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**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Agenda
6:30pm-10:30pm* Wed Apr 1, 2015**

Micheltorena Elementary Auditorium 1511 Micheltorena St, LA, CA 90026 Parking, Bike Parking, MetroBus 2/302, 4/704

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***PLEASE NOTE BOTH EARLIER START TIME AND LATER END TIME OF THIS APRIL 1 GB Meeting**

ITEMS MAY BE ADDRESSED OUT OF THE ORDER LISTED. TIMES ARE FOR REFERENCE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME, GROUNDWORK (4 min) 6:30PM**
NC Code of Civility http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/code_of_civility.htm
NC Code of Conduct <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT (12 min) 6:34PM**
- 3. CORRESPONDENCE (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 6D - Secretary Report) (2 min) 6:46PM**
- 4. MINUTES APPROVAL <http://bit.ly/19nLWJd> - minutes for Feb begin on p. 78 & for March on p. 93 of this agenda**
 - A. SLNC GB NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL (moved to end in Dec, then not approved, also skipped in March) <http://silverlakenc.org/2014/11/21/governing-board-draft-minutes-november-5-2014/> (4 min) 6:48PM**
 - B. SLNC GB FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL – p.78 (skipped in March) <http://silverlakenc.org/2015/02/24/governing-board-draft-minutes-february-4-2015/> (4 min) 6:52PM**
 - C. SLNC GB MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL - p.93 (4 min) 6:56PM**
<http://silverlakenc.org/2015/03/24/slnc-gb-draft-minutes-march-4-2015/>
- 5. APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**
 - A. Discussion & Poss. Action: Take Board Position on Raising the Minimum Wage in LA (5A) 7:00PM**
<http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>
 1. Presentation by Eric Garcetti, Mayor of LA, Rep (Poonam Narewatt) – Raise to \$13.25 (2 min present, 2 min Q&A)
 2. Presentation by Rachel Torres, LAANE – Raise to \$15.00 (2 min present, 2 min Q&A)
 3. Comment, Summary & Possible Board Vote (2 minutes)

- B. Mitch O'Farrell, CD13, Rep (Mary Rodriguez) – waived this month
- C. Tom LaBonge, CD4, Representative – waived this month
- D. Assemblyman Mike Gatto, Rep (Eric Menjivar) – waived this month
- E. Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez, Rep (Sarah Rascon/Roberto Gama) – waived this month
- F. Congressman Adam Schiff, Representative (Pam Marcella) – waived this month

G. New Sergeant-At-Arms Appointment (to join Karina Andrade) (1 min) **7:10PM**

H. Disc/Possible Action: To select 2 Board Members, 1 Female, 1 Male, to attend the Neighborhood Council Civic University Program on Apr 2, 8 & 15. Selected members must commit to attending all three classes & work on a project to address an issue in their community. <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Civic-U-FAQs.pdf> (2 min)

I. Disc/Possible Action: Creation of an ad hoc Elections committee to be seated one year prior to the next election (2016), to be assigned to evaluate policies and guidelines & form recommendations for the SLNC Board, DONE, & the Independent Election Commission. The committee is to be comprised of no more than 5 Board members & open to anyone else. (2 min)

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS (Executive Committee) (20 min) 7:15PM

A. **Discussion & Possible Action:** Approval/Delegation to fill out the 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet to then bring back to the May GB Agenda for final Board Approval (in order to then meet the June 1 City Deadline) (3 min)

B. Co-Chairs (ATTACHMENT 6B) Co-Chairs Report (5 min)

1. RE: SLNC Officer Elections May 6 2015
2. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Consider (1) Cancelling CD4 Candidate Runoff Forum or (2) partnering with LFNC CD4 Forum or (3) partnering with Hollywood Hills West, Greater Toluca Lake and Hollywood United neighborhood councils as co-sponsors for a CD4 runoff debate on Thursday April 30 at the Hall of Liberty theater in Forest Lawn.

3. Citywide Grievance Policy - http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0067_CA_03-24-2015.pdf
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0067_ord_183487.pdf

4. **Discussion & Possible Action:** SLNC/Silver Lake Reservoir/Community Coalition Letter

C. Vice-Chair (ATTACHMENT 6C) Vice-Chair Report (2 min)

D. Treasurer (ATTACHMENT 6D) DPA: **Treasurer Report (7 min)** <http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>

1. **Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)** <http://bit.ly/1a766s8>
2. **Discussion & Possible Action: Reallocation of Annual Budget for Remaining Fiscal Year Funds**
3. **Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of Apple One Invoice in the amount of up to \$1500**

E. Secretary (ATTACHMENT 6E) Secretary Report – Correspondence (2 min)

F. Webmaster (ATTACHMENT 6F) Webmaster Report (1 min)

7. COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS & ACTIVATION

(with respect to funding cycle deadlines & bylaws moratorium deadline of May 1, oral committee reports waived to meeting end/next month, per Board. Thanks to all who submitted written reports in advance)

- A. Arts & Culture (Carson/Tantemsapya) (3rd Mondays)
- B. Budget & Finance (Smith-Goodin/Dowler-Guerrero) (as needed)
- C. Bylaws & Standing Rules (Carson) (as needed)
- D. Community Liaison Committee (Speitel/Wingler) (with Outreach, 4th Wednesdays)
- E. Education, Youth & Families Committee (Sitz/Dion/Gomez) (2nd &/or 3rd Thursdays)
- F. Friends of Animals (Navratil/Laborie) (2nd Thursdays)
- G. Governmental Affairs (Crump/Johnson) (4th Wednesdays)
- H. Green (Hart) (3rd Tuesdays)

- I. History Collective (Masterson/Revkin) (*1st Thursdays*)
- J. Homeless Coalition (Dowler-Guerrero) (*2nd Mondays*)
- K. IT Committee (Andrade/Malone) (*3rd Mondays*)
- L. Outreach & Elections (Ogsbury/Kantner) (*with Community Liaison, 4th Wednesdays*)
- M. Public Safety (Bigelow/Garrity) (*2nd &/or 3rd Thursdays*)
- N. Reservoir Complex (Wingler/Arnold) (*as needed*)
- O. Small Business
- P. Transportation & Public Works (Mooney/Tran) (*3rd Mondays*)
- Q. Urban Design & Preservation (Plante/Ferrell) (*2nd Wednesdays*)
- R. Executive (Clarke/Herman-Wurmfeld) (*3rd Wednesdays*)
- S. Representative Updates:
 ARC (Alliance of River Communities) Rep (Van Wormer) & Budget Advocate Reps (www.ncbala.com) (Ringuette, Desario)
<http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Budget-Advocates-White-Paper-2015.pdf>

8. OLD BUSINESS - FUNDING REQUESTS/Discussion

7:35PM

8A (FEB GB) MOTION: that SLNC fund up to \$200 to purchase reusable nametags for all current Board members (Outreach) (5 min)

8B (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC Committees discuss Facebook Groups use & consider discontinuing unless compelling reason (IT/Outreach) (5 min)

8C (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC consolidate all existing committee mailing lists in MailChimp (with possible exception of UD&P) into one master mailing list (IT/Outreach Comm) (5 min)

8D (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC send revised CIS/letter re:Hyperion Bridge reiterating support for Option 3 & rejecting 1A (Mooney) (5 min)

8E (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC send a letter to LA City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, file a CIS on Council File No. 14-1197, & copy City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, expressing concern regarding Council File No. 14-1197, to develop a standard for artificial turf in parkways (Green Committee, 10-0-0) (5 min)

8F (MAR GB) MOTION: to support motion passed by Mar Vista Community Council Feb 10, 2015 (with addendum) regarding replacing lawns with native plants & rainwater capture rather than artificial turf & to communicate this support to relevant parties at the LADWP, the City of Los Angeles, and LAUSD (Green/TPW Comm, 11-0-0) (5 min)

8G (MAR GB) MOTION: approve NPG up to \$1700 for barrel oven from Firespeaking for Micheltorena Community Garden (Green/TPW) (5 min) <http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>

8H (MAR GB) MOTION: NPG up to \$2400 for aquaponics system from King's Roost for Micheltorena Comm. Garden (Green/TPW) (5 min) <http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>

8I (MAR GB) MOTION (REVISED): to approve a NPG to spend up to \$520 to support the Neutra Museum in purchasing chairs so that they can host lectures and community events, as well as provide a space for community meetings. (Arts & Culture, 4-2-0) (5 min) <http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>

8J (MAR GB) MOTION (REVISED): to approve \$1,300 for Bandstand Rental/permits/insurance/sound system rental/poster material/and videographer to help fund the production of The First Annual Silver Lake Variety/Vaudeville Show 2015 to take place Sun June 14, 2015. (5 min)

8K (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC select a new logo for the SLNC from our recent logo contest submissions (see attachment 8N) via process of a Board vote, with logo receiving highest number of votes replacing the current SLNC logo. (Outreach Comm) (10 min)

8L (MAR GB) **BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL/MOTION:** to amend Article VIII, Section 2 of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Bylaws to change "agendas shall be prepared by the Co-Chairs" to "agendas shall be prepared by the Executive Committee" (Bylaws & SR, 4-0-3) (10 min)

CHECK-IN – BIO BREAK, STRETCH & REFRESH (5 min)

8:45PM

8M GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FORMATION: Mooney Mar 8/10/2014 Grievance Committee (5 min)

8:50PM

Disc/possible action: re-formation of a Grievance Committee including selection of Committee member(s). The Board will move to accept nominations of stakeholders to be added to a 3 person Grievance Committee (now currently with 2 members, Jerome Courshon & Dinesh Joshi) to hear a grievance previously submitted Apr 1, 2014 (and again Aug 18, 2014) by Mr. Matthew Mooney. The Board seeks impartial stakeholders willing to serve on the committee & requests they be present at the Apr 1, 2015 meeting.

9-NEW BUSINESS

9A MOTION: to approve an NPG to spend up to \$647 (on art supplies/ light refreshments*) for educational programming related to Vincent Lamouroux's temporary, civic artwork entitled *Projection* to include art workshops for children in our community at Silverlake Independent Jewish Community Center (SIJCC). (Arts & Culture, 8-0-0) (5 min)

8:55PM

9-NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA - GENERAL

9:00PM

(consent agenda is heard to potentially pass a group of items simultaneously via unanimous consent; any pulled items from this list then will be discussed individually at the end of this meeting or will be carried over to the subsequent (May 6) GB meeting)

9B The SLNC, having already moved unanimously to support the Big Parade LA taking place May 2-3, 2015 (bigparadela.com) moves additionally to organize the Sunday morning May 3, 2015 Silver Lake sendoff from the Music Box Steps in Laurel & Hardy Park from 8AM-9AM in order to support and encourage the urban walkers & local participants from this iconic park & staircase in our neighborhood with cheer, music, and good neighborliness. (Arts & Culture Committee, 7-0-0)

9-NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA - SLNC BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS – p.49

9:03PM

(consent agenda is used pass a group of items simultaneously via unanimous consent; any pulled items from this bylaw amendment proposal list – either from board members or stakeholders - then will be discussed individually at the end of this meeting or will be carried over to subsequent GB meeting(s) for discussion and vote. Please note: If bylaw amendment proposals are not voted on at this Apr 1 regular GB meeting, they will not meet the May 1 2015 City Deadline for Bylaw changes, however, they still may be discussed/voted on at later meeting(s) & could be submitted at a later date should the City lift the bylaw moratorium again in the future.

ALL BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS HERE: <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Bylaws-Amendments-no-cover-page.pdf>
<http://bit.ly/19nLWJd>

9C MOTION: to amend **Article VI A Co-Chairs** to remove the words “prepare agendas for meeting” (Bylaws 4-1-0)

9D MOTION: to amend **Article VII Section 1 A** to add the words “prepares agendas for meetings” (Bylaws 4-1-0)

9E MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 10 (Resignation)** by adding language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (*Proposal: Any member of the Board who ceases to be a Stakeholder is required to submit his or her resignation to the Board*) (Bylaws 5-0-0)

9F MOTION: to amend **Article VII, Section 3 (Committee Creation)** of the SLNC Bylaws to change “At least one (1) Board Member must sit on each Standing Committee.” to “At least one (1) Board Member must be designated as a committee member, be listed on the Committee’s webpage, and receive email at the Committee’s email.” (Bylaws 5-0-1)

9G MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 11A Community Outreach** to remove the words ‘notices in local newspapers’ (Bylaws 6-0-0)

9H MOTION: to amend **Article VII Section 1: Standing Committees** which currently reads *Executive, Outreach, Governmental Affairs, Community Liaison* to add *Arts & Culture, Budget & Finance, Bylaws & Standing Rules, Education Youth & Families, Elections, Friends of Silver Lake Animals, Green, History Collective, Homeless Coalition, Information Technology, Neighborhood Business, Public Safety & Crime Prevention, Reservoir Complex, Transportation & Public Works, Urban Design & Preservation* and to place them in alphabetical order. (Bylaws 6-0-0)

9I MOTION: to amend **Article VII, Section 3 (Committees & Their Duties)** of the SLNC Bylaws to add Article VII Section 3.D from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language “Committee meetings are subject to and shall be conducted in accordance with the dictates of the Brown Act. Minutes shall be taken at every Committee meeting” (Bylaws 4-0-2)

9J MOTION: to amend **Article VII Section 3 Notifications/Postings** to change ‘at a minimum of seven (7) public places’ to ‘at a minimum of one (1) public place’ and to delete ‘(at least one (1) in each Region)’ (Bylaws 4-0-1)

9K MOTION: to amend **Article IXB (Finances)** to change ‘The Treasurer will present a quarterly financial report to the Board’ to language from the February 2014 Neighborhood Council Bylaws Template language that reads ‘each month, the Treasurer shall provide to the Board detailed reports of the Council’s accounts’ (Bylaws 5-0-0)

9L MOTION: to delete **Article IX: Finances D:** Specific expenditures of \$250 or more must have pre-approval by a majority of the Board Specific Expenditures of less than \$250 can be made without pre-approval by a majority of the Board. (Bylaws 6-0-0)

9M MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Compliance** by deleting the current bylaw and replacing it with the language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall comply with these Bylaws and with any additional Standing Rules or Procedures as may be adopted by the Board of Directors as well as all local, county, state and federal laws, including, without limitation, the Plan for Citywide System of Government (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”), the City Code of Conduct, the City Governmental Ethics Ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1), the Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.), the Public Records Act, the American Disabilities Act, and all laws and governmental policies pertaining to Conflicts of Interest.) (Bylaws 5-0-0)

9N MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Section 1 Code of Civility** to delete the current bylaw and add the language recently adopted by the City and agreed to by the Board (Bylaws 5-0-0)

9O MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Section 2: Training** by deleting ‘intentionally left blank’ and replacing it with the language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language – All Board members shall take training in the fundamentals of Neighborhood Council, including, but not limited to, ethics, funding, workplace violence and sexual harassment trainings provided by the City within thirty (30) days of being seated or they will lose their Council voting rights. (Bylaws 5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS - SLNC BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS – DISCUSSION – p.65

9:05PM

9P MOTION: to amend **Article XIII Amendments** by deleting the current bylaw and replacing it with language from the Feb 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (new proposal: how to amend SLNC Bylaws) (Bylaws 5-0-0) **(10 min)**

9Q MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 7: Absences** from “Section 9” as written now, to adopting language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (*Proposal:* Any Board Member who misses 4 regularly scheduled NC GB Meetings during any 12 month period will be automatically removed from the Board)(Bylaws: 4-0-2) **(10 min)**

9R MOTION: to amend **Article VIII Section 2 (Agenda Setting)** by adding the following paragraph from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (*Proposal:* Any stakeholder may make a proposal for action...the Council is required to consider the proposal at a Committee or Board Meeting) (Bylaws 4-1-0) **(5 min)**

9S MOTION: to amend **Article XI Grievance** by deleting the current bylaw and replacing it with language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (Bylaws 5-0-0) **(5 min)**

9T MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 4 (Term Limits)** to reduce the number of (consecutive) terms a Board member may serve (from four (4) to three(3)) (Bylaws 5-0-0) **(10 min)**

9U MOTION: to amend **Article 5 Section 9A Removal By The Board** to add 8. Not taking the ethics & finance training within 30 days of being seated (Bylaws 4-0-2) **(5min)**

9V MOTION: to amend **Article VI Section 3 (Officers)** to insert ‘It is recommended that’ before ‘Co-Chairs’ and to delete ‘must’ and to delete ‘All other Officers may serve without having previously served on the Board (Bylaws, 4-1-0) **(10 min)**

9W MOTION: SLNC moves to *recommend/not recommend* changing **Article X Section 4 Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status** from “Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation” to “Voters will verify their Stakeholder status through written self-affirmation’ (Bylaws 3-3-0 - fail to change to proposal (self-affirmation), then (Bylaws 4-2-0 -to bring matter to Board) **(10 min)**

9X MOTION: SLNC moves to *recommend/not recommend* adding a new Section to **Article X Elections** as follows: Article X Section 7: No Slates Permitted - Candidates will run as individuals and not in a group with other candidates. (Bylaws 3-3-0 fail to pass

amendment) then (Bylaws 5-0-1) to bring the matter to the Board) (10 min)

11.	Announcements	(5 min)	10:20PM
12.	Gratitude & Thank You	(5 min)	10:25PM
13.	Adjourn		10:30PM

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Neighborhood Council Code of Civility (Version 2 - Condensed)

http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/code_of_civility.htm

Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council agree to abide by a Code of Civility to ensure that our Neighborhood Council's business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for our Neighborhood Council.

The freedom to express one's views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council welcomes the diverse views and opinions of our other board members and stakeholders as they relate to the issues before us. In order for these discussions to be meaningful and effective, we must treat others with respect and dignity.

By adoption of this motion, and by affixing our signatures to this document, we collectively and individually agree to abide by our Code of Civility to the best of our abilities.

1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, including treating each member of the board and members of the public with respect at all times.
2. Even in the face of disagreement or differences of opinion, I will demonstrate esteem and deference for my colleagues and the public. During Neighborhood Council meetings, functions, or events I will not engage in or threaten to engage in any verbal or physical attack on any other individual. I will not use language that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures. I believe that derogatory language about an individual's ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion is not acceptable.

3. I will promote and enforce a safe meeting environment at all times. At moments when members of the public become disruptive and violate the rules of civility that we have pledged to follow, I will join my fellow board members in demanding that the persons conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner even if I agree with the point of view that is being expressed.
3. I will commit to communicate my ideas and points of view clearly, and allow others to do the same without interruption. I pledge to truly listen to and hear other points of view. I will practice the art of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.
4. I will take responsibility for my own actions, and will work to fulfill my role and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws
5. I will commit to learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils, including bylaws, standing rules, meeting procedures, the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws, city ordinances, and the City Charter, and will not knowingly violate any of them so that we can maintain a safe and effective environment for conducting business.
6. I will seek to present information truthfully, and will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, or misquote information received from others.
7. If I find myself representing my personal interests before my community's interests, I will publicly disclose the differences and recuse myself from voting on such matters, and I will ask for advice from the Office of the City Attorney whenever I have doubts.
8. I will commit to good faith efforts to resolve grievances that come before the board as specified in the bylaws.
9. Out of respect to my fellow board members, the public, and the decision-makers who we are trying to influence, I will make the best possible effort to understand the issues before me.