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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2015
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved March 5, 2015)

CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Ophelia Daniel, Andrea Dunlop, Anthony Carter, Jess Bravo, Marius Stelly, Laura Meyers, Denise Jackson, Elizabeth Fenner, Sandra Pruitt, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Norman Gilmore, Billie Green, Heidi Cabero. (16 total).

Members absent: Betty Walton, Bettye Smith-Anderson, William Hernandez, Talicia Raggs, Carlton Stubbs, Dolores Spears, John Arnold. (7 total).

There were about 16 audience members at the start of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Billie Green moved to approve the agenda with standard time limits for each item, except an extra 5 minutes added to the Planning and Zoning item regarding endorsing Michael Salman's letter to the Zoning Administrator.

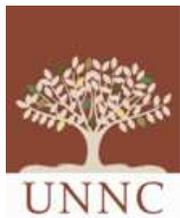
Helen Indrani-Chaudhuri seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There were no objections.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

It was brought to the Secretary's attention that the agenda printed and distributed at this meeting was missing two items that were included on the agendas which were posted online and at the physical posting locations.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the agenda be amended to add back two Planning and Zoning cases (i) Case No. DIR-2014-2865-DB-SPP-SPR, 2631 S. Crenshaw Blvd and (ii) Case No. DIR-2014-2805-DB-SPP, 3411 S. Crenshaw Blvd.



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Jess Bravo seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections. There were none.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ami Motevalli and Maryam Hosseinzadeh of William Grants Still art center announced that they have a grant from Cal Humanities to create local history from personal archives and testimony. There will be 8 weeks of free workshops.

Denise Jackson said that the pocket park at Washington and Irving has become a new homeless camp.

Denise Jackson announced the UNNC Public Safety summit coming up April 18, 2015 at Holman.

Rosie Brown said that the “Save Our Planet” donation boxes in the community do not benefit our community, but at the least must be maintained by the company who placed them there.

CD10 UPDATE

On February 21st, there is a CD 10 supported Jefferson Blvd street cleanup from Western to La Cienega. It starts at 8am. Kimani Black will email organizing details to Rosie Brown and Sandra Pruitt.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. UNNC’s endorsement of DPG’s grant requests for LA Department of Emergency Management—
ACTION

Debra Varnado of the Fifth Avenue Block Club presented this proposal on behalf of the Fifth Avenue Block Club. She said the City of LA Emergency Management Department is inviting neighborhoods to compete for the opportunity to get a disaster plan prepared and then a full neighborhood rehearsal as part of the October great shakeout. The grant application is due March 6, 2015.

The Fifth Avenue Block Club presented a proposal requesting UNNC to put Fifth Avenue Block Club forward as a candidate for the disaster preparedness grant. This includes people from the Disaster Preparedness Group, including people from UNNC, MINC, and various stakeholders.

The grant application should describe the NC’s previous history in disaster preparedness programs and the NC’s interest in participating.

Debra Varnado is the Chair of the Disaster Preparedness Group. Their track record includes organizing two successful CERT training classes and a Disaster Awareness Course with 200 attendees.

She noted there will be good media coverage for our neighborhood.

UNNC will be asked to assist with outreach using UNNC’s regular outreach channels and to assist with the event. UNNC is not being asked to provide funding with this request.



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MOTION: Jeff Camp moved that UNNC nominate the Fifth Avenue Block Club for the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management department disaster preparedness grant to plan and conduct a disaster preparedness drill in UNNC boundaries and UNNC agrees to support this project with outreach effort.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Jeff Camp moved to call the question.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to closing debate.

There were none.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were none.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- B. Funding Request – \$2,135 for printing and distribution of outreach materials—Harvard Heights HPOZ—ACTION

On behalf of the Harvard Heights HPOZ, Odel Childress presented a funding request for Harvard Heights HPOZ outreach doorhangers.

The proposal is for \$1690.85 for design, layout, and distribution of doorhangers in English, Spanish, Korean for Harvard Heights HPOZ. Quotes were provided from Lentini Design for \$750, GotPrint.net for \$290.85, and Los Angeles Flyer Inc. for \$150.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC fund up to \$1,690.25 for the design, printing and distribution of up to 2500 door hangers in English, Spanish, and Korean, which explain the Harvard Heights HPOZ.

Heidi Cabero seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. None were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 16 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Billie Green is the board contact responsible for keeping the applicant informed and coordinating with UNNC's Treasurer and Signatory.

- C. Funding Request—NPG for \$2,500 in educational outreach program to local schools on responsible pet ownership—Kitty Bungalow—ACTION

Leslie Tresun presented a Neighborhood Purposes Grant on behalf of Kitty Bungalow, a 501(c)3.

The South LA shelter has a kill rate of 60% for felines. This is the highest rate in the city. Other parts of the city have been experiencing declining euthanasia rates. Kitty Bungalow is working to reduce the cat population without killing. The problem is not cats, but abandonment and allowing unfixed cats outside. Cats breed quickly. Kitty Bungalow is based in South Los Angeles and focuses on street cat rescue.



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Kitty Bunglow believes that a program to do outreach for responsible pet ownership will help. Kitty Bunglow also understands that some people don't have the resources to be responsible pet owners.

Kitty Bunglow is requesting \$2500 to present a school lunch program at local schools, including outreach and education materials, and veterinary services (primarily spay/neuter for school children's pets).

This educational program is targeting middle school to high school students. If children have pet cats that aren't fixed, students would be able to request basic veterinary services for their pets.

Kitty Bunglow is reaching out to Pio Pico, Jonnie Cochran, Foshay, Berendo and other middle and high schools that service students from the UNNC area.

The goal is to reach 500 students. The number of times the program will be put on is to be determined -- it's going to depend on how schools choose to schedule the program (e.g., during an after school program, etc.) and the number of students that can be reached at each event.

This program is for middle school and high-school students. Kitty Bunglow is still working on a program for elementary schools and this program is not ready yet. Overall the focus is on humane education.

For the record, Trap-and-release is NOT part of this funding request in any way. (UNNC is aware that there is an injunction against the city regarding Trap-and-Release programs.)

Elizabeth Fenner departed.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC grant \$2500 to Kitty Bunglow for an educational outreach program to local schools and students about responsible pet ownership, including veterinary services for pets of children who can't afford veterinary care, provided that Kitty Bunglow confirm with UNNC by April 1, 2015 which schools have expressed interest in participating in this program.

Heidi Cabero seconded.

The UNNC logo should be printed on any materials, and Kitty Bunglow should show any materials with the UNNC logo to UNNC for approval before printing.

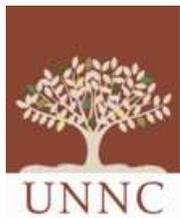
The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. None were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Norman Gilmore is the board contact responsible for keeping the applicant informed and coordinating with UNNC's Treasurer and Signatory.

- D. Funding Request—NPG for \$2,500 to support poetry writing and performance workshops—Street Poets—ACTION



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Taylor Maxie presented for Street Poets, a 501(c)3.

Street Poets empowers young people to tell their own stories using poetry and music. They are seeking support for the Beats & Rhymes recording studio workshop that they operate out of their location on Arlington, just north of the 10. Youth learn about digital recording technology, write music and poetry, and produce poetry and hip hop tracks for an annual album. Every other month all youth are invited to showcase their work at Eco-Logical Art Gallery. The Recording Studio has produced 7 CDs in the last 7 years.

They also are seeking support for their Poetry-in-Motion Van. They have a customized Mercedes Sprinter 2500 van outfitted as a mobile recording studio. It also serves as a performance venue and workshop space. The van is able to transform into a sidewalk concert stage. Or it can be closed to serve as a digital recording studio. This mobile recording van was initially funded by the Irvine Foundation two years ago.

The van has already had 150 event dates at various Los Angeles locations where youth and adults have written, recorded, and performed their poetry from the van.

They work with students from Locke, Fremont, Watts, Central and other local high schools. They have done events at Washington Irving Library and Leslie Shaw Park in the past.

The project proposal includes weekly Street Poets Spoken Word (poetry) and Hip Hop (music) performances and workshops for low-income youth and adults in Los Angeles at our Street Poets office (3 hours/week) and various street locations, including outside community centers and parks with the Poetry in Motion van (2 hours/month). Youth will get hands on experience writing, performing, and learning digital recording tools.

Goals include increasing self-confidence and literacy skills, building community, and reducing self-destructive behavior in at-risk populations.

Assessment done by Street Poets includes pre-and-post workshop self-assessments, attendance records, and listening to the work produced to understand where individuals are in their lives.

Street Poets are requesting \$2,500 for support for four excursions of the Poetry-in-Motion van within UNNC as well as support for the weekly workshops. They are also receiving \$2500 from California Community Foundation. The total projected cost of the proposed program events is \$9000.

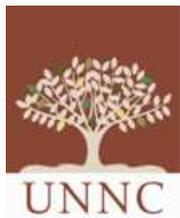
MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC grant \$2500 to Street Poets, Inc. for outreach, marketing communications, materials, supplies and gas for the Poetry-in-Motion Van. Sandra Pruitt seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. None were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Andrea Dunlop is the board contact responsible for keeping the applicant informed and



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coordinating with UNNC's Treasurer and Signatory.

E. Funding Request—\$2,475 Public Safety Outreach Event—Denise Jackson—ACTION

Denise Jackson, as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, presented a funding request for a Block Club summit.

The proposal is to have an event that brings various stakeholders together. The event is proposed for April 18, 2015 from 8am to 1pm, and would be held at Holman United Methodist Church (3320 W. Adams Blvd.)

The goal is to bring the UNNC community, block club leaders, LAPD, LAFD, and other public safety resources together to increase collaboration of UNNC stakeholders on public safety issues.

The budget presented includes: \$850 for the venue, \$400 for refreshments, and \$1,234 for printing, marketing, advertising, programs, paper products, supplies and signs/banners for a total of \$2,484.

The goal is to have from 75 to 100 attendees.

The summit will have five main topics:

1. Block Club Organizing and Best Practices
2. Community Police Advisory Board, Senior Lead Officer introductions and information.
3. Certified Emergency Response Training, Fire Safety demonstrations and information.
4. Cyber Security / Identity Theft Prevention
5. Basic Self Defense instructions and information.

Members from LAPD CPAB organizations in Wilshire, Southwest, and Olympic Divisions will be invited to participate, as well as Fire Department and CERT experts.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC fund up to \$2,484 for the UNNC public safety summit to be held on April 18, 2015 at Holman.

Anthony Carter seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. None were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

F. Funding Request—NPG for \$5,000 to support school gardens and weekly garden ranger program at 6th Avenue Elementary and Carson-Gore—EnrichLA—ACTION

Shana Baiz presented photos of the students, gardens, and harvests from the garden program at Carson-Gore Elementary which were taken today. UNNC partially supported the Garden Ranger program at Carson-Gore and Sixth Avenue School with a \$5000 UNNC grant in 2014.

Shana Baiz presented a grant request on behalf of EnrichLA to ask UNNC to continue to support



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the Garden Ranger program at Sixth Avenue Elementary and Carson-Gore Elementary.

The Garden Ranger Program provides weekly, interdisciplinary garden-based lessons to students in grades K-5. These lessons align with the California Common Core standards which provide students with opportunities to learn about nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship through a hands-on approach. All students will have the opportunity to utilize the garden.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC grant \$5000 to EnrichLA for their weekly Garden Ranger program at Sixth Avenue Elementary and Carson-Gore Elementary through June 30, 2015 (to be apportioned equally between the two schools).

Rosie Brown seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. None were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Norman Gilmore is the board contact responsible for keeping the applicant informed and coordinating with UNNC's Treasurer and Signatory.

COMMITTEES BUSINESS

A. Committee Updates (as needed)

1. Sandra Pruitt reported that Office Olega and Officer Ana Maria Mejia met with Jefferson Park residents recently.
2. Laura Meyers reported that there was a public hearing on the spot zone change at S. St. Andrews. There will be another hearing at the South Area Planning Commission.

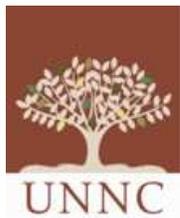
B. Planning & Zoning

1. Follow-up report on status of UNNC's letters sent to the Planning Department per the November 2014 Board actions and Planning Department response(s) relative to Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and any related cases for the facility located at 2126 West Adams Blvd., known as the Murphy Drill Site. -- DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Jeff Camp states that this item and following items are about requesting city support for a prior decisions of the board and the present connection to royalty recipients is tenuous at best, however he recuses himself as a royalty holder out of an abundance of caution.

President Jeff Camp stepped out of the room and Vice-President Billie Green assumed the role of Chair.

Laura Meyers and Norman Gilmore report that UNNC has not received any responses to UNNC letters to the Zoning Administrator, excluding Linn Wyatt responses to stakeholder Michael Salman.



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2. As per the UNNC Board action of November 6, 2014, request that UNNC reiterate its position that the Planning Department shall immediately commence Review of Conditions case, and conduct a public hearing, relative to Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and any related cases for the facility located at 2126 West Adams Blvd., known as the Murphy Drill Site. – ACTION

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved that per the UNNC Board action of November 6, 2014, that UNNC reiterate its position that the Planning Department shall immediately commence a Review of Conditions case and conduct a public hearing, relative to Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and any related cases for the facility located at 2126 West Adams Blvd., known as the Murphy Drill Site.
Norman Gilmore seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.
There were no objections.

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

3. Request that UNNC endorse Michael Salman's letters to Chief Zoning Administrator Linn Wyatt dated January 25, 2015 and January 29, 2015 relative to Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and any related cases for the facility located at 2126 West Adams Blvd., known as the Murphy Drill Site. – ACTION

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to recommend that UNNC endorse Michael Salman's letters to Chief Zoning Administrator Linn Wyatt dated January 25, 2015 and January 29, 2015 relative to Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O and any related cases for the facility located at 2126 West Adams Blvd., known as the Murphy Drill Site.
Norman Gilmore seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.
A roll call vote was recorded.
Vote: 12 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions, 1 recusal.

4. Case No. DIR-2014-2865-DB-SPP-SPR, 2631 S. Crenshaw Blvd. The proposed project (located on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard across the street from UNNC's boundary near Adams) is for the demolition of 1 structure on a 21,002 sq. ft. lot, the removal of an existing billboard sign and surface parking lot, and the construction of a mixed-use building with 50 residential dwelling units and 4,999 sq. ft. of neighborhood-serving commercial uses. The 50 units consist of 49 Senior Housing units for very low income households and 1 market-rate manager's unit, with total residential floor area of 57,834 sq. ft., including corridors, lobby, office, and amenity areas in a 56 ft. (5-stories) tall building. The project will provide a total of 36 parking spaces in 2 levels of parking: 26 residential spaces in a subterranean garage, and 10 commercial spaces at-grade level. The residential parking is separated from the commercial parking by a separate entrance off of the alley. The project also provides 55 on-site long and short-term bicycle parking spaces for the residents and 6 long and short-term bicycle parking spaces for the



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commercial uses. The applicant requests the following Affordable Housing Incentives and Density Bonus Determinations: increased building height of 56 ft. in lieu of 45 ft.; increased Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.8:1 in lieu of 1.5:1; and a reduced side yard setback of 6 feet 4 and 13/16" in lieu of 8 feet. The project also requests a Parcel Map for the creation of 1 residential condominium containing 50 apartment units and 1 commercial condominium unit. – ACTION

Jeff Camp returned from recusal and resumed as Chair.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moves that UNNC support the project at 2631 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Denise Jackson seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.

No objections were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

5. Case No. DIR-2014-2805-DB-SPP, 3411 S. Crenshaw Blvd. The proposed project (located on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard across the street from UNNC's boundary near Jefferson) is the demolition of 4 structures and the construction of a mixed-use building with 49 residential dwelling units and 5,642 sq. ft. of neighborhood-serving commercial uses. The 49 residential units consist of 48 units for very low income households and 1 market-rate manager's unit with the total residential floor area of 73,078 sq. ft., including corridors, lobby, office, and amenity areas. The project will provide a total of 68 on-site parking spaces in 2 levels of parking: 50 residential parking spaces in a subterranean garage and 18 retail/restaurant spaces at-grade level. The project also provides 54 on-site long and short-term bicycle parking spaces for the residential portion of the project and 6 long and short-term bicycle parking spaces for the commercial uses. The applicant seeks the following Affordable Housing Incentive and Density Bonus Determinations: increased height of 56 ft. in lieu of 45 ft.; increased Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.98:1 in lieu of 1.5:1; and a 14% reduction in the required amount of open space, providing 5,681 sq. ft. of open space, in lieu of the required 6,525 sq. ft. The project requests a Parcel Map for the creation of 1 residential condominium containing 49 apartment units and one commercial condominium unit. – ACTION

MOTION: Laura Meyers moves that UNNC support the project at 3411 S. Crenshaw Blvd with the request that the applicant consider adding an on-site child-care facility, and that the applicant consider design alternatives consistent with a commercial corridor.

Helen Indrani Chauduri seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.

No objections were heard.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT



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A. Approval of expenditures and bank statements—ACTION

Sandra Paul presented the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Billie Green moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for December 2014 and January 2015.

Helen Indrani Chauduri seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Norman Gilmore reported that the UNNC website now has the ability to easily post presentation items along with agendas for review by the board in advance of meetings.

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

MOTION: Billie Green moved to approve the January 8, 2015 minutes with corrections to Sandra Pruitt's report (page 3- Sandra Pruitt thanked entire event committee).

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 11 in favor, none opposed, 4 abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Sandra Pruitt for arranging food for this evening (and Marius for arranging payment).

Jess Bravo will arrange food for March.

Jeff Camp is thinking the Board Retreat will be pushed to May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billie Green has learned that Neighborhood Councils are actually exempt from the new quarterly street banner permit requirements and fees, so UNNC can leave our banners up while we figure out metal sign alternatives.

3711 La Brea is Council Member's Wesson's campaign headquarters. This Saturday 11:30 to 2 pm is a campaign party.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

March 8, 2015

Attachments:

None.