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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, May 7, 2015  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6.43 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** John Arnold, Marius Stelly, Denise Jackson, Bettye Smith-Anderson, Betty Walton, Anthony Carter, Laura Meyers, Elizabeth Fenner, Sandra Pruitt, Jess Bravo, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Rosie Brown, Talicia Raggs, William Hernandez, Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Dolores Spears. (18 total).

**Members absent:** Heidi Cabero, Andrea Dunlop, Ophelia Daniel, Carlton Stubbs. (4 total).

There were about 45 audience members at the start of the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Denise Jackson moved to approve the agenda with standard time limits for each item.

Betty Walton seconded.

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

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Laura Meyers announce there will be a tour from West Adams Heritage Association on Saturday, June 6 in the West Adams Heights neighborhood.

Marius Stelly announced on May 16<sup>th</sup>, there is a Neighborhood Council Town Hall being held by Council President Herb Wesson.

Juan Gonzalez and Representatives from the Southern California Gas Company handed out information



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and discussed coming technology for wireless reader transmitters. Physical gas meter readings will no longer have to take place. All information is encrypted and no personal information is revealed, only gas usage.

Gwendolyn from Girl Scout Troop 3725 requested that the Leslie Shaw Park on Jefferson that is to be renovated that they are asking for everyone's help to assist their troop in getting a safer way to the park. CD10 Field Deputy, Albert Lord will coordinate with Troop 3725 and update the Executive Committee.

Kathy Lewis from the Wellington Square Farmers Market would like invite everyone to come on Sunday's 9AM to 1PM for farm fresh produce, breads, music and friends.

Debra Varnado announced that poet laureate, Luis Rodriguez will be at the Washington Irving Library, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM.

Dolores Spears reminded everyone that Fire Station 34 will be having a Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 9 from 10AM to 4PM. There will be station tours, ambulance displays, safety preparedness, kid activities along food and refreshments.

## **SPECIAL GUEST**

Steve Houchin, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Olympic Division

Neighborhood Prosecutor Program covers quality of life issues from prostitution to blight, to code enforcement and property issues.

## **CD10 UPDATE**

CD10 Field Deputy, Albert Lord updated the Neighborhood Council on activities in CD10:

- Council President Herb Wesson created a task force committee to address the Housing and Homeless issues facing the City and County.
- A recent lawsuit was settled regarding sidewalks. And sidewalks will be repaired on a priority need going forward.
- Asian Islander Pacific Heritage month kicks off tomorrow. Visit City Hall to see all of this diversity.

## **VACANT BOARD SEAT—REGION 5, SEAT 1**

**MOTION:** Laura moved that UNNC seat Sandra Pruitt to the Board, Region 5, Seat 1  
Sandra Paul seconded.

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

Vote: Approved unanimously.



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**Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA5 and ENV-2014-2482-CE**

(categorical exemption)

2126 West Adams Boulevard, Applicant Freeport McMoRan Oil & Gas (FMOG)

Proposed installation of new oil/gas production equipment (a CEB Clean Emissions Burner to burn waste gas) and Sound Wall at the existing oil production facility located on the south side of Adams Boulevard at Gramercy Place, to 27th Street in Jefferson Park. As submitted, the application calls for placement of the new CEB and the Sound Wall into the lower, landscaped portion of the large parcel nearer to 27th Street, rather than within the active drilling operations that is currently surrounded by a perimeter wall on the upper terrace at West Adams Boulevard. Applicant also proposes an exemption from environmental review. Additional production equipment may be proposed for changes. – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Myers moved that UNNC:

- 1). The P&Z Committee recommends that the UNNC Governing Board NOT SUPPORT Freeport McMoRan’s request to expand the active drillsite (surface work area) into the parkland at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Andrews Place. And furthermore that UNNC request that the Zoning Administrator orders that FMOG restore the parkland to the condition it was prior to construction. UNNC supports clean air and would support the installation of a CEB Clean Emissions Burner within the existing surface drill site work area surrounded by the perimeter wall.
- 2). The P&Z Committee recommends that the UNNC Governing Board NOT SUPPORT the use of a Categorical Exemption and to call for a full environmental review of the Murphy site/operation.
- 3). The P&Z Committee recommends that the UNNC Governing Board reiterate its position voted on in September 2014 of “Conditions and Mitigations” recommended to the Zoning Administrator for the subject site.

Betty Walton seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There were abstentions.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.

<Meeting was paused for a break with full board approval, and Billie Green left at 8:40 PM>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Funding Request—The Friends of Jefferson Park Library—ACTION

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved that UNNC provide \$2,920.88 to The Friends of Jefferson Park Library for shading systems to use when presenting movies, event nights or presentations



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Elizabeth Fenner seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

## B. Funding Request—Reimburse Jeff Camp for Board refreshments—ACTION

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved that UNNC reimburse \$90.00 to Board member Jeff Camp  
Betty Walton seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

## C. Rotating Recording Secretary—ACTION

Sandra Pruitt volunteered to fill the Executive Committee Secretary position

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC appoint Sandra Pruitt to Secretary of the Executive  
Committee

Denise Jackson seconded.

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

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## D. DONE Voting Stipulations—DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved that UNNC move ahead with our original stipulations to present to  
DONE

Betty Walton seconded.

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

Vote: Approved unanimously.

## COMMITTEES BUSINESS

### A. Committee Updates (as needed)

1. Dolores Spears reported that no one responded to her request for volunteers for outreach.
2. Jeff Camp reported that Denise Jackson and her committee for the Public Safety Summit did a fantastic job.

### B. Planning & Zoning



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1. Case No **Review and approval of proposed UNNC comment letter RE: Crenshaw Boulevard Streetscape Plan**

The Los Angeles Department of City Planning has released a final draft of the Crenshaw Boulevard Streetscape Plan. The revised draft plan incorporates community input received through the previous public process, and a workshop/public hearing is slated for late Spring/early Summer. The draft plan and all supporting documents for the Crenshaw Boulevard Streetscape Plan are available for review on the project’s website located at: <http://www.latnp.org/crenshawlax-line/crenshaw-blvd-streetscape-plan/>. – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved to recommend the letter for the Crenshaw Boulevard Streetscape Plan with changes recognizing all ethnicities that represented the area with final approval through the Executive Committee.  
Sandra Pruitt seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There were no objections.  
Vote: Approved unanimously.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Approval of expenditures and bank statements—ACTION

Sandra Paul presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**MOTION:** Sandra Paul moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for April 2015.  
Helen Indrani Chaudhuri seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**MOTION:** Sandra Paul moved that UNNC approve an additional \$100 for banner permit fees.  
Laura Meyers seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.  
Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**MOTION:** moved that UNNC approve \$??? for banner permit fees.  
seconded.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion.  
Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.



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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary (Jeff Camp acting) presented April minutes for approval. Please review the motions you made or seconded carefully. If you were not present, abstain from voting on approval.

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to approve the April 2015 minutes with the following corrections:  
Sandra Paul did not present, Marius Stelly did and Laura Meyers' name is misspelled.  
Marius Stelly seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There were no objections.  
Vote: Approved unanimously.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Betty Walton for arranging food for this evening from (and Marius Stelly for arranging payment).  
Sandra Paul will arrange food for June

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Camp  
UNNC Secretary (Acting)  
Last revision: June 3, 2015  
Attachments:  
None.