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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, January 8, 2015  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

(approved February 5, 2015)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Members present:** Marius Stelly, Laura Meyers, Talicia Raggs, Betty Walton, Denise Jackson, Ophelia Daniel, Elizabeth Fenner, William Hernandez, Sandra Pruitt, Dolores Spears, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Betty Smith-Anderson, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Norman Gilmore, Billie Green. (17 total).

**Members absent:** Andrea Dunlop, Anthony Carter, Jess Bravo, Carlton Stubbs, John Arnold, Heidi Cabero. (6 total).

There were about 7 audience members at the start of the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Helen Indrani Chaudhuri moved to approve the agenda with 15 minutes for each Planning and Zoning case prior to a motion (5 min. presentation, 5 min. applicant, 5 min. Q&A), and amending case#2 to read “unapproved banners and signage at a charter school” instead of “unapproved occupancy as a charter school”, and adding a 10 minute P&Z committee report on Crenshaw developments, and 15 extra minutes for the Treasurer’s report on DONE Funding Requirements, and adding a 10 minute report from the Recreation and Parks Chair, and moving Alvin Arzu’s presentation before public comments. Billie Green seconded.

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

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION: ALVAN ARZU, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, NEIGHBORHOOD PROSECUTOR, SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

Alvin Arzu discussed work being done to address prostitution, unpermitted medical marijuana dispensaries, foreclosed houses, homeless encampments, illegal street vending and other issues.



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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Johnson from Jefferson Park expressed disapproval with various aspects of the Jefferson Park entry sign.

George McPhatter from Jefferson Park also expressed disapproval of various aspects of the Jefferson Park entry sign.

Sandra Pruitt has invited the new Jefferson Park Senior Lead Officer to a Jefferson Park January 26<sup>th</sup> block club meeting at the Jefferson Park Branch Library.

## CD10 UPDATE

Billie Green reported that Council Member Wesson worked to help get the LED lighting finished for the Jefferson Park Sign Lighting project. Also, thanks to the board for helping fund and volunteering at Winter Wonderland.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### A. Jefferson Park Monument Lighting UPDATE – Jeff Camp

Jeff Camp reported that he met with Albert Lord and Greencrest Lighting to review the finished installation of the LED lighting. We are waiting for the software CD, warranty, and manual. The color changing can be controlled by the software. UNNC, CD 10, and LANI have keys to the control box.

The original project was brought to UNNC by Gus Harris, Jr. and Rev. Marzette on behalf of Trinity Baptist Church. The project was funded by LANI and UNNC. Trinity Baptist Church will be paying the monthly electric bill.

This project was very difficult to complete, due to challenges in locating and proving the validity of the DWP permits from more than 10 years ago when the sign monument was built.

Greencrest Lighting, Gus Harris, Jr., and the Council Office worked with DWP to get the final permits in order, including changing the incorrect residential meter to a commercial meter.

### B. Funding Request – Up to \$200 for online services (i.e. domain registration, SSL certificates, email accounts, DNS, etc.) through GoDaddy—Norman Gilmore—ACTION

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC approve up to \$200 per year to Godaddy for online services such as domain registration, SSL certificates, email accounts, DNS, and related technical services.

William Hernandez seconded.

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

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

### C. Neighborhood Banners and Metal Signs—Discussion and Possible Action – Jess Bravo/Andrea Dunlop

Jeff Camp explained that the UNNC street banners would be coming down after 5 years, as the



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city is now requiring permit renewal every 90 days. This will be too burdensome for UNNC to manage. Jess Bravo and Andrea Allen are getting quotes for changing to permanent metal signs for identifying our neighborhoods.

- D. Funding Request – re-order of UNNC magnets with UNNC info plus important City departments info for outreach and empowering – ACTION

This item not required.

- E. Review and approve the 2014-2015 Fiscal Budget which begins as of July 2014 – ACTION

This item not required.

## COMMITTEES BUSINESS

- A. Committee Updates (as needed)

1. Denise Jackson, Public Safety Chair, discussed putting together a block club summit.
2. Sandra Pruitt reported that 522 children participated in the Kid's Holiday Festival at Leslie Shaw Park on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Council President Wesson and CD 10 donated 40 turkey's which were raffled at the event. Thanks to contributors Council 36 Staff Union, Mothers in Charge, LA Chapter, Ernest Green and Howard McPhatter for contributing \$200 of gift cards. Sandra Pruitt thanked all members of her event committee for their participation and support.
3. Next Tuesday at the city Planning and Land Use Committee meeting will hear the nomination for a Historic Cultural Monument status for the 2067 Hobart, the former church.

- B. Planning & Zoning

1. Case No. APCS-2014-4010-ZC, 1540 So. St. Andrews Place  
Proposal to change the zoning from "Q-R3" (effective zoning is R2, duplex) to "R3" in order to build a new 16-unit apartment building. Project involves the demolition of a 1906 residence currently being used as a duplex and church. The "Q" is a qualified condition that reverts the zoning subarea to R2 consistent with ordinances related to the AB 282 General Plan Consistency Program, which involved many public hearings. New apartment building would have underground and at grade parking with 32 total spaces, 4 two-bedroom units and 12 3-bedroom units. Public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 11 a.m., Room 1020, City Hall—ACTION

The Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association and the Harvard Heights HPOZ oppose this project.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC oppose this spot zoning request at Case No. APCS-2014-4010-ZC, 1540 So. St. Andrews Place, as it is inconsistent with the neighborhood character and UNNC policy.



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Norman Gilmore seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections. There were no objections.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC express its concern about the incorrect acceptance of Case APCS-2014-4010-ZC for expedited processing.

Elizabeth Fenner seconded.

Vote: 17 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

2. Case No. DIR-2014-4200-BSA, 2255 West Adams Boulevard  
An appeal on the entire Determination dated October 23, 2014 by the Department of Building and Safety re: DBS-14008-DCP. The case involves Today's Fresh Start Charter School located in the R-3 residential zone; code enforcement for an unapproved banners and signage at a charter school. Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3 at 10 a.m. in City Hall—ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC advocate that (i) the city of Los Angeles should investigate the applicability of the charter/school district claimed exemption from city zoning code and (ii) that UNNC should ask the city to apply the zoning code equally to all schools, while respecting the Conditional Use Permit process.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

Dr. Clark Parker, owner and operator of the school, presented for the school.

He states that his interpretation of state law allows his school, functioning as its own school district, to exempt themselves from the city zoning code.

A roll call vote was taken.

Vote: 11 in favor, 1 opposed, 5 abstentions.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved to extend debate by 10 minutes.

The chair asked for objections. There were none.

Procedural motion passes.

**MOTION:** Norman Gilmore moved that UNNC ask the city to enforce its order to comply with the zoning code in this case.

Laura Meyers seconded.

The chair asked for objections. There were none.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

3. New projects on Crenshaw

Renderings and site plans for the following projects were projected.

Case No DIR-2014-2865-DB-SPP-SPR, at 2631 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Case No DIR-2014-2805-DB-SPP, at 3411 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

These projects are on the west side of Crenshaw, adjacent to UNNC's boundary.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Helen Indrani-Chauduri departed.

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

Sandra Paul presented the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION:** Dolores Spears moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for November 2014.

Norman Gilmore seconded.

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

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

Sandra Paul presented the latest paperwork forms which DONE has provided as the current set of procedures for funding events.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Norman Gilmore announced that he is planning to resign as Jefferson Park Resident Representative and as Secretary sometime in the next couple of months.

The Secretary presented minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** Denise Jackson moved to approve the December 4, 2014 minutes as presented.

Betty Walton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Betty Walton for arranging food tonight.

Sandra Pruitt agreed to arrange the food for February.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has put out a new code-of-conduct which board members must agree to.

(Secretary's note: Board members can read and agree to the code-of-conduct at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billie Green said Happy New Year to everyone! 2015 should be an even better year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Gilmore  
UNNC Secretary  
February 4, 2015  
Attachments:  
None.