



# 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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Monday, March 17, 2014  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved April 15, 2014)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Jeff Camp, Stevie Stern, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore.

**Members absent:** Fletcher Kauffman.

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

Audience at start of meeting: 1

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to approve the agenda.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Billie Green said that West Adams Heights neighbor OV Smith died on Saturday at age 99. She was the founder of "Willing Workers" and she was an advocate for the disabled.

Stevie Stern attended the WAHA HPOZ mini-conference. About 30 people attended and it was very productive. UNNC participated in this event and UNNC support was graciously acknowledged.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Funding Request – Two Neighborhood Purposes Grants, for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary and Carson Gore Academy of Environmental Studies to support the Garden Ranger Programing at each school. Which offers students the opportunity to engage in outdoor, hands on learning, developing a connection with source of healthy/natural foods – Enrich LA – ACTION

Tomás O’Grady presented a funding request for supporting educational gardens at two schools in the UNNC area: Carson-Gore and Sixth Avenue. He is the Executive Director of Enrich LA, a non-profit. [www.enrichla.org](http://www.enrichla.org)



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Sixth Avenue School has established their ability to consistently maintain a garden space.

Carson-Gore has raised \$6000 for a garden which will be installed this weekend. EnrichLA has been able to work effectively with LAUSD and LADBS. EnrichLA is already working with fifty schools.

Sixth Avenue School has 700+ students and Carson-Gore has 650+ students who will have the opportunity to be engaged with the garden to learn about nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship. Approximately 84% of children at these schools qualify for free or reduced fee lunches.

EnrichLA is asking UNNC to fund a Garden Ranger program. The Garden Ranger program delivers a ranger every week for approximately four hours with about 2.5 hours dedicated to education and the remainder for care, troubleshooting, administration, and upkeep of the school garden. This involves a lot of schlepping, digging, and sweating.

EnrichLA is the largest school garden non-profit in the city of Los Angeles. The gardening lessons correspond to Common Core curriculum standards. LAUSD has adopted Common Core.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC fund up to \$5000 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the EnrichLA Garden Ranger program for Carson-Gore and Sixth Avenue Elementaries, which will support a weekly Garden Ranger visit at each school for one year.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## B. Approval for change of Budget line item for Operations for Web Site Administration – ACTION

Our webmaster service provider has sent us a letter requesting an increase in the monthly service fee from \$300/month to \$350/month. He spends 8-9 hours a month updating the website calendar, community new/links, the home page and election info.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved to recommend to the Governing Board that UNNC increase the monthly payment for maintenance to \$350/month.

Jeff Camp seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## C. Proposed budget priorities to be issued by South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Letter -(SAANC) – ACTION

Item C was heard out of order after Item E.

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved that UNNC support the SLAANC letter dated January 16, 2014 to Mayor Garcetti outlining recommended city budget priorities, amended to show that restoration of Neighborhood Council funding to \$50,000 a year is a number one priority.

Stevie Stern seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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- D. Consideration of Council File No. 13-1152-S1 - Motion to “prepare an ordinance to change the zoning code to prohibit all activity associated with well stimulation, including, but not limited to, hydraulic fracturing, gravel packing, and acidizing, or any combination thereof, and the use of waste disposal injection wells, in the City of Los Angeles...” - Harbor Gateway N.C. requests that UNNC support its Community Impact Statement and position on this proposed ordinance. The Council resolution includes a request for a comprehensive study, and a moratorium on these activities until the City Council is assured that such activities will not interfere with clean water, overall health of the citizens and can mitigate against seismic or subsidence impacts. – ACTION

This item is postponed pending a recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee.

- E. Case No. ZA-2013-3644-ZAA, 1522 South Crenshaw Blvd. - Reconsideration of: Proposed conversion of a recreation room into a dwelling unit, and parking in the front yard. Proposed project has been changed from the previously-voted-upon project, to now be a 15-foot front yard setback, two parking spaces in front and two parking spaces in rear. UNNC has been requested by the Planning Department to review new landscaping and parking plan, with a recommendation deadline of March 20, 2014. – ACTION

Nichole Smith, Vice President of The Katherman Co, presented for the applicant. They have changed the parking design to have a 15 foot buffer of plantings and screen for two spaces of parking. The other issue was to have permeable surface to avoid run-off. They proposed to create a permeable section at the entry that would capture run-off before it hit the sidewalk. They also would use permeable pavers for the two parking spaces in the back yard.

**MOTION:** Stevie Stern moved that UNNC support the plans as revised with a 15’ setback landscaped with drought tolerant plants, two front parking spaces set back 15 feet, two rear parking spaces, front driveway permeable gap, rear parking permeable surface and that UNNC will write to the Zoning Administrator indicating said support.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Albert Landini is the Zoning Administrator. Michael Sin is the staff person on this case.

[Michael.Sin@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.Sin@lacity.org) (213) 978-1345.

- F. Revise budget allocations for UNNC Budget for 2013-2014 fiscal year – ACTION

The Executive Committee went over each budget line item and noted planned expenses for each category. Each category will be reduced to the minimum amount needed for already planned and approved spending, and \$5000 will be moved to Neighborhood Purposes Grants, and any excess funds will be moved to Outreach Event Expense or Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

A revised budget will be presented for approval at the next Governing Board meeting.

- G. Jefferson Park Sign Lighting Project – Update – ACTION

Stevie Stern will call Bill Holden of Greencrest to get an update.

- H. UNNC 2014 Election Review of Outreach Material and budget for election - ACTION.



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The doorhangers went out today and the candidate information session is this Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

- I. Review Board Members' absences.  
No board member has missed three meetings.
- J. Plan agenda for next Governing Board meeting  
Items noted above will be included on the next Governing Board Agenda.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget discussed above as part of Item F above.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Jeff Camp introduced Marius Stelly to the CPAB and is working with Marilyn Romero on Public Safety.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jennifer Johnson sent UNNC a letter updating us on City Charter School. City Charter School is fully enrolled. They are moving to Virginia Road Elementary. They are inviting board to a meet and greet with the principal on April 4, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Secretary forgot the February Executive Committee minutes in his printer.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned around 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

April 19, 2014

Attachment: None.