



United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council

UNNC Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 1, 2024
7:00 p.m.



In Person and on Zoom

NOTE: In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 and Los Angeles City Council approval on November 1, 2023, UNNC will be conducting this meeting both **in-person and also virtually utilizing the Zoom platform**. Please see expanded information on page 5 of this agenda. You have the option of attending in person, via the internet, or by telephone. Questions? Email President@unnc.org or paula.southern@unnc.org.

MEETING LOCATION:

In person at Gramercy Apartments Community Room
1856 S. Wilton Place (meeting room entry door on Washington Boulevard), Los Angeles CA 90019

OR, JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81196330085>

Meeting ID: 811 9633 0085

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Agenda Packet link with meeting presentation materials here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L-gAcogG_mNbE_nuZ5WfrSS8HSOa-fYG?usp=sharing

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Please see expanded information regarding public comments and other virtual meeting protocols on page 4 of this agenda.

Time allocations for agenda items, if any, are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure that UNNC meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

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Note: Please see further information about TTY/TDD services and translation services at the end of this agenda.

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AGENDA

- 1). **Call to Order/Roll Call/Board members' voting status** - Paula Southern
- 2). **Review and approval of the Agenda** - Paula Southern
- 3). **Public Comments and Announcements, on items not on the agenda** (1 minute per person)
- 4). **Government Agencies Reports and Comments:**
 - A. CD 10 Report - Field Deputy, Danielle Mero/Eric Aguiar
 - B. DONE Report - Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Alfonso Manzo
 - C. Other Government Officials
- 5). **Election of UNNC Secretary – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
- 6). **Approve Proposal for Website Management for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 from Ann Zumwinkle / Zumwinkle.com -- DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

7). Proposed Community Impact Statement (CIS) re Council File 24-0602, Artificial Turf: The L.A. City Council is considering a motion regarding transitioning away from use of synthetic turf/artificial grass, transitioning towards California drought-friendly landscaping, and evaluating the health and environmental risks from polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other contaminants. UNNC's Environmental Committee recommends that UNNC adopt the following CIS supporting the proposal if amended:

*UNNC, the United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council, **SUPPORTS IF AMENDED** Council File No. 24-0602, which requests reports back from several city departments, including LADWP, Recreation & Parks, General Services, Sanitation and Urban Forestry, regarding transitioning Los Angeles away from the use of artificial grass and towards California drought-friendly landscaping. UNNC would like to see stronger action than is currently proposed.*

Too often Angelenos, when encouraged to save water, have "paved over paradise" with concrete or brick, with gravel, and with artificial grass – any and all of which discourage bio-diverse plantings and will damage our tree canopy since existing trees may not be watered and new trees may not be planted. Synthetic grass is made by fusing together rubber and certain plastics to create the illusion of lush lawns – but it turns out that these artificial turf components also create environmental risks from polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other "forever" chemical contaminants. Runoff from artificial turf can leach into waterways, and that danger is worse when the material is thrown away into landfills, where the materials break down even more. In addition, artificial turf does not support life, including insects and birds, and by depriving underlying soil of water, air and light, can kill beneficial organisms in the soil for many years to come. Along with reports, UNNC would like to see more action and emphasis on funding incentives to remove existing artificial grass, placing bans on new installations (not just on government-owned parcels), more public messaging on the harms of artificial grass, and funding for education campaigns so Angelenos can understand not just how to save water but also how to use it beneficially to support the growth of our trees and native plants that support biodiversity.

– DISCUSSION AND ACTION



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8). Executive Committee

A. President’s Report - Paula Southern

-- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

B. Treasurer’s Report - Candice Jackson

- i. Review and Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for July 2024
- ii. Budget and Rollover Update
- iii. Update re Teleconferencing System and possible purchase approval

-- DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR TREASURER’S ITEMS

D. Secretary’s Report

- i. Approve July 11, 2024 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

E. Vice President’s Report - Laura Meyers

- i. Attendance and Training Updates

9). Committee Reports

A. Planning & Zoning

- i. **Metro has released the Draft EIR For Crenshaw/LAX K Line Northern Extension:**
Metro has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the K Line Northern Extension Project and is seeking public comments from July 23 to September 5. This project aims to connect communities from the South Bay to Hollywood. The Draft EIR analyzes three potential underground light rail alignments. Public hearings will be held on August 10, 13, and 15. Learn more: <https://thesource.metro.net/2024/07/23/read-the-draft-environmental-impact-report-eir-for-the-k-line-northern-extension/> UNNC may wish to request an extension of time for public comment. – **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- ii. **Follow-up to Previous Cases, ENS, and Old Business. – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

B. Appoint Outreach Committee Chair – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- i. **Updates re Summer Outreach events** –Leslie Shaw Park movie, Aug 6; and Jazz under the Stars, Aug 30, Aug 31, Sept 1).

C. Communications Committee Updates – DISCUSSION

D. Appoint Elections Committee Chair – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

E. Appoint Other Committee Chairs & NC Alliance Reps – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

F. Other Committee Reports – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION



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10). Old Business – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

11). Adjourn

Future Meetings: The next scheduled UNNC Governing Board meeting is **Thursday, September 5** (*Standing Governing Board meetings are usually held on the 1st Thursday of the month, currently in person and via Zoom.*)

Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board or a Committee is prevented from acting on a matter you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a public member may become the subject of a future Board or Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker unless waived by the Board or Committee presiding officer. When prompted by the presiding chair to provide public input at this virtual meeting, public members who are attending virtually will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option on the computer to address any agenda item before the Board takes action on an item.

Further Brown Act Updates: Public comments cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting. Only real-time public comment is required. If broadcasting interruptions prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Further SB 411 Updates:

If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

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There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TIY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service.

Please visit this site for detail descriptions:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>

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If you have limitations hearing or speaking a specially-trained CA can relay telephone conversations for all of your calls. In California, dial 711 to reach the California Relay Service (CRS). If you prefer having your calls immediately answered in your mode of communication, dial one of the toll-free modality- and language-specific numbers below. The call will be routed to the CRS provider.

TTY/VCO/HCO to Voice
1-800-735-29291/English
800-855-3000/Spanish

Voice to TTY/VCO/HCO
1-800-735-2922/English
1-800-855-3000/Spanish

From or to Speech-to-Speech
1-800-854-7784/ English & Spanish

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