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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved February 18, 2014)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:14 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore, Fletcher Kauffman.

Members absent: None.

Additional UNNC board members present: Sandra Pruitt, Jeff Camp, Marius Stelly, Dolores Spears.

Audience at start of meeting: 9.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the agenda.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacklyn (Kelly) Perez, a resident of 2nd Ave and Pico in Arlington Heights, stated that she felt there should be some outreach to educate dog owners about cleaning up after their dogs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

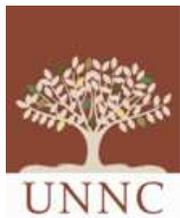
- A. Interview for At Large member appointment on UNNC board – ACTION

UNNC is interviewing candidates for the At-Large seat vacated by Roy Amemiya.

Krishna (Chris) McCain presented himself as a candidate for the seat. He has lived in the neighborhood since 1966 and attended school in the neighborhood.

He feels he is good at and can contribute by doing person-to-person outreach and mediating in the neighborhood.

Helen Chaudhuri presented herself as a candidate for the At-Large seat.



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She collected signatures to address concerns about the Murphy Oil site. She is interested in cleanup and beautification aspects. She is also interested in Planning & Zoning. She has a degree in environmental science and she does graphic design.

Rosie Brown presented herself as a candidate for the At-Large seat.

She has lived in Jefferson Park for 40 some years. She has been attending the Planning & Zoning and UNNC Governing Board meetings regularly. She is a member of the Outreach Committee and she participated in the Leslie Shaw Park toy give away.

She has volunteered for youth football and cheer organizations, recently resigning as President of the youth organization so she can put more time into the Neighborhood Council.

Michelle Kennedy presented herself as a candidate for the At-Large seat. She is Associate Director of Strategic Actions for a Just Economy. She recently moved to Jefferson Park. She has a six year old daughter. She has served in board roles in several organizations. She has worked to get safety and health policies adopted by the city council where she previously lived.

Billie Green noted that there will be five At-Large seats up for election as well as resident representatives and the filing period begins soon.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to appoint Rosie Brown to the At-Large board seat vacated by Roy Amemiya.

Fletcher Kauffman seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

B. Funding Request – UNNC Tote Bags for outreach – Billie Green - ACTION

Several years ago UNNC ordered canvas shopping bags with the UNNC logo for outreach, and these were very popular. Now the city has a plastic shopping bag ban, and we are seeing our UNNC bags out in the wild more and more.

In 2008, UNNC bought 2500 bags, which was a 6 year supply.

We are almost out of our supply of bags that we ordered in 2008.

They are \$3.50 a bag if we order 800 canvas shopping bags for a total of \$3,052.

MOTION: Billie Green moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC spend up to \$5000 including tax to purchase canvas bags with a unit price of \$3.50 each which have the UNNC logo and contact information.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Stevie Stern suggested that the total amount be increased to \$5000. This would allow purchasing a little over 1400 Canvas bags.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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- C. Master Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and related subsequent cases 2126 West Adams Boulevard - Further discussion and updates re: Current oil drilling activities at the Murphy Controlled Drill Site (located at Gramercy, and at 27th, Kinney Heights and Jefferson Park) not previously noticed (or noticed timely) by Planning Department to UNNC or CD 10 – DISCUSSION and ACTION

Stevie Stern reported that there is no oil drilling going on at the Murphy Oil Site, and that Building & Safety is inspecting the site twice daily.

If anyone calls Council District 10 with a report of activity at the site then Council District 10 office will send someone from Building & Safety to inspect.

Council President Herb Wesson has put a resolution before the City Council requesting a moratorium on drilling at the Murphy site.

Michael Salman lives on 4th Ave at Adams near the Murphy site. He said LA County has a Community Standard District which regulates the Baldwin Hills oil field. It was set up in 2008 and amended in 2011 after NRDC brought more lawsuits. It has the tightest regulation of any land based oil field in the state.

The web page for the Community Standard District (CSD) is very informative about the regulations, and can be found on the LA County website. The CSD website maintains a record of complaints, and is a clearinghouse of information that is available. Mr. Salman suggests it as a good framework for the city of Los Angeles to emulate.

In contrast, at the Allenco site and the Murphy site, he feels there is no long term solution, since eventually the injunction will be addressed and lifted. The Allenco case is specific, and will not establish a citywide standard. Also, the resolution introduced by Herb Wesson does not include a reference to any specific standards.

Mr. Salman suggests that the noise regulations, air pollution regulations, work time regulations, notification regulations, complaint archive and more are good solid regulations to adopt by the City of Los Angeles. It has already been vetted by lawsuits.

Mr. Salman also stated that certain ongoing maintenance activities at Murphy Oil site are critical for the ongoing health and safety of the community.

Erin Steva, a policy analyst with Community Health Council, says that CHC works on the Inglewood oil field issue and she sits on a related board.

She said that CHC would like to participate in any way they can to assist with the oil field policy and code issues.

Michelle Kennedy, who worked with Esperanza Housing and People Not Posas on the Allenco project, stated that there are community groups with deep roots on this issue who can participate in developing policy and advocate for change, including in ways that neighborhood councils are limited from addressing. She said local organizations will use the St. Johns mobile clinic to gather air quality data, and Esperanza will gather some baseline health survey data.



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Chris McCain noted that he had 15 years of experience in oil field environmental compliance. He thought it was unusual for an oil field to buy such a nice permanent oil vapor destruction equipment. In his experience it was indicative of AQMD noting multiple previous failures and requiring a major fix.

Michael Salman noted that it was very serious that the oil field representatives failed to disclose the new drilling at early community meetings.

Norman Gilmore noted that UNNC could designate an Oil-Field Information Clearinghouse Ad-Hoc committee, if a board or community member were interested in leading it and UNNC defined a suitable mission for such a committee.

D. Jefferson Park Sign Lighting Project – Update – ACTION

Stevie Stern reported that the DWP inspector has escalated the project to the next step, which means he has approved the power distribution and meter connections. William Holden of Greencrest has an electrician preparing new drawings and is applying for new permits.

E. Discuss Letter to DONE regarding Funding paperwork – ACTION

Postponed until next month.

F. 2014 Elections - Review and discussion of Elections issues, outreach, materials and budget – ACTION

Stevie Stern reported: Monday February 24th is the beginning of candidate filing.

March 19th is candidate information meeting.

March 26th is candidate filing end.

May 8th is candidate meet and greet.

Saturday May 10th is our election.

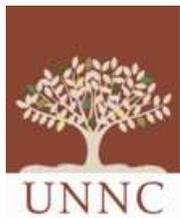
The Election Outreach committee discussed expenses. They will ask for funds for two ads in Neighborhood News. They expect to need \$1,545 dollars for 20,000 door-hangers in English and Spanish. They are budgeting \$500 for door-hanger design. \$1,375 for one Walkingman Distribution. \$100 for refreshments at the meet and greet and at the election. The total comes to \$4,070.66. They are also investigating a 4x6 postcard format. Stevie thinks that would be about \$200 for printing. So the total is about \$4,200.00.

UNNC has budgeted \$8,000.00 for election outreach in 2013-2014.

So the Outreach committee can afford to do a separate doorhanger for Call-for-Candidates and Voting announcement.

There is only about \$400 left in the UNNC Outreach budget.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend that the UNNC Governing Board transfer up to \$5000 from the Neighborhood Improvement budget to the Outreach budget sufficient to pay for the UNNC logo canvas shopping bags.



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Fletcher Kauffman seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

Stevie Stern reviewed the copy proposed for the UNNC and MINC joint ad in the Neighborhood News and requested comments.

The publisher of Neighborhood News has agreed to provide a proof of the ad before going to press.

G. Review Board Members' absences.
Myrna Allen has missed meetings.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

DONE is asking us to retroactively generate replacement reports for 2012-2013 according to different rules and standards that were in place at the time.

Norman Gilmore will send a blank California Public Records Request to Jeff Camp so that we can request all records that DONE has previously received from UNNC related to accounting records for 2012-2013.

Norman Gilmore will send the Monthly Expenditure Reports to Fletcher Kauffman and Jeff Camp to sign.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Norman Gilmore is going to work on the draft bylaw amendment for making the Signatory a backup officer.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Gilmore presented the minutes for approval.

MOTION: Stevie Stern moved to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes.

Fletcher Kauffman seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned around 9:19 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
February 19, 2014 (fix typos)
Attachment: None.