



# UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE HISTORIC ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, WEST ADAMS AND JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITIES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## UNNC Governing Board Meeting

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Thursday, March 3, 2016  
Council District 10 Field Office  
1819 S. Western Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jeff Camp opened the meeting at 6:51 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** John Arnold, Marius Stelly, Ophelia Daniel, Andrea Dunlop, Anthony Carter, Laura Meyers, Sandra Pruitt, Helen Indrani Chaudhuri, Sandra Paul, Rosie Brown, Jeff Camp, Billie Green, Ethan Bagley, Lizy Moromisato, Marielle Farnan. (15 total).

**Members absent:** Denise Jackson, Jess Bravo, Talicia Raggs, Dolores Spears, Bettye Smith, Betty Walton, Carlton Stubbs, Elizabeth Fenner, (8 total).

There were about 35 audience members at the start of the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Billie Green moved to approve the agenda with standard time limits for each item. Two items removed #4C, tabled at the request of the City Attorney, #4D removed by petitioner. Marielle Farnell seconded.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. John Arnold announced his garden was selected by Theodore Payne Foundation, native plant advocacy, on April 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> for a tour.
- B. Go to UNNC.org website to receive all the information occurring.
- C. Llon King, Arlington Heights, there are two petitions drives, first one is the usage of Norton Street as a egress for a charter; second petition in opposition to the charter school project entirely, 20 day period before hearing.
- D. Marius Stelly shared information about the Olive Club speedway in Fontana has track nights, for



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those interested. There has been a lot of racing in our neighborhoods. This would be somewhere safe to get that “need for speed.”

- E. Richmond Briscoe, Dir. of the Crenshaw Family YMCA, he is here to announce the “Healthy Kids Day” on April 30.
- F. Marielle Farnan, made it clear that the charter school would not be a traffic problem by DOT. There won’t be a lottery for children who live in the Arlington Heights area. The school has a dual language curriculum.
- G. Donna Jones thanked the UNNC for the lovely Leslie Shaw park grand opening celebration.
- H. Laura Meyers announced the Make Jefferson Beautiful discussion meeting being held at Denker Recreation Center on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- I. Stephen Box, EmpowerLA, Dir. Outreach & Communications, 34 neighborhoods councils, with 3 people responsible for supporting this area, came to give us some face to face time, 213-978-1551. UNNC is good at a lot of great things. UNNC has a great track record.

## CD10 UPDATE

LACC and KYCC have been given an initiative to clean streets, tree wells & sidewalks areas in CD10. Part of the Clean Streets Initiative.

Council President thanked everyone for coming to the Grand Opening for Leslie Shaw park.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Funding Request – Rec & Parks, South Seas House, “Spring Celebration” \$400.00 – Walidah Williams – ACTION

**MOTION:** Sandra Pruitt moved that UNNC fund up to \$490.  
Lizy Moromisato seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There was an abstention.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- B. Funding Request – Storage Containers \$100—Sandra Pruitt—ACTION

**MOTION:** Sandra Pruitt moved that UNNC fund up to \$100.  
Laura Meyers seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections. There was an abstention.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions.

- C. Amend Standing Rules — ACTION **Tabled to Executive committee**



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- D. Stakeholder Petition to Remove Board Member, Ethan Bagley –  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION – **Removed**

## COMMITTEES BUSINESS

- A. Committee updates (as needed)
- B. **Public Safety – Denise Jackson reported, as read by Jeff Camp;** meeting held on Saturday 2/27, 80% of all targeted exhibitors invited, 20% confirmed, 40-50 exhibitors expected participation, including food trucks, all confirmations are due by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will be provided by 94.7 the wave radio station and also a live band. Smokey the bear, shakey quakey stimulator, CHP DUI simulator have been confirmed to participate. Volunteers are needed, please contact Cheryl Johnson. Next planning meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>@ Washington Irving Library. Marketing plan presented, draft flyer completed in revision stages. Social media print media, and radio commercial ads targeted by UNNC and 5 step neighborhood plan, goal is to have 500-600 people attend the event. Jefferson Park public safety meeting will be moved under the UNNC public safety committee beginning March. Wilshire CPAB board being reorganized to include members from Wilshire district neighborhood council and Wilshire/Melrose business district. Capt Lesley is being reassigned. CPAB will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. Location of the meetings is being moved to more central. Wilshire location tentatively being considered. 323-731-8686 to volunteer
- C. **Emergency Preparedness – Debra Varnado,** 3 major areas of concentration; EMT 5 steps grant neighborhood disaster planning on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave in West Adams area, 3-5 month process with several neighborhood meeting, with the consultant identifying the assets and vulnerability in the plan, assets as the church and neighbors with occupations in the medical field, with vulnerabilities being causes from a disaster. The actual exercise will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>, first responders come out and the neighborhood is formed into an incident to practice the plan.

Cert classes will be held at Trinity Baptist Church on Jefferson Blvd. beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>. For 7 weeks.

- D. Elections—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION **Camp**

**MOTION:** Jeff Camp moved to allow the election committee to spend no



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more than \$8,000, so not to have special meetings or to have to come to the board for items that may change.  
Sandra Paul seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

E. **Recreation & Parks- Sandra Pruitt**, the Leslie Shaw park grand opening celebration was well attended. Council President Herb Wesson was there, even though his son was in a car accident. His son was okay, but it meant a lot to the community that he would still keep his commitment and host the celebration and stay long enough to cut the ribbon and take lots of pictures.

## A. Planning & Zoning

### 1. Case No \* . **DIR 2015-0474(RV) -- Abatement/Revocation Proceedings Against Motel located at 3211 West Jefferson Blvd. (near Edgehill).**

City Planning will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22 at 10 a.m. relative to the possible imposition of corrective conditions OR the revocation of its use as a motel, based on the Los Angeles Police Department police call and arrest report documentation of: assault with deadly weapon, sell/possession of narcotics, prostitution, battery, robbery with deadly weapon, burglary, vandalism, manufacturing/selling/possessing a dangerous weapon, keeping a disorderly house, and receiving known stolen property. These activities are jeopardizing and/or endangering the public health and safety of persons residing or working on the premises or in the surrounding area, thereby constituting a public nuisance, and contributing to the deterioration of the adjacent community. The activities occurring in and around the premises have generated numerous police responses thereby straining the resources of the Police Department. -- DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### 1. –ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved to support the LAPD to impose revocation of the motel at 3211 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
Ethan Bagley seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.  
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

### 2. Recommendation to CD10 to initiate the expansion of Harvard Heights HPOZ to include Manhattan Place between Venice and Pico, and the southern part of West Adams Heights/Sugar Hill, “exact boundaries to be determined.”—DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers so moved.



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Maruis Stelly seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

### 3. Remaining Planning & Zoning Items—DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

Public Hearing March 16, 2016 Proposed project at 2580 W. Venice 4386 square ft  
24 hours #ZA20154126CU

**MOTION:** Laura Meyers moved that UNNC to move not to support 24 hours operation in a residential area, and not to support the mini mall until the Planning and Zoning committee meets with the applicant.

John Arnold seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of expenditures and bank statements—ACTION

B. Dispersal of Remaining fiscal funds – ACTION

Sandra Paul presented the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION:** Sandra Paul moved that UNNC approve the Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement for January and February 2016.

Ethan Bagley seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.

A roll call vote was recorded.

Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

**MOTION:** Sandra Pruitt moved to approve the February, 2016 minutes [as presented | with the following corrections: Marielle Farnan; refreshment reimbursement, Marius Stelly presented treasurer Sandra Paul



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was absent; P&Z case number should be CF#16-0129 ].  
Lizy Moromisato seconded.

The Chair asked for any objections.  
A roll call vote was recorded.  
Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Committees and Participation

The President reminded everyone of the importance of finding a committee and getting involved. There are constantly the same people at all the events. Step up find something that you like to do be more engaged. It's all the board members responsibility to outreach and volunteer.

Thank you for all board members for working hard. Our stakeholders see how much we do.

Thanks to Service Unlimited for arranging food for this evening from (and Marius Stelly for arranging payment).

Sandra Pruitt will arrange food for April.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Pruitt  
UNNC Secretary  
Last revision: April 6, 2015  
Attachments:  
None.