

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Draft Minutes, June 3, 2015

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm

Called to order at 7:10

2. Roll Call**Present:**

Heather Carson	At Large
Amy Clarke	At Large
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld	At Large
David Modern	At Large
Teresa Sitz	At Large
Kinoka Ogsbury	At Large (arrived at 7:20)
Helen De La Paz Dion	Region 1 (departed at 8:00)
Georgene Smith Goodin	Region 2
Annie Sperling	Region 2 (seated at 7:41)
Anthony Crump	Region 3
Seamus Garrity	Region 3
James Bigelow	Region 4 (departed at 7:58)
Christine Kantner	Region 5
Jeff Wayne	Region 5
Matthew Desario	Region 6 (arrived at 7:23)
Joe Ryan Ferrell	Region 6
John Wingler	Region 7
Hope Taylor-Arnold	Region 7 (arrived at 7:15)

Not Present:

Anne-Marie Johnson	At Large (excused)
Joshua Javier Gomez	Region 1 (excused)
Ted Adams	Region 4

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 7:10 pm

Jonathan Feingold is a stakeholder in Silver Lake, who lives across the street from the meeting location. He was at the meeting to share what he found to be disturbing news. He had previously spoken to some board members and wanted to inform the entire Board about his conversations with tenants at 3408 Sunset Boulevard, a two-tower apartment building at the intersection of Micheltorena and Sunset. Mr. Feingold said that the building owner has hired a consulting firm that specializes in relocating “undesirable” tenant. Mr. Feingold said that the owner has sought key agreements with several long-term Latino tenants. These agreements are the owner’s effort to get around rent control laws. Mr. Feingold said it was disturbing that several of the Spanish-speaking tenants in the building have expressed concerns about the building, but did not have their concerns addressed. He said that 11 or so English-speaking tenants have had relatively good relations with the building management. Mr. Feingold expressed his thanks to the Board member who have already shown dedication to figuring out this problem, and asked that the Board take up the item formally as soon as possible. Several tenants who have already signed key agreements have to be out by June 30. He passed around a signup sheet for anyone who wants to stay updated on the issue.

Anna Faircloth wanted to reiterate what Mr. Feingold said. Ms. Faircloth has spoken to about 40% of the tenants in the building, and said that the landlord was seeking key agreements along racial lines. Ms. Faircloth said a friend of hers who lives in the building decided to sign an agreement because she has had so many problems in the building. Ms. Faircloth said that the issue was troubling for many reasons, and that the comments being made at the current meeting were based on facts, not speculation.

Jessica Smith has lived in the area for about five years. She said she loves the community, which has become her home, but she knows how hard it is to be able to afford to live in the area. Ms. Smith said that Los Angeles is the least affordable city in the country, and that there are not enough rent controlled buildings in the area. She said that the entire community suffers when neighbors are not able to negotiate and are pushed out to sub-standard conditions. She asked the Board to provide leadership on the issue.

Janet Rosas is a housing investigator with the city of Los Angeles. She said that she just learned about the issue on the day of the meeting, and invited anyone with a complaint to file it with the Housing and Community Investment Department.

Richard Flores of Aztec Rising said that his organization is involved in stemming the tide of gang violence. They are currently looking for hot spots and gang infested areas so they can work to reduce violence in those areas.

Daniel Dresser said that the plaza was missing a ping pong table, which would cost about \$300. Mr. Dresser said that everyone in the square is chomping at the bit to play ping pong. He said that it was sure to happen, and that every little bit would help. In response to a question from Teresa Sitz about whether there was a place to store a ping pong table, Mr. Dresser said that there was room in the same place where supplies for the Farmer's Market are kept. Storing the table there would not disturb the customers at Julie's.

Ray Verches from the Southern California Gas Company provided a quick update on the Advanced Meter Project. The Gas Company likes to announce at NCs whenever there is a change in procedure or equipment. The Gas Company is automating the way meters are read. Packets with details about the project were provided, with an overview on page 11. The Data Collection Units (DCU) will be collocated with street lighting poles. The new pole is located at 1401 El Dorado Street and the Gas Company is in contact with the City Council district.

Kinoka Ogsbury asked if there was any information on studies linking these meters to negative effects on children. The Gas Company representative said that there were a lot of studies, and that the only issue that came up was about the rating frequency factor, which was a million times less than a cell phone.

John Wingler mentioned that his new meter was recently installed, and that he did not receive prior notice. Additionally, the installer broke the gate and left a note. Mr. Verches said that was an error on the part of The Gas Company.

Anthony Crump said he recently turned away a Gas Company employee who showed up without prior notification.

David Modern said that he also did not receive prior notice.

Hope Taylor-Arnold said that after she let in a worker she wondered if he was from the Gas Company.

Kinoka Ogsbury said she got something in the mail. She said that she thought a lot of people do not read notices sent in the mail. Mr. Verches said that notification was sent through the mail, and that workers are supposed to leave door hangers if they complete the work when no one is home. He said that they only use company employees, not independent contractors. He said that there was no reason for an employee to enter a customer's home.

Christine Kantner wanted to correct her comment from the previous meeting. She should have said that the streetscape at Sunset Junction was \$1.1 million, not \$11 million.

James Bigelow wanted to speak up about the issue at the apartment complex. He said that it could not be highlighted enough that the tactics being used were racially motivated. None of the white residents were being asked to leave. Mr. Bigelow said this might be the time for the Board to atone, considering recent activity of the Board. He said it was uncomfortable to hear that racism lives in the community and has lived on the Board. Mr. Bigelow said that this was a reality of gentrification, which targets people who make less money and are not white. He said that people were quick to call the police when kids leave graffiti, but the tactics being used in the building should also be recognized as criminal. He said that the Board should not be complicit in this activity.

4. Welcome and Meeting Format

The Co-Chairs apologized for the absence of microphones at the meeting and encouraged everyone to speak loudly. They explained that the meeting would follow the format where questions were all collected and then addressed all at once.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Appoint Region 2 Governing Board Member

If you are interested in filling the Region 2 vacancy, please come to the next governing board meeting on June 3, 2015. If possible, bring a 100 word written statement as to why you should be selected to serve as the new board member. It is also requested that you bring some documentation, such as an ID or a utility bill or a pay stub, to show your connection to Region 2. You will have 3 minutes to explain why you might be good for Silver Lake. The board members will then make a decision. If are interested, please email secretary@silverlakenc.org regarding your interest in service.

The Co-Chairs asked if anyone in attendance was interested in stepping forward as a candidate.

Annie Sperling has been a resident of Silver Lake since the early 1990s. She was part of a group that worked on murals with at risk youth. She also worked on the fountain at the condor, and still works with kids. Ms. Sperling works as a production designer in television. She said that the neighborhood has a long history of involvement with music and the arts, and is home to people from various countries. She said that it is important to stress to young people that there are viable jobs in the arts, and that the arts can change lives. Ms. Sperling said she recently got involved with the issue off over-building, and is concerned about efforts to get rid of longtime residents in the neighborhood. She expressed concern that the diversity of the area has declined. She is working on a list of guidelines that the city can use to address these issues. Ms. Sperling said that she is not against building but she is opposed to running residents out of the neighborhood. She said she felt compelled to take a stance.

In response to John Wingler's request that Ms. Sperling state her relationship to Region 2, she said that she has lived in the area for over 20 years. She currently works with a group that is fighting small lot development, and she feels it is important to get involved and stay involved. Ms. Sperling said she is trying to figure out a way to get more arts education into area schools.

Georgene Smith Goodin said that that she is the other Region 2 representative, and that she and Ms. Sperling met going door to door doing outreach. She said that Ms. Sperling lives in a section of the Region where there has been low participation, and Ms. Sperling has demonstrated a conviction and ability to get people to come out and participate.

Heather Carson commended Ms. Sperling for the tremendous work she did on Coronado.

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to approve Annie Sperling as Representative for Region 2. Heather Carson seconded.

M-S-P (Smith Goodin/Carson)

The Board approved Annie Sperling as Region 2 Representative without objection, **17-0-0**

Ms. Sperling took her seat on the Board at 7:41. The Co-Chairs pointed out that she would have to complete ethics training before she could vote on issues before the Board, and finance training before she could vote on funding issues.

6. Special Presentations and Reports

- Mitch O'Farrell, CD13, - Mary Rodriguez will send a report via email.
- Tom LaBonge, CD4, Representative – no report
- Assemblyman Mike Gatto, Eric Menjivar – no report
- Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez, Sarah Rascon/Roberto Gama – no report
- Congressman Adam Schiff, Pam Marcello – no report

Kinoka Ogsbury asked if the Co-Chairs of the Government Affairs Committee could reach out to CD 4 for more regular reports.

It was pointed out that David Ryu was at the Hillside NC meeting that evening.

Amy Clarke said that Pamela Marcello would make a robust report at the next GB meeting.

It was pointed out that Joshua Gomez had an excused absence because he would be graduating high school the next day, and was attending a pre-graduation event. Teresa Sitz said that the milestone for Mr. Gomez was a milestone for the entire Board, and the SLNC was fortunate to have such an accomplished member.

James Bigelow said that he felt the purpose of the ethics training was to ensure the integrity of Board members. He said that Ms. Sperling sounded like a person of integrity and encouraged her to vote at the current meeting.

The Co-Chairs stressed that the decision to exclude Ms. Sperling from voting at the current meeting was in no way personal. They stressed that they were following the process set out by the city to prevent any vote from being invalidated after the fact.

7. Administrative

7.1. Approval of April Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Georgene Smith Goodin pointed out that the AppleOne invoice was actually for \$383.15 and that the \$1500 was a placeholder number.

John Wingler moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Amy Clarke seconded.

M-S-P (Wingler/Clarke)

The Board approved the April minutes, as corrected, without objection, **17-0-0**.

7.2. Approval of May Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Georgene Smith Goodin said that the software amount was listed as \$200 in one spot and \$300 in another, and should be listed as \$200 in both spots. She also said that the minutes read that she would serve as second signer until July. Instead, the minutes should read that she would begin serving as second signer in July.

Heather Carson said that there were a number of problems with the minute, including the use of the censure, and items that were not addressed being listed in the minutes without stating that they had not been addressed. Ms. Carson moved to table the approval of the May 2015 minutes until the July 2015 meeting. Charles Herman-Wurmfeld seconded.

M-S-P (Carson/Herman-Wurmfeld)

The Board agreed to table approval of the May 2015 minutes until the July 2015 meeting, **15-2-0**.

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Modern, Sitz, Ogsbury, De la Paz Dion, Smith Goodin, Garrity, Bigelow, Kantner, Wayne, Ferrell, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Crump, Desario

Abstentions: None

Anthony Crum asked members of the Board to forward comments regarding the May minutes to the Co-Chairs before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

7.3. Correspondence

Correspondence is available on the website. There were three emails in support of the Micheltorena tunnel.

There was an email asking whether the water in the fountain was recycled. Jeff Wayne responded that it is recycled, but offered the correction that it is actually recirculated.

7.4. New Sergeant---At---Arms Appointment (to join Karina Andrade)

Responsibilities include welcoming people, making sure that speaker cards were correctly filled out, keeping order at the meeting, and having a smiling face. There were no volunteers to serve. Ms. Andrade said she did not think it was necessary to have the item on the July agenda.

7.5. New Alliance of River Communities Representative (to replace Marshall Van Wormer)

Responsibilities include attending meeting. The Alliance was formed to engage communities that are related to the river. Communities that surround the river have unique needs.

Seamus Garrity volunteered to take the role. Heather Carson said that the Alliance was a critical organization because of plans by Mitch O'Ferrell to develop along the river.

The Board approved Seamus Garrity as Alliance of River Communities Representative without objection, **17-0-0**.

7.6. Discussion and Action: Approve and Submit Election Stipulation

Anthony Crump pointed out that the deadline for submission has been extended until June 4.

For Article 1, a straw poll showed that the Board supported Option 4, a simple majority of Board members present, not including abstentions.

The Board agreed by straw poll to use the website and one physical posting place, with Triangle Plaza serving as the posting place.

Article 3 addressed the grievance process. Matthew Mooney volunteered to serve as the SLNC representative the citywide NC grievance board.

Amy Clarke nominated Nina Sorkin as the SLNC to the citywide NC grievance board.

Anthony Crump declined a nomination, deferring to community stakeholders. Heather Carson also declined a nomination.

Matthew Mooney said that over the past year he has been intimately involved in the grievance process, and that he was instrumental in the creation of the grievance page. He said that the thought that the action of creating the page led to the development of the citywide committee

Nina Sorkin said that she thought that the new process was excellent and that it would expedite the process. She said it was important to have a procedure whereby grievances could be heard immediately. Ms. Sorkin said she is a retired social worker and that she thought she could be fair and impartial.

The Board approved Matthew Mooney as representative to the citywide NC grievance committee, **5-8-2**.

Sorkin: Ogsbury, Crump, Wayne, Kantner, Ferrell

Mooney: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Sitz, Smith Goodin, Desario, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Abstentions: Modern, Garrity

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

The Board then discussed online and telephone voting.

Hope Taylor-Arnold questioned how far in advance stakeholder documentation would have to be turned in. It was suggested that the timing would probably be similar to registering for an election. Ms. Taylor-Arnold said that she thought requiring documentation would make it difficult for people and create a problem with getting people to vote.

Matthew Desario said that he disagreed and that the thought online voting was a lot easier than having to come in to vote in person. He expressed concern about people voting multiple times and said he would be more comfortable with requiring documentation for online voting.

Seamus Garrity said he agreed with Mr. Desario. He said that the stakeholder definition was somewhat vague.

Joe Ferrell said he assumed that documentation was the same for in person voting as for online voting.

Teresa Sitz said that she thought allowing online voting would result in unequal accommodation because there were a lot of people who did not have online access. Ms. Sitz said that voting would be unbalanced and she was against online voting.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld said that he thought it was important to open every avenue for people to vote. He urged the Board not to proceed out of fear of expanding the boundaries. Mr. Herman-Wurmfeld said he thought that libraries would allow people to use computers, and that Board members could go all over the neighborhood with their computers so people could vote. He encouraged the Board to make the boundaries to voting as low as possible.

Georgene Smith Goodin said that she was in agreement with Mr. Herman-Wurmfeld. She pointed out that the challenges raised in the last election had to do with whether voters were stakeholders. Ms. Smith Goodin said that based on the last election, documentation was needed.

Mr. Herman-Wurmfeld said he did not want the comments from Ms. Sitz to be lost. He said that not everyone in the neighborhood is as wealthy as members of the Board. Mr. Herman-Wurmfeld said that the Board had to increase participation as much as possible, and that documentation was important. He said that rigged elections have not happened in Silver Lake but they have happened in other areas.

Amy Clarke said she concurred with trying online voting. She said that anything to get more people involved would be helpful, and that imbalance might be mediated on Election Day.

Jeff Wayne pointed out that under the stewardship of Nina Sorkin during the last election, there was huge turnout, which was done by outreach. He asked to hear from Ms. Sorkin.

Ms. Sorkin said she was in agreement with the comments from Teresa Sitz. Ms. Sorkin said that the issue was that DONE has definitions as to who can vote, based on whether an individual lived, worked, or participated in the area. Community interest has included stakeholders involved in the community garden, volunteers at the HSFC, and parents who lived outside the area who had children who attend school in the area. DONE has also provided opportunity to parishioners in the area. Ms. Sorkin said that a lot of people do not use Facebook or tweet. She pointed out that in 2012, 600 people voted, and in 2014, there were almost 1400 votes.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld said that documentation was a labyrinth to negotiate and that in a previous election, Anne-Marie Johnson could not get her vote in.

In response to the comment from Teresa Sitz, Heather Carson said that internet voting could open up voting. Ms. Carson also said that timing was important, and that issues such as graduation and the Coachella Festival should be considered. She said she thought it was important to require documentation.

Anthony Crump said that a lot of the documentation issues had been resolved by the City.

The Board voted to approve online voting, **13-2-0**.

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ogsbury, Smith Goodin, Crump, Garrity, Kantner, Wayne, Desario, Ferrell, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Sitz, Modern

Abstentions: None

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

After a straw poll indicated no consensus, the Board discussed voting by phone.

Teresa Sitz said that she was against phone voting because it was too hard to control.

John Wingler said he was in favor of phone voting because everyone has a phone. Heather Carson expressed agreement with this position.

Matthew Desario said that if the Board wanted to expand the system, it should allow phone voting.

Hope Taylor-Arnold agreed with Matthew Desario and expressed support for anything that would get the vote to grow. She said that her friends would rather vote by phone than online.

Amy Clarke expressed concern about the technical logistics of phone voting, and pointed out that it would take a lot of work.

Jeff Wayne said that he would vote against phone voting because there were enough problems with documenting online voting.

Nina Sorkin said that she had worked on campaigns, and that some people only have cell phones. She said that allowing phone voting could exclude a lot of people who do not have land lines.

The Board voted not to allow phone voting, **6-9-0**.

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Modern, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Ogsbury, Smith Goodin, Crump, Garrity, Wayne, Kantner, Wayne, Desario, Ferrell

Abstentions: None

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

The Board voted to allow voting by mail, **9-3-3**.

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Modern, Crump, Garrity, Desario, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Ogsbury, Smith Goodin, Wingler

Abstentions: Wayne, Kantner, Ferrell

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

The Board voted by a show of hands in favor of the candidate filing training requirements, **8-3-4**.

Hope Taylor-Arnold moved to approve the Election Stipulation as follows:

Simple majority by Board members present, not including abstentions

Public posting on the Website and at Triangle Plaza

Matthew Mooney as stakeholder representative on the citywide Grievance Committee

Article 6: Online voting with documentation

Article 7: No phone voting

Article 8: The SLNC is interested

Article 9: Maintain current voting structure

Article 10: Yes, require training

Article 11: Keep current seating.

John Wingler seconded.

M-S-P (Taylor-Arnold/Wingler)

The Board approved the Election Stipulation as described without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

7.7. Discussion and 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, and the Independent Election Commission. The committee is to be comprised of no more than 5 Board members & open to any stakeholder.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld said he felt that it would be best to create the usual election committee and not have an ad hoc committee. He moved to table the item and have the formation of an election committee appear on a future agenda. Amy Clarke seconded.

M-S-P (Herman-Wurmfeld/Clarke)

The substitute motion passed without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

7.8. MOTION: for the SLNC to accept a proposal for website related services from one of the below vendors for the 2015--2016 fiscal year at a cost no greater than \$5,500. (Cost: Up to \$5,500)

Karina Andrade read the motion and moved for its approval. Hope Taylor-Arnold seconded.

Teresa Sitz said that she would vote for the motion but expressed concern that it would make the SLNC overly dependent on the web, and urged for the creation of a vibrant outreach policy for people who were not online.

Georgene Smith Goodin proposed an amendment to designate Mailroom as the vendor to design and maintain the website. Hope Taylor-Arnold seconded.

The Board accepted the amendment without objection.

Georgene Smith Goodin said that the proposals from the vendors approved by the city were very expensive and commended the committees for finding an affordable option.

Amy Clarke said that the website theme could be updated to something that could be viewed in Wordpress.

Christine Kantner commended Karina Andrade on her efforts. Ms. Kantner said that the website is antiquated and that is why it cannot be viewed on other devices. She said that the Board should give the IT committee more power to make changes and “go to town” on the website.”

M-S-P (Outreach and IT Committes/Taylor Arnold)

The Board approved the motion as amended without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

7.9. Discussion and Possible Action: Review of new SLNC logo and modifications (Carson)

Heather Carson said that the previously approved logo had a left to right sweep and the logo currently being used was a clunky double circle.

Hope Taylor-Arnold said that she liked having the logo in two languages but agreed that it was circularly strange.

Georgene Smith Goodin pointed out that the Board had previously approved spending \$200 during the current fiscal year with the current logo. She said that if the logo was changed, that money would be lost.

Kinoka Ogsbury pointed out that the city seal has always been used on business cards but has not been part of the logo.

Matthew Desario moved to cancel the order for name tags. Georgene Smith Goodin Seconded.

M-S-F (Desario/Smith Goodin)

The motion to cancel the order failed, **0-14-0**.

Not present: Clarke, De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

7.10. Discussion and Possible Action: Authorization for Community Impact Statement Submissions on behalf of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

Amy Clarke moved to have Anthony Crump and Joe Ferrell replace Charles Herman-Wurmfeld and Amy Clarke as Board members with uploading authorization. Seamus Garrity seconded.

Teresa Sitz said that it was very useful for the secretary to have uploading ability and offered a friendly amendment to include Christine Kantner among the Board members authorized to upload to the website. The maker and seconder of the motion accepted this amendment.

M-S-P (Clarke/Garrity)

The Board approved the motion, as amended, to authorize Anthony Crump, Joe Ferrell, and Christine Kantner to upload to the website without objection, **14-0-0**.

Not present: Clarke, De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

8. Finance and Budget

8.1. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of two invoices from Apple One totaling \$612.15. (Cost: \$612.15)

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to approve the invoices. Charles Herman-Wurmfeld seconded.

M-S-P (Smith Goodin/Herman-Wurmfeld)

The Board approved the motion without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

8.2. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of MER

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to approve the MER. Charles Herman-Wurmfeld seconded.

M-S-P (Smith Goodin/Herman-Wurmfeld)

The Board approved the MER without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

8.3. Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of FY2016 Budget Package (Up to \$37,000)

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to approve the budget. Charles Herman-Wurmfeld seconded.

Georgene Smith Goodin pointed out that the budget called for \$5500 for the website, and a motion approved earlier in the meeting approved a website expense of only \$1800. Ms. Smith Goodin proposed

an amendment to move the remaining \$3700 to the advertising budget. The Board accepted the amendment without objection.

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to approve the budget as amended. Amy Clarke seconded.

M-S-P (Smith Goodin/Clarke)

The Board approved the budget, as amended, without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

8.4. Discussion/Possible Action: Allocation of any remaining funds not spent this year to Budget Advocates/NC Congress (Cost: Up to \$5,000)

Heather Carson questioned whether action should wait until after all funding motions on the agenda were heard.

Kinoka Ogsbury moved to budget up to \$500 to Budget Advocates and up to \$500 for the NC Congress. Hope Taylor seconded.

M-S-P (Ogsbury/Taylor-Arnold)

The Board approved the motion without objection, objection. **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

9. Old Business

9.1. MOTION: that SLNC send revised CIS/letter re: Hyperion Bridge reiterating support for Option 3 & rejecting 1A (Mooney)

Matthew Mooney reported that Option 1a had been rescinded and no longer existed.

The topic was deemed moot and the Board proceeded to the next item.

9.2. MOTION: that SLNC support the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the addition of full alcohol to an existing beer and wine license and the installation of 3 outdoor tables along Briar Street with service available only until 9pm (Gingergrass, 2396 Glendale Blvd) (UDP Comm 12 Y, 4 N, 0A 0R)

Joe Ferrell read the motion and moved for its approval. Hope Taylor-Arnold seconded.

M-S-P (Ferrell/Taylor-Arnold)

The Board approved the motion, **14-1-0**.

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Herman-Wurmfeld, Modern, Sitz, Ogsbury, Smith Goodin, Crump, Garrity, Kantner, Desario, Ferrell, Wingler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Wayne

Abstentions: None

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

9.3. MOTION: SLNC moves to authorize a request for community partners to help re-open the Micheltorena Tunnel for a variety of community uses, including seasonal art space and a place for cultural events. (Arts & Culture 6-0-0)

Heather Carson read the motion and moved for its approval. Seamus Garrity seconded.

Heather Carson said that Mitch O'Ferrell has introduced a motion to cement in and close up the tunnel. She said that the tunnel was in the same vein as reopening the stairs and cherishing our collective history. Ms. Carson said that the committee looked at the Cypress Park tunnel, which has a successful event once a month. Ms. Carson said that the tunnel could provide access back and forth across Sunset Boulevard and that it was important to stop the current intention of closing it.

Anthony Crump said that he had at first been opposed to the motion but that he was impressed by Cypress Park. Mr. Crump said that a lot of the neighbors in the area have been calling for the closure of the tunnel because it has been a real nuisance. He pointed out that the Cypress Park is managed by a local artist, who provided a very detailed proposal on how it would be run. Mr. Crump said that the current motion did not offer the same level of detail, and that he would rather see a proposal before he endorsed a project.

Hope Taylor-Arnold said that she would vote for the motion. She said she saw how the tunnel had been a nuisance, but that the motion would get a conversation started, and that people who wanted to have a voice in the discussion would be able to do so.

Matthew Desario said he had been swayed by Mr. Crump. Mr. Desario said that resident complaints should be considered, and that the idea seemed rushed. He said that he also did not want to prevent people from submitting a plan for the tunnel. Mr. Desario suggested that drawing regular activity to the tunnel would force people to take care of it.

Kinoka Ogsbury suggested that the Board could send a letter to CD13 saying it was looking into the issue, and sent the item back to committee for a more flushed out plan.

Teresa Sitz said that when neighbors were complaining, there was no proposal. She said she had faith that the committee would develop a proposal.

Heather Carson said that the Cypress Park Tunnel has been successful, and people were complaining before it was taken over by a local business. Ms. Carson said that there have been talks with current businesses, and that the tunnel will be locked when it is not in use. She has emailed Mr. O'Ferrell. She said that there is not a full proposal letter yet and that the committee cannot ask for funding yet.

Matthew Mooney said that he has been working on the project for two years, and that he has been completely inspired and impassioned. He said that it has taken a long time just to get to this point. He started working with the Transportation Committee in January. The plan is to follow the Cypress Park template and look for a steward to take care of the tunnel. The tunnel would not be open during non-art exhibit hours. Mr. Mooney said the tunnel was recently cleaned because of the interest. He said that the discussion was about reviving a piece of infrastructure created in the 1920s. He said that no one would want any of the area stairways destroyed and that the tunnels should also be preserved and cherished.

M-S-P (Carson/Farrity)

The Board approved the motion without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

9.4. MOTION: the SLNC moves to send a letter to Councilmember O'Farrell and the City of Los Angeles in support of reopening public stairways that have been closed.

Heather Carson read the motion and moved for its approval. Hope Taylor-Arnold seconded.

M-S-P (Carson/Taylor-Arnold)

The motion passed without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow

10. Consent Calendar

10.1. MOTION: that SLNC Nominate Jesse Rogg of Mack Sennett Studios as the 7th Recipient of the SLNC History Collective Award. (History Collective)

10.2. MOTION: the SLNC moves to send the attached letter to LA City Councilmember Tom LaBonge, to file a CIS to Council File No. 14-1197, and to copy City Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, expressing concern regarding Council File No. 14-1197-S1, regarding the benefits of artificial turf.

10.3. MOTION: Approve a letter of support to relocate pedestrian signal pole away from the façade of 2300 Silver Lake Blvd. (aka Neutra VDL house)

10.4. MOTION: The Arts & Culture Committee moves that the SLNC support the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) and its proposal to commission a statue commemorating Laurel & Hardy

10.5 was pulled from the consent agenda.

Hope Taylor-Arnold moved to approve items 10.1 – 10.4 by consent. Amy Clarke seconded.

M-S-P (Taylor-Arnold/Clarke)

The Board approved the consent agenda without objection, **15-0-0**.

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow.

11. New Business

11.1. MOTION: for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) to revise Standing Rule 16 to apply to non-Governing Board Members who are elected as Chairs and Co-Chairs of Committees or are appointed as representative on larger City Committees.

Matthew Desario moved to approve the motion. Seamus Garrity seconded.

Heather Carson said she thought the item was an end-run around her.

Teresa Sitz moved to send the item back to the Standing Rules Committee.

It was pointed out that motions to change standing rules must include the language being changed within the actual motion. Amy Clarke moved to amend the motion to include the language that was being changed within the standing rule. Matthew Desario seconded. The Board accepted the amendment without objection.

M-S-P (Desario/Farrity)

The Board approved the motion, as amended, **14-1-0**

Ayes: Carson, Clarke, Modern, Sitz, Ogsbury, Smith Goodin, Crump, Garrity, Kantner, Wayne, Desario, Ferrell, Winkler, Taylor-Arnold

Nays: Herman-Wurmfeld

Abstentions: None

Not present: De la Paz Dion, Bigelow.

Following Teresa Sitz' motion to adjourn, the Board agreed without objection to adjourn at 10:01.

The following items had not been heard when the Board adjourned:

10.5. MOTION: Create a map of the stairways of Silver Lake with map artist Eric Brightwell to be used as promotional material for the SLNC, much like the History Collective Brochure.

11.2. MOTION: that SLNC will add a new Standing Rule: SLNC Committees will schedule their regular committee meeting at a date and time that is not in conflict with another committee's regularly scheduled meeting date and time (Bylaws/SR, 7-0-0)

11.3. MOTION: that SLNC will add a new Standing Rule: Committee co-chairs must both agree on the purpose, date and location of a meeting outside of the regularly scheduled meeting and must both agree on the drafted agenda, before the meeting is scheduled and before the agenda is sent and posted by ENS. (Bylaws/SR, 4-1-2)

11.4. MOTION: that SLNC will delete Standing Rule 41: Parking Policy the Silver Lake NC does not support granting parking variances and uniformly recommends that all applicants shall meet the number of spaces required per city code, except upon the determination of special circumstances or alternate mitigating factors. (Adopted February 2, 2005) (Bylaws/SR, 5-0-3)

11.5. MOTION: Purchase new promotional materials for the SLNC (Cost: \$800.00)

11.6. MOTION: Petition the Los Angeles City Council to support legislation that would eliminate the Personal Belief Exemption as a waiver to opt out of school vaccination requirements

12. Reports of Officers 9:30 pm

- Co-Chairs
- Vice---Chair
- Secretary
- Correspondence
- Webmaster

13. Committee Reports 9:40 pm · Arts & Culture Committee Report: (5/18 mtg) · co-chairs Heather Carson and Susannah Tantemsapya were reelected · Voted to approve a letter of support for the SLIA's proposal to commission a statue of Laurel & Hardy placed in Laurel & Hardy Park (6-0-0) -discussed whether to support the Silver Lake Picture Show and tabled any action until level of support from CD13 was finalized. · Discussed supporting a free jazz concert series at the Silver Lake Library and tabled any action pending further info from presenter Richard Sears. · Discussed whether or not to keep the Arts & Culture Facebook Group - as per motion passed by Board - and tabled pending further research by committee member Franklin Odel. · SLNC supported artwork Projection continues to bring massive attention to Silver Lake with over 4000 photos posted by viewers on their Instagram #ProjectionLA · Since our last meeting in March we have added 160 new members to the FB Arts Group and 50 new likes for the Arts page. 14. Announcements 9:55 pm 15. Adjournment 10:00 pm