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UNNC Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

MINUTES

(approved January 8, 2015)

CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Laura Meyers, Talicia Raggs, Jess Bravo, Carlton Stubbs, Betty Walton, Denise Jackson, Ophelia Daniel, Elizabeth Fenner, William Hernandez, Sandra Pruitt, Dolores Spears, Anthony Carter, Andrea Dunlop, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Bettye Smith-Anderson, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Norman Gilmore, Billie Green, Heidi Cabero. (21 total).

Members absent: Marius Stelly, John Arnold (2 total).

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Betty Walton seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Norman Gilmore and Laura Meyers commented on the November 25th Zoning Administrator hearing about the Freeport McMoRan urban oil field at Budlong and Jefferson.

A 25 year resident of Jefferson Park expressed concern about the Jefferson Park Senior Lead Officer position being open since John Biondo was transferred. She is concerned about prostitution on Western as well as recent burglaries.

Dolores Spears recommended that we use 311 to report illegal dumping so we can get on the radar for city emphasis and investigators.

Donna Jones said that the transients at the ramps at the I-10 and Crenshaw are encouraged by the



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successful panhandling and so the focus is on getting LAPD to address people standing in traffic panhandling. Currently LAPD is ignoring. CHP is strictly enforcing prevention of people on Caltrans property such as on-ramps and under bridges.

CD10 UPDATE

Albert Lord said that the city has appropriated money for the Clean Sweep program to eradicate some of the hot spots of homeless encampments. It takes 3 to 4 weeks minimum to address a homeless encampment. Human services, LAPD, and Sanitation have to coordinate over several weeks to address these encampments. That Crenshaw off-ramp is a priority for the Council Office, and will be re-visited every two weeks.

On Saturday, the West Adams Heights Park grand opening will occur at 10 am.

The Gladys Wesson Park grand opening will be on Thursday, December 11 on Buckingham at 11 am.

CicLaVia will be going down Martin Luther King Blvd ending at the Vision Theatre in Leimert Park.

Council Office needs volunteers December 13th for the Winter Wonderland event. Contact the Council Office. UNNC is providing refreshments and volunteers for this event.

The Council Office is giving away Christmas turkey's to residents of Council District 10.

There has been a spike in crime in all three LAPD divisions that cover UNNC. Be careful at night, lock your car doors, and be aware of your surroundings.

CD 10, three other council districts, and LAPD are working on a task force to address prostitution in our area.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Postpone January's meeting to January 8, 2015 –ACTION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC reschedule the January 1st, 2015 UNNC Governing Board meeting to January 8th, 2015.
Denise Jackson seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- B. Funding Request—\$150 for refreshments for a meet-and-greet on December 27, 2014 to recruit members to a Jefferson Park block club—ACTION

Bettye Smith-Anderson presented a funding request for a block club in Jefferson Park, Region 6.

She is organizing a neighborhood mixer at 10 a.m. on December 27th, to be held at Holy Name.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved 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).



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Betty Walton seconded.

There were no objections.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 20 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- C. Funding Request—\$108.00 to reimburse Jeff Camp for refreshments from Subway for the UNNC Governing meeting November 6, 2014—ACTION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC approve \$108.00 to reimburse Jeff Camp for refreshments from Subway for the UNNC Governing meeting held November 6, 2014.

Carlton Stubbs seconded.

There were no objections.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 20 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- D. Recommend that UNNC continue to advocate for the implementation of this RACO training program that UNNC contributed funding to years ago—ACTION

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC advocate to the Mayor, Council District 10, and the Department of Animal Services for the implementation of the RACO training program, and UNNC continues to support using the previously designated UNNC funds held by EmpowerLA for this purpose.

Elizabeth Fenner seconded.

There were no objections.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 20 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- E. Amend standing rules to provide new time limits for debates—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 UNNC amend the UNNC Standing Rules by adding paragraph 1(a) as follows:

- 1(a) At meetings of the UNNC Governing Board, presenters for each item shall 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 shall only accept



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(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.

Helen Indrani-Chauduri seconded.

Laura Meyers arrived.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 15 yes, 5 no, 1 abstention.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC amend the UNNC Standing Rules by adding three paragraphs as follows:

1(b). At meetings of the UNNC Governing Board, each member shall be limited to two speeches of two minutes each per day on each item under debate.

1(c) In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, any member may ask for rules to be enforced by raising a Point-of-Order to the Chair. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, any member may make a motion during debate to change or suspend the debate limits on an item. Motions on debate limits are undebatable and must be seconded and passed by a two-thirds vote to take effect.

1(d) For absence of doubt, any board member may make a motion to extend the amount of time for a presentation or alter the time limits for debate at any time prior to the start of a presentation or item. It is recommended that such motions be made as part of amending and approving the agenda.

Talicia Raggs seconded.

Vote: 19 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

COMMITTEES BUSINESS

A. Committee Updates (as needed)

Jeff Camp contacted Rebecca Draper at LANI and she has not had any luck getting information on the Jefferson Park Sign Lighting Project.

Planning and Zoning: Laura Meyers said that no UNNC Governing Board members other than her attended the last Planning & Zoning meeting regarding the proposed cell tower at Holman. She reminded the board that resident reps are supposed to read the planning and zoning agendas and attend any meeting that has a land use item in their neighborhood. (or adjacent).

Recreation and Parks: Sandra Pruitt reported that she had the flyers and banner for the December 20th Holiday Celebration in Leslie Shaw Park.

Economic Development: Jess Bravo reported on the status of the UNNC banners. We will be



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updating our annual permit in January.

OUTREACH: Helen Indrani Chauduri, Dolores Spears, and Bettye Smith-Anderson welcomed our new neighbors at Jefferson Park Terrace and learned about their concerns.

B. Candidate Request for CIS Chair—Discussion and ACTION

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to appoint Rosie Brown as Chair of the Community Impact Statement Committee and authorize her to manage submissions of Community Impact Statements to the City Clerk's Council File system.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

C. Candidate Request (Board Member) for Ad-Hoc Code Enforcement Committee—ACTION.

MOTION: Laura Meyers moved to appoint Helen Indrani-Chauduri as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Code Enforcement Committee.

Sandra Pruitt seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

D. Planning & Zoning

Presented under Item A.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of expenditures and bank statements—ACTION

Sandra Paul presented the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for October 2014.

Billie Green seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 21 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Laura Meyers departed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

MOTION: Billie Green moved to approve the November 6, 2014 minutes as presented.

Bettye Smith-Anderson seconded.



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A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Board Leadership Meeting—Discussion and ACTION

1. City Officials

Which city officials would be helpful for our board training retreat?

Topics may be: Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, DONE regarding Community Impact Statements.

MOTION: Jeff Camp moved that UNNC plan a board retreat on a Saturday morning in February. Billie Green seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 20 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Betty Walton agreed to arrange the food for January.

This weekend is the WAHA tour in Kinney Heights. It's \$90 for tickets, but free if you volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Gilmore

UNNC Secretary

December 12, 2014

Attachments:

None.