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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved July 15, 2014)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Marius Stelly, Norman Gilmore, Sandra Paul.

Members absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Jeff Camp moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Marius Stelly seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Co-Sponsorship with The City Attorney's Office – Meet the new Wilshire Neighborhood Prosecutor – ACTION

Joe Taylor at the City Prosecutor's office has asked us to partner with the City Attorney in introducing our new Neighborhood Prosecutor, and to assist with outreach and setup.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC assist with outreach and setup for the introduction of the new Neighborhood Prosecutor on July 31st at the Council District 10 Field Office at 1819 S. Western.

Sandra Paul seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- B. Approve General Statement Regarding Agreement with appellant and FMOG – ACTION
Michael Salman submitted a draft letter to explain to the community what the status is of the FMOG plan for the Murphy Oil Site.



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Sylvia Lacy presented a version of the letter with edits that describe the proposed project with more technically precise language.

As of yesterday, FMOG has not filed their application.

Without an application filed, the time is not ripe to take action or respond. Laura Meyers pointed out that we can provide a factual status update for what happened at the South LA Area Planning Commission.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that Laura Meyers prepare report of the outcome of the June 3rd South LA Area Planning Commission Hearing regarding proposed placement of the CEB800 gas burner at the Murphy Oil and Gas Site, and upon review and approval by UNNC Officers, the report will be sent to the UNNC Stakeholder email list.

Jeff Camp seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

C. Jefferson Park Sign Lighting Project – Update – ACTION

There is no update on this item.

D. UNNC Participation in South LA Disaster Prep Group - ACTION

Debra Varnado is working with a group of people who have been organizing CERT training.

They graduated 48 people from the January – February CERT training class. About 19 people wanted to proceed with further CERT preparations. They are planning to put on a three hour Disaster Awareness Course (DAC) on September 27, 2014, taught by LAFD Captain Stacy Gerlich. They are setting a goal of getting 250 attendees.

They are coordinating with MINC and Empowerment Congress West as well. They are also doing outreach to churches and government offices to reach their members and lists.

They are inviting UNNC to participate in outreach and support of this program.

Debra Varnado or her Vice-Chair will bring a more specific proposal for consideration at the next Executive Committee meeting on July 15th.

E. 3050-3060 Crenshaw – UPDATE and DISCUSSION

Item handled out of order after Item B.

This is the site at Jefferson Blvd and Crenshaw. There are three building sites: The old Union Bank, the new branch of Union Bank, and an approximately 13,000 sq. ft. site that was expected to be a grocery such as Fresh ‘n’ Easy.

UNNC spent substantial effort working with the city and the developer to ensure that the Crenshaw side of the site was pedestrian friendly with 42% transparency (windows) and a potential door opening on the Crenshaw facing wall.



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The site plan and design was adopted by the City Council. There were further negotiations with West Adams Heritage ensuring that the nearby parking garage owned by the landlord West Angeles Church would be used for parking by employees and for overflow parking.

Fresh 'n' Easy filed for bankruptcy, and CIM found a replacement tenant, which is the 99 Cent Store. Apparently 99 Cent Store acquired a number of former Fresh 'n' Easy sites.

99 Cent Store has put up a floor-to-ceiling drywall against the windows on Crenshaw. Currently, observers on Crenshaw see studs and drywall through the windows. 99 Cent Stores were under the impression they could put up super graphics on the windows, which are not allowed by the Specific Plan. Apparently Planning has realized their error and withdrawn the clearance, which would invalidate their permit from building & safety which was issued in error.

Planning Department has asked us not to negotiate further, as they said they will handle it.

F. Posting of UNNC's Agendas/Continue Posting at 5 Locations/Identify Posting Volunteers – ACTION

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recently relaxed the requirement that Neighborhood Councils post in five locations. Neighborhood Councils are now allowed to post in one location as long as it is accessible 24x7 and is timely posted on the citywide agenda website.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC continue to post our Governing Board agendas at five physical locations 72 hours in advance of the meeting, and that UNNC will make best efforts to post committee agendas 72 hours in advance at the five locations.

Sandra Paul seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

G. Overview of UNNC Procedures/Officers duties and work flow and assign equipment to new Officers

Norman Gilmore updated the committee on the status of new IMAP email accounts for officers, and setting up Google Drive accounts.

Jeff Camp has the scanner, which will be transferred to Marius Stelly as the new Signatory so he can capture receipts and reports for DONE submission.

Norman Gilmore has the Treasurer laptop which he will transfer to Sandra Paul as the new Treasurer.

H. 2014-2015 fiscal budget review/discussion - ACTION.

The previous board as already approved a 2014-2015 fiscal budget.

Norman Gilmore recommended the next Governing Board meeting schedule a vote for each of the regular operational expenses, which are Linode, RingCentral and GoDaddy. We recently downgraded our MailChimp account to the free version.



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I. Review Board Members' absences.
No discussion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Camp reported that DONE has approved that he still act as the holder of the P-Card. He was able to complete most final purchases, including the ice cooler, the two folding tables and table cloths, and the UNNC magnets, and one copy of the Robert's Rules of Order In Brief book.

DONE prevented purchase of the frames and plaques, as they asserted it was city owned property going into a private business. We will have to get approval from the city attorney as the form and substance of a letter stating that UNNC retains ownership of the photos even if they are hung in a private business. We already had a letter from Starbucks agreeing the photos would remain the property of UNNC, but did not have time to locate it and submit it.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Norman Gilmore presented the test version of the UNNC website. The web-site committee will be meeting to work on updating the content and hopefully launching in the next month.

OLD BUSINESS

DONE sent us bylaws that are not current with the last changes made by UNNC. Norman Gilmore and Stevie Stern are following up with DONE.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

MOTION: Jeff Camp moved to approve the May 19, 2014 minutes as presented.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned around 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

July 15, 2014

Attachment: None.