafts and supplies for the South Seas House Summer Camp program Betty Walton seconded.

There is a fee charged by Recreation & Parks for the class, possibly \$80 a week.

Children as young as 5 years old can now participate. About 80 kids are able to participate. They have about 8 counselors and 10 kids per counselor.

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

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, 1 recusal.

Carlton Stubbs returned.

B. Letter of Support for Angelus Vista neighborhood to receive City signage designating its boundaries – ACTION

Billie Green reported that Angelus Vista had presented a request to have city signs put up for Angelus Vista, from Washington to Pico, from Arlington

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.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC write a letter to Councilman Parks committee stating UNNC support for the Angelus Vista neighborhood signs.

Jeff Camp seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

C. Review and Approve Bylaws and Standing Rules – ACTION

Billie Green reminded the board that we last updated our board bylaws in June 2011. DONE reviewed the UNNC changes and made extensive additional changes.

Stevie Stern noted that most of the changes were re-arranging the sections and clarifying the language, presumably to make it uniform between Neighborhood Councils. Some parts were moved from the Standing Rules to the Bylaws as well.



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Billie Green left.

**MOTION:** Roy Amemiya moved that UNNC table consideration of the bylaw changes until next month.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

- D. Board Resolution to re-allocate funds within our current line item budget from one budget category to another in order to cover end-of-fiscal-year funding requests – ACTION.

Norman Gilmore presented a resolution to approve the re-allocation of UNNC Budget amounts from the Operations account surplus to the Outreach and Community Improvement budgets.

(Resolution attached.)

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to adopt the resolution presented.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

Vote: 19 in favor, none opposed, none abstaining.

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Planning & Zoning – Meyers

1. Proposed New West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan Revision – Review the recommendations and action taken by the Planning Commission at the hearing on April 11th - ACTION

Item handled out-of-order after item 3 below.

There was a Planning Commission Hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Staff had accepted none of UNNC's recommendations made in January 2013.

Laura Meyers, Stevie Stern and others attended the hearing to restate UNNC's positions to the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission did not ask staff to make the changes requested by UNNC.

The Planning Commission moved it forward to City Council, and did not ask staff to make any changes.

**MOTION:** The UNNC Planning & Zoning Committee recommends that UNNC ask the City Council to downzone and adopt initiatives that would conserve west Jefferson Park and Arlington Heights.

Myrna Allen seconded.

The Planning Commission rejected the exemption to the rules preventing over-concentration of standalone fast food ordinance in CD10.

Laura Meyers reported that she heard that the Planning Commission has asked Planning staff to review residential neighborhoods for downzoning. However, she notes this could take 20 years. We would want this in the next six months.



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Ed Turner departed.  
Betty Walton departed.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC write a letter to Herb Wesson and copy the city council requesting that the area from Crenshaw to 11<sup>th</sup>, from Jefferson to Montclair and 29<sup>th</sup>, be designated as R-2.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC write a letter to Herb Wesson and copy the City Council requesting that from Arlington to Crenshaw (excluding the east side of Crenshaw), from Pico to the 10 freeway, be downzoned as much as feasible, on a per block basis, and that a special planning district be adopted that includes limitations on joining lots and requires that new construction be compatible with existing character of the neighborhood.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 18 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC request removal of the recommendation in SurveyLA that Arlington Heights not be considered for an HPOZ, or alternatively, UNNC requests that the SurveyLA report should state that further research is required to establish whether Arlington Heights can be an HPOZ, and further that UNNC does not believe it is appropriate for SurveyLA recommendations become attached as CEQA recommendations.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 17 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that we write CD 10 and the planning department that character buildings contribute to the community and they should be conserved, and UNNC has concerns if only designated buildings and SurveyLA are referenced, since SurveyLA did not survey ANY building that sits within existing HPOZs, and has not surveyed Washington Boulevard, which would therefore not be shown as historic or culturally significant.

Myrna Allen seconded.

Vote: 16 in favor, 2 opposed, no abstentions.

2. Newly proposed development at 3101 W. Venice Boulevard (at Arlington) with 48 units of housing for Homeless Veterans and Individuals with an income of 30% of Area Median Income – ACTION

Laura Meyers and Betty Walton have been shown the plans.

Armen Ross, the representative for the applicant, said that the developer and non-profit are preparing a formal presentation for both UNNC Planning and Land Use and for the UNNC Governing Board meeting. They would like to present at UNNC's June meetings and ask that we continue this item to the next meeting.

Armen Ross says the project can be done "by right" as they currently understand it. At



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this time, they do not believe an entitlement application will be necessary.

Armen Ross says the building is expected to be two stories. 47 units will be for people with special needs. 25% of the units will be for veterans.

Laura Meyers invited board members to the Planning & Zoning committee meeting if they want to learn more about this project before the next board meeting.

**MOTION:** Carlton Stubbs moved to table this item until next month.  
Ed Turner seconded.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, two abstentions.

3. ZA 86-1092(CUZ)(PA1), ENV 2013-435-CE - 1818 South Western Avenue -Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.24-M of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, an Approval of Plans to allow the co-location of a new wireless telecommunications facility with an existing wireless telecommunications facility, including the installation of ten panel antennas, six 8-foot antennas, four 6-foot antennas to be flush mounted to the exterior of the building and enclosed with RF-transparent screening painted to match the building; installation of ten equipment cabinets mounted on a steel platform on the roof the building; installation of twenty-one Remote radio units to the backside of the roof parapet wall and one new GPS antenna on the roof of a multi-story medical building in the [Q]C2-1-HPOZ Zone. A Zoning Administrator hearing on the matter is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m., in Los Angeles City Hall, Room 1020, 200 North Spring Street.- DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Laura Meyers said that this building is a non-contributor to the Harvard Heights HPOZ.

In the 1998 historic survey, it was outside the period of significance and cultural significance was not evaluated.

Tim Miller of Trillium Consulting, representing AT&T, presented photos of the building and identified the locations where antennas would be attached.

The antennas would be on three sides, and would extend 20 inches out from the building wall. The screen will be painted to match the building exterior as closely as possible.

Their intent is to center the bump-outs on each facing wall.

A different antenna is used for 3G, UMTS, and 4G. As people move to 4G, it is possible that they remove antennas that support older technology.

The leases are for 25 years.

Laura Meyers said that this was given a categorical exemption from the HPOZ because the building is a non-contributor.

Interestingly, a separate structure such as a fake palm would be required to get HPOZ approval.





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Laura Meyers would prefer that this get a Mitigated Negative Declaration rather than a Categorical Exemption. The MND could require that the antennas be removed and the façade restored once they are no longer used.

Currently T-Mobile has antennas on the roof of the building.

Laura Meyers reported that the committee recommended that UNNC recommend considering a new roof mount structure (It is now understood this won't work due to T-Mobile siting.)

**MOTION:** Myrna Allen moved that UNNC request that AT&T explore the option of exploring a new rooftop structure on which these wireless facilities can be installed and that such structure be designed so that it's reversible.  
Betty Walton seconded.

Tim Miller explained that the above motion would result in much more noticeable antennas.

Billie Green returned.

Vote: none in favor, 17 opposed, 2 abstentions.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC ask the Zoning Administrator that this application be given a Mitigated Negative Declaration with a requirement that the installation be reversible and can be removed when no longer needed and that UNNC believes that whether or not the building is a designated historic resource, UNNC regards it as a cultural resource as well as a visual icon for our community, and that any further colocations be equally sensitive to the architecture and reversible as well.  
Myrna Allen seconded.  
Vote: 18 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved to approve the April 22, 2013 US Bank Statement.  
John Arnold seconded.  
Vote: Approved unanimously.

## MINUTES

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes with the corrections noted on page 9.  
Fletcher Kauffman seconded.  
Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.



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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

### A. President's outreach

Stevie Stern proposed that she have a President's outreach where she spends time at the Washington & Crenshaw Starbucks and engage with UNNC stakeholders and their questions.

She will let us know when the first President's outreach gets scheduled.

We haven't heard confirmation from SLAANC on the Mayoral debate as they are awaiting confirmation from Wendy Gruehl.

If confirmed, it will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### B. New, Continuing, and Old Business

Thanks to Carlton Stubbs for arranging the food tonight from Taqueria Los Anaya on West Adams near Buckingham.

Sandra Pruitt volunteered to arrange food for June.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Carlson said they are filming Townies in Western Heights. It is the first full length feature to be shot entirely in Los Angeles in years. Chris Carlson noted that a weed filled lot is right in the middle of their process. We should ask the city to clean it up, but the no-longer existing CRA owns the lot. There is no CRA maintenance contract on this lot. CD10 calls Clean & Green to take care of this lot.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

Corrected July 6, 2013

Attachments: UNNC 2012-2013 Budget Amendment.





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May 2, 2013

We, Stevie Stern and Wesley Todd, declare that we are the President and Treasurer respectively of the United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (“UNNC”), and that on May 2, 2013 a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by UNNC with a quorum of \_\_\_ board members present and that by a vote of 19 yes, none opposed, and no abstentions, UNNC adopted the following resolution:

UNNC hereby adopts the following changes to the UNNC Fiscal 2012-2013 budget:

1. Transfer of \$1,741.75 from Budget Account#1000 “Operations” to Budget Account#3000 “Outreach & Events: Gov Bd Funding Approval”.
2. Transfer of \$286.75 from Budget Account#5000 “Website Maint + Computer/Software/Supplies/Design” to Budget Account#2000 “Community Improvement”.
3. Transfer of \$379.75 from Budget Account#6000 “Business Cards” to Budget Account#2000 “Community Improvement”.
4. Transfer of \$1,052.75 from Budget Account#1000 “Operations” to Budget Account#2000 “Community Improvement”.

The UNNC Governing Board hereby resolves that any Governing Board vote to spend remaining funds on outreach or community improvement through June 2013 shall have the simultaneous intent and effect of designating funds from any UNNC budget account with surplus funds to be transferred to the respective outreach or community improvement account requiring such funds.

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Stevie Stern  
President

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Date

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Wesley Todd  
Treasurer

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Date