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UNNC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES
(approved December 16, 2014)

CALL TO ORDER

Billie Green opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Norman Gilmore, Sandra Paul, Marius Stelly.
Members absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Marius Stelly moved to approve the agenda.
Sandra Paul seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Velasquez, Tree Planting Coordinator from the Korea Town Youth and Community Center introduced himself. KYCC is available to plant trees in the area bounded by Robertson to Beverly to Slauson to 110. jvelasquez@kyccla.org, http://kyccla.org/ 213-365-7400 x-5403.

Jeff Camp said that UNNC would like to coordinate maintenance for the trees Expo right-of-way.

Debra Varnado announced a seven week CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course coming January 6, 2015, which will be Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

The grand opening of the West Adams Heights park will be Saturday, December 6, 2014.

The Gladys Wesson Park on West is opening Thursday, December 11, 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Presentation Disaster Preparedness 10 Minutes – Debra Varnado

Debra Varnado reviewed recent work done by the Disaster Preparedness Group. They have had CERT training and disaster preparedness classes in our community this year in partnership with

UNNC and MINC.

Debra Varnado asks that UNNC promote the CERT class and related trainings as they come up.

B. Interview Candidate for Jefferson Park HPOZ – ACTION

UNNC emailed our list to notify Jefferson Park residents of the open Jefferson Park HPOZ Board. No candidates presented themselves.

UNNC will do further outreach to identify interested candidates.

C. Funding Request for New Block Club – Bettye Anderson – ACTION

UNNC board member Bettye Smith-Anderson presented a funding request for a meet-and-greet to help start a block club.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC fund up to $150 for refreshments for a meet-and-greet on December 27, 2014 to recruit members to a Jefferson Park block club covering Adams to Jefferson Blvd, Arlington to Western. (UNNC Region 6).
Sandra Paul seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

D. Funding Request – Board Meeting Refreshments, reimbursement for Jeff Camp

MOTION: Sandra Paul moved to recommend that the Governing Board approve $108.00 to reimburse Jeff Camp for refreshments from Subway for the UNNC Governing meeting November 6, 2014.
Norman Gilmore seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

E. Discussion of website maintenance proposal(s)

Norman Gilmore reported that DONE has not yet finalized a list of new approved website vendors.

F. Discussion of policy/procedure/Staffing for Neighborhood Council

Norman Gilmore read a letter from the Budget Advocate to the Mayor, Council President Herb Wesson, beseeching that the council allocate 7 positions to be hired at DONE.

The consensus among Executive Committee is that DONE is inadequately staffed to support us effectively.

G. Reserve Animal Control Officers Past Funding by NC's- ACTION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend to the UNNC Governing Board that UNNC continue to advocate for the implementation of this RACO training program that UNNC

contributed funding to years ago.
Jeff Camp seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

H. Discussion Roberts Rules of Orders - ACTION.

The Executive Committee is concerned about meetings that go long past the time allotted, which discourages public participation as well as board member participation, as when board members have to leave before the end of the meeting due to commitments the following day.

Robert's Rules of Order specifies that each board member may speak twice on any debatable motion on the same day. Each time a board member may speak up to 10 minutes.
This rule can be changed by a two-thirds vote.

Any board member can call for this rule to be enforced by calling for and stating a point-of-order.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that when the Chair is concerned about a governing board meeting going over the time allotted, the Chair is encouraged to ask any member to put forth a motion limiting debate. The Executive Committee recommends: **"I move that in debate on motions at this meeting, each speaker be limited to two speeches of two minutes each."** Per Robert's Rules, the motion is undebatable and must be seconded and passed by a two-thirds vote to take effect.

Sandra Paul seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to recommend that UNNC adopt a standing rule for Governing Board meetings that presenters for each item have a maximum of five minutes to present, followed by a maximum of five minutes of questions and answer from board members, after which time the Chair will only accept (i) a motion on the issue; or (ii) a motion to refer the item back to committee; or (iii) a motion to postpone; or (iv) a motion to modify the debate rules (which requires two-thirds vote). Once a motion is introduced, the regular Robert's Rules regarding debate shall apply.
Jeff Camp seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

It should be noted that any board member can make a motion to suspend the rules limiting debate for a given time period or item, which would take effect if seconded and passed by two-thirds of the board.

I. Review Board Members' absences.
No board members have 3 consecutive absences.

J. Plan agenda for next Governing Board meeting

Items noted above will be on the Governing Board agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandra Paul reported on classification of various expenses such as the bike pump for the park, and reviewed the payment status of various projects in process.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

STATUS UPDATES ON OLD BUSINESS

Rebecca Draper will reach out to Gus Harris, Jr. and Greencrest Energy about the Jefferson Park sign lighting project. Jeff Camp will also double check with Albert Lord on status.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

MOTION: Jeff Camp moved to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes as presented.
Sandra Paul seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned around 9:08 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Norman Gilmore
UNNC Secretary
November 18, 2014
Attachment: None.