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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, October 2, 2014  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved November 6, 2014)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** William Hernandez, Sandra Pruitt, Carlton Stubbs, Betty Walton, Laura Meyers, Ophelia Daniel, Dolores Spears, Anthony Carter, Andrea Dunlop, Talicia Raggs, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Jess Bravo, Sandra Paul, Bettye Smith-Anderson, Denise Jackson, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Norman Gilmore, Marius Stelly, Billie Green. (20 total).

**Members absent:** Elizabeth Fenner, John Arnold, Heidi Cabero (3 total).

There were about 14 audience members at the start of the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Denise Jackson moved to approve the agenda with Committee Updates moved before the Treasurer's Report and William Grant Still funding request moved to the end of Executive Committee.

Billie Green seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debra Varnado reported on the Disaster Awareness Course last Saturday, which was supported by UNNC. They had about 200 attendees. Council President Wesson thanked the Iglesia Cristiana Antioquia church for providing space and supporting the event. Debra Varnado thanked UNNC for our support. She also noted that SoCal Gas, DWP, and Charles Drew Hospital, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Holman Church and Movement for Spiritual Inner Awareness also supported the event. There is interest in doing another CERT class.

Jeff Camp said that the DAC was very organized and well run. Thanks to Debra Varnado and her team.

Norman Gilmore said that the Los Angeles Times reported that Trader Joe's will be coming to the new



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USC North Village.

Rosie Brown reminded everyone how useful the 311 app is for reporting graffiti and water waste.

Betty Smith-Anderson said the new 99 cent store opened at Crenshaw and Jefferson today.

Sandra Paul said the 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Neighborhood Coalition had a cleanup activity last weekend, including support from Celerity Charter School. They cleaned Jefferson from Crenshaw to several blocks east of Crenshaw. Herb Wesson and CD 10 supported with city resources.

Dolores Spears reported that she and numerous UNNC board members attended the Neighborhood Congress. Hundreds attended from around the city.

Jerry from the KYCC let us know that they provide graffiti paint out services and tree planting services for our area, and board members should contact him with any questions.

## **CD10 UPDATE**

Billie Green said there is an election reform event on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm downtown to discuss increasing voter outreach.

UNNC should consider doing a community impact statement regarding the city of Los Angeles combining its elections with the County.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Funding Request – Partner with MINC and CD10 for Washington Blvd. Street Cleaning from Arlington to Fairfax and to provide \$500 for refreshments—Jeff Camp—ACTION

MINC is organizing a Washington Blvd cleanup from Fairfax to Normandie.

Staging will be at Washington Square. CD 10 will be providing tools like weed eaters, shovels, bags, rubber gloves, and city dump trucks.

They/we are going to get 400 people for the cleanup.

They/we are also planning to weed tree wells. It's from 8am to 12pm.

The funds requested of UNNC will be used for a barbeque after the lunch.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC pay up to \$500 for food and water for the Washington Blvd cleanup on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Betty Walton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- B. Funding Request—Business Cards for New Board Members and New Committee Chairs—ACTION

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC approve spending up to \$600 for business cards for new board members and new committee chairs, including design, printing, and shipping costs. Denise Jackson seconded.



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A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- C. Funding Request—fund up to \$600.00 for materials, candy, props, marker board, and paint for the annual South Seas House Fall Harvest Festival—Marie Tropet—ACTION

Marie Tropet, Director of the South Seas House, presented a funding request for the annual South Seas House Annual Fall Harvest Festival. The event would include games like checkers and pick-up sticks for younger kids, craft projects, and the Haunted House. It is free for everyone, and will be on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4pm to 9pm.

The request is for arts and crafts materials, Halloween candy, a moveable headless horseman prop, paint, and marker board supplies.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC fund up to \$600.00 for materials, candy, props, marker board, and paint for the South Seas House Annual Fall Harvest Festival.

Betty Walton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- D. Funding Request—Lentini Design \$250 for work done on the UNNC website—Norman Gilmore—ACTION

UNNC previously approved \$2000 for work done on the UNNC website by Lentini Design. The new UNNC website went live two months ago. UNNC previously paid \$1750 and there is a \$250 final payment due.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC approve the final payment to Lentini Design for \$250 for work done on the UNNC website.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 recusal.

- E. Funding Request—Purchase discretionary refreshment items for Governing Board meetings during this fiscal year \$125—Norman Gilmore—ACTION

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC Board use the \$125 Board Refreshment budget for the skipped July meeting to periodically purchase discretionary refreshment items for Governing Board meetings during this fiscal year.

Denise Jackson seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- F. Funding Request--Approve the additional amount of \$13.15 for the 2014 Election and Meet and Greet refreshments—Sandra Paul—ACTION.



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**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that the UNNC Governing Board approve the additional amount of \$13.15 for the 2014 Election and Meet and Greet refreshments for a total approved amount of \$213.15.

Laura Meyers seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

- G. Funding Request – Funding Request William Grant Still Art Center - Neighborhood Improvement Project – Maryam Hosseinzadeh—ACTION

No representative was available to present.

## COMMITTEES' REPORTS/UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

- A. Planning & Zoning

Laura Meyers said that residents in West Adams Avenues report that there is construction at the Elegant Manor at Adams and Arlington. A play is being put on at the house. The zoning is residential R-3, which does not normally allow for special events. The event turns out to run from September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This group did a similar event at 2215 Harvard at another dilapidated historic building. Ken Bernstein at Office of Historic Resources emailed the Dept. of Building and Safety regarding this event, and heard back that Building and Safety gave a special event permit.

There are numerous reasons why this permit should not have been granted. The permits are only supposed to be granted for 5 days maximum, and not consecutively.

Laura Meyers asked the 19 UNNC Board members present if they had been contacted by anyone regarding this event. All UNNC Board members present denied being contacted or notified of this event.

The Executive Committee will discuss this issue in the context of special events permits being granted in consultation with neighborhood councils.

- B. Recreation and Parks

Sandra Pruitt is organizing the local Walk-to-School day on October 16<sup>th</sup> which focuses on safe routes, and the holiday toy giveaway will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Public Safety

Denise Jackson reported that she will be keeping an eye on Wilshire CPAB and Ophelia Daniel will be going to Southwest CPAB. Denise Jackson reported on a new program for first time offenders being implemented by prosecutors in the San Pedro, Southwest, and Valley LAPD divisions. We still need someone who can attend the Olympic Station CPAB.



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## D. Public Works

Rosie Brown reported that another Street Blitz for potholes is coming up.  
Marius Stelly said we will set up a special email address for street blitz requests.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

William Hernandez arrived.

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2014 and August 2014.  
Betty Walton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 18 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

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

n/a.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** Betty Walton moved to approve the September 4, 2014 minutes as presented.  
Jess Bravo seconded.  
Vote: 15 approved, none opposed, 5 abstain.

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

### A. New, Continuing, and Old Business

Betty Walton agreed to arrange food for November.

### B. Announcements

Laura Meyers announced that the Historic Neighborhood Conference is October 18<sup>th</sup>. Of projects to be recognized, nine of the projects are in or near West Adams, and five of those are within UNNC.

There is an early bird price of \$25 that ends October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Billie Green said Herb Wesson invites everyone to Taste-of-Soul.

Sandra Pruitt introduced some students from Miguel Contreras High School. Thanks to our meeting attendees from Jefferson Park.



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Jeff Camp announced that our board member Betty Smith-Anderson received an honor from Congresswoman Karen Bass in Washington, DC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. (Not a typo!)

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Gilmore  
UNNC Secretary  
November 12, 2014  
Attachments:  
Roll call votes