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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, November 6, 2014  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved December 4, 2014)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Marius Stelly, Denise Jackson, Ophelia Daniel, Laura Meyers, Elizabeth Fenner, William Hernandez, Sandra Pruitt, Dolores Spears, Anthony Carter, Andrea Dunlop, Talicia Raggs, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Bettye Smith-Anderson, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Norman Gilmore, Billie Green, Heidi Cabero, John Arnold. (20 total).

**Members absent:** Jess Bravo, Carlton Stubbs, Betty Walton (3 total).

There were about 10 audience members at the start of the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved to approve the agenda with an item added at the beginning of Executive Committee for a brief discussion of Robert's Rules of Order.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A citizen spoke in favor of a constitutional amendment that states corporations are not people and money is not speech. Their group has posted a video on YouTube discussing this called "A Question of Personhood."

Donna Jones noted that the Highway patrol is responsible for dealing with people on the Crenshaw on-ramp. (Not LAPD).

Debra Varnado announced that the Washington Irving Library was having a program with Hiram Sims discussing his book of South Central photos. It will be this Saturday at 2:30 pm.



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Elizabeth Fenner said that the Friends of the Washington Irving Library are working to expand their collection of legos – donations accepted.

Laura Meyers stated that landscaping at the South Seas House has been removed, apparently without approvals.

Maryam Hosseinzadeh announced an exhibit at William Grant Still on the theme of Islam and Hip-Hop. They are also offering continuing to offer dance and music classes for adults and teens.

Ron Macias with Crenshaw/LAX transit project discussed the extended closure of Crenshaw Blvd to support the construction of the underground station. The closures will be November 7-24 and December 1-14.

Debra Varnado said there will be two CERT classes in January, and she will be back with more info.

Jeff Camp said 450-500 people turned up for the Washington Blvd cleanup.

## **CD10 UPDATE**

Billie Green provided the update. Councilmember Wesson would like to thank UNNC for participating and sponsoring the cleanup of Washington Blvd on October 25<sup>th</sup>. He would like to support cleanups on other corridors in UNNC.

She also said that he also thanked UNNC for participating in Taste-of-Soul.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion of Robert's Rules of Order**

Norman Gilmore presented the types of motions that allow 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the board to limit the amount of time spent debating motions.

### **B. Funding Request—\$56.68 Reimbursement to Jeff Camp for Board Meeting refreshments— ACTION**

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Fenner moved that UNNC reimburse Jeff Camp \$56.68 for the purchase of previously approved, budgeted board refreshments at the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting (Little Caesars).

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

The Chair called for any objections to the motion. There were no objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed.

### **C. Funding Request—2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Holiday Festival at Leslie Shaw Park, Sandra Pruitt— ACTION**

Sandra Pruitt presented. They gave away 800 toys last year. The event includes a mobile game center and they also need funds for flyers and refreshments.



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**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC fund up to \$1715.00 for the Second Annual Kids Holiday Festival for flyers, refreshments, and entertainment.

Dolores Spears seconded.

To save money on printing, Laura Meyers recommended Sharp Dots printer. Norman Gilmore recommended GotPrint.

The Chair called for any objections to the motion. There were no objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed.

## D. Funding Request—CD10 Winter Wonderland, Sylvia Lacy—ACTION

Marius Stelly arrived.

Denise Jackson arrived.

William Hernandez stepped out.

Jeff Camp presented information on the annual CD10 Winter Wonderland event.

Several local LAUSD schools are invited to recommend 16 families that are unlikely to be able to have much of a Christmas to attend the event. UNNC has been one of the funders for this event for several years in a row. The event includes refreshments, snow to play in, crafts, Santa, and age appropriate toys. UNNC is being asked to support the refreshments.

**MOTION:** Dolores Spears moved that UNNC fund up to \$1500 to the CD10 Winter Wonderland for refreshments.

Betty Smith-Anderson seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 15 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions, 0 recused.

## E. Create Community Impact Statement Committee—ACTION

William Hernandez returned.

Elizabeth Fenner departed.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC (i) create a Community Impact Statement standing committee to monitor the Council Motions and Proposed Ordinances, and Cases moving to City Council, (ii) the purpose of which is to alert Committee Chairs and the Executive Committee to relevant items, and (iii) follow up on agenda items and to manage proper submission of UNNC Council File Statements to the Council File system.

Laura Meyers seconded.

It was clarified in discussion that the purpose of the committee is not to make recommendations to the board or to make recommendations, but simply to monitor city wide issues that other committees or the board should be made aware of.



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A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 18 in favor, 1 opposed.

## F. Create Code Enforcement Ad-Hoc Committee—ACTION

Some sites, like 3115 Adams Blvd, (aka Elegant Manor), have been continuously blighted for 15 years. In Jefferson Park HPOZ, house flippers are flipping properties with illegal renovations without timely response by LADBS. UNNC discussed having a mechanism for selecting sites to highlight for LADBS as code enforcement concerns.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board establish an ad-hoc committee to develop a list of recommendations on code enforcement cases that should be prioritized, and that the UNNC Governing Board coordinate with other NCs to invite senior Code Enforcement Officials to a public meeting to have a dialogue about how the Code Enforcement Process can be supported and streamlined.  
Sandra Pruitt seconded.

The Chair called for any objections to the motion. There were no objections.  
Vote: 19 in favor, none opposed.

## G. Recommendation to support treating temporary events as a planning entitlement and not an LADBS discretionary item where current zoning does not allow for temporary events—ACTION

LADBS granted five consecutive “temporary event” permits for the theater production “Delusion” at the Fitzgerald House at 3115 West Adams.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC oppose the continued use of LADBS “Bulletins” allowing temporary events, (ii) and that UNNC support an ordinance and amendment by the City Council to address temporary events, (iii) and if the Zoning code does not allow a temporary use at a given location that such use be considered a Planning Entitlement, not an LADBS discretionary item, and (iv) that UNNC write a letter to the city explaining the foregoing.  
Laura Meyers seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 10 in favor, 2 opposed, 7 abstentions.

## COMMITTEES BUSINESS

### A. Committee Updates (as needed)

**OUTREACH:** Dolores Spears said that she and Helen Indrani-Chauduri will be greeting our new neighbors at Jefferson Park Square (Mercy Housing). Dolores Spears is engaging on NextDoor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Ophelia Daniel reported that she attended the Southwest CPAB meeting. She reported on the youth outreach done by the station. Denise Jackson attended both the Southwest and Olympic CPABs. Wilshire and Olympic reported that car break-ins were a high incidence



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item.

WEB-SITE AD HOC COMMITTEE: Committee Chairs are invited to send short articles relevant to our stakeholders to the web-site committee for posting on the UNNC website. There should be a section to document our outgoing correspondence on the UNNC website.

## B. HPOZ

1. **CHC-2014-3675-HCM and CF 14-0225; 2067 South Hobart Blvd.** Request to support City Council's action to initiate and designate the John L. Matheson/Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) California Mission Residence at 2067 S. Hobart Blvd. as a Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument. – DISCUSSION and ACTION

**MOTION:** John Arnold moved that the UNNC Governing Board write a letter of support by November 10, 2014 to the City Council to designate the John L. Matheson/Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) California Mission Residence at 2067 S. Hobart an Historic Cultural Monument.

Laura Meyers seconded.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 19 in favor, none opposed.

Sandra Pruitt left.

2. Jefferson Park HPOZ Board Update

John Arnold reported that the Jefferson Park HPOZ has been meeting successfully for two months. Michael Chapman and David Saffer have been appointed to the HPOZ board. Finally Mayor Garcetti appointed Michael Chapman to the HPOZ Board. However, there is an open seat.

Betty Smith-Anderson left.

## C. Planning & Zoning

1. Updates/reports regarding land use cases
2. Updates to the **West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan** -- there are further proposed changes to residential neighborhood zoning in West Jefferson Park and Arlington Heights, as part of the adoption process for the new/updated Community Plan. West Jefferson Park is now proposed for down-zoning. An overlay zone to help protect the character of Arlington Heights is also now proposed. – DISCUSSION and ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC support the zone changes as presented by Arthi Varma and Reuben Caldwell to UNNC Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on October 29, 2014 for the "West Jefferson Park" West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Park Residential Downzone Area.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed.



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**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC Governing Board support a Character District CPIO for Arlington Heights as generally defined by the Survey LA Planning District in Arlington Heights i.e., between Crenshaw to Arlington and Pico to the 10, excluding commercial areas, public facilities, the oil field, and parcels on Crenshaw.

Norman Gilmore seconded.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that the UNNC Governing Board ask Council District 10 to explore the possibility that demolition permits only be granted once a project approval and project permit are in hand.  
Denise Jackson seconded.

A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed.

3. **Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O (Master case) and Case No. DIR-2014-85-CWNC: Temporary Sound Wall--2126 West Adams Blvd. (Adams and Gramercy)** Freeport McMoRAN (FMOG) erected a temporary sound wall without proper building permits in 2013. Subsequently, FMOG applied for a permit as well as a clearance from the Jefferson Park HPOZ. The temporary wall is still standing, in violation of zoning conditions. UNNC has been requested to ask City officials to enforce the zoning condition that mandates that the sound wall only be temporary. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Jeff Camp recused himself.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that a letter regarding the Murphy Oil site temporary soundwall like the one drafted by Michael Salman be sent to Council President Herb Wesson, with a sentence added to the effect of “We have reached out to the planning department, see the attached letter.”, and attach and send a similar letter to the Planning Department specifying clearly the violations and enforcement expected.  
Dolores Spears seconded.

The wall has been up for almost one year, and this exceeds all known limits in the code. It has never received initial approval.

A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 14 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions, 1 recusal.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC request written confirmation from the Planning Department that an EAF is required for the Murphy site and further that (i) UNNC oppose a categorical exemption and (ii) UNNC requests a full review of conditions. If within 30 days, UNNC does not know when this case will be taken off hold, UNNC will schedule a vote to request that the Zoning Administrator begin a review of conditions process and schedule a public hearing.  
Dolores Spears seconded.



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A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 14 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions, 1 recusal.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Camp returned.

### A. Approval of expenditures and bank statements—ACTION

**MOTION:** John Arnold moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for September 2014.  
Helen Indrani-Chauduri seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed.

### B. Approval of NC Monthly Expenditure Report for August—ACTION

n/a.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved to approve the October 2, 2014 minutes with corrections noted.  
Helen Idrani-Chauduri seconded.  
Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Jeff Camp for arranging food for tonight.  
December will be potluck, everyone bring a dish and tell Billie Green what you are bringing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Gilmore  
UNNC Secretary  
November 14, 2014  
Attachments:  
Roll call votes