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**GOVERNING BOARD
REVISED AGENDA ADDENDUM**

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| I. Call to Order & Roll Call | 7:00 |
| II. Approval of March 7, 2007 Minutes | 7:02 |
| III. Correspondence | 7:07 |
| a. Earl Moosbrugger, LADWP Re: Glendale Blvd. Cement Lining (3/8/07) | |
| b. Earl Moosbrugger, LADWP Re: Glendale Blvd. Cement Lining (3/9/07) | |
| c. W Etling/J Hoy/J Greene, 736 Micheltorena St. Re: house tear down | |
| IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items | 7:10 |
| V. Special Reports & Presentations | 7:20 |
| a. Ed Boks, General Manager - LA Animal Services | |
| b. Ken Draper, Mid-City West NC, Editor-CityWatch | |
| c. Joseph Bernardo, Field Deputy for Eric Garcetti (CD13) | |
| d. Rose Ibanez, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment | |
| VI. Reports of Officers | 8:15 |
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XII. Call to Order & Roll Call
Called to order at 7:15pm by Miller

XIII. Approval of March 7, 2007 Minutes
Minutes passed by voice vote

XIV. Correspondence
a. Earl Moosbrugger, LADWP Re: Glendale Blvd. Cement Lining (3/8/07)
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XV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
Molina Abdullah to discuss NCRC survey. Researcher with Neighborhood Council Review Commission. She strongly recommends and encourages each individual board member to complete and submit the survey.
Stephanie Vendig spoke about Silver Lake Seniors and the new Senior Center. She and Patti Malone from CD4 will speak about the new center next month.
Happy Birthday to Bea Gold
Elson Trinidad from East Hollywood Neighborhood Council. The council will be certified on 4/19.

XVI. Special Reports & Presentations

a. Ed Boks, General Manager - LA Animal Services
Ed came to share the mission, vision and values of LA Animal Services under his leadership. LAAS is striving to become the largest metropolitan area with a no kill policy. Shared the new Bottle Baby Program to feed neonate felines, to help reduce the cat euthanasia rate. Discussed the departments solutions to continue to reduce the kill rate: adoption, spay/neuter and pet retention programs. By increasing Animal Care Center capacity, the department aims to hold more animals until adopted, or until

they can return to their homes (pet retention). Spay/Neuter is still the number one strategic solution to end killing. They city is opening more facilities to spay/neuter animals. Humane LA is the department's newest program to help promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of pets and people in the City of Los Angeles. As more of the shelters open, the department will offer seminars to the public to educate us about the goings on in LAAS.

- b. Ken Draper, Mid-City West NC, Editor-CityWatch
Ken came and described the purpose of CityWatch. He provided background information on its formation, as well as information on its mission: to cover Los Angeles-wide politics. They are making a big push to cover neighborhoods and neighborhood councils. CityWatch is also re-launching its web site. Part of their mission is to support the neighborhood council concept; promoting discussions on the councils, as well as between the councils and their constituents. The web site is at <http://www.CityWatchLA.com>

Wants to impress upon the council members that the council idea came from a pioneering spirit of the voters to try something new. He wants us to remember where and why the idea originated in 1997. How can we pass along the historical pioneering spirit of the councils? And how can the individual councils support the whole system into the future?
- c. Joseph Bernardo, Field Deputy for Eric Garcetti (CD13)
- d. Rose Ibanez, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
This week is the annual blessing of the animals at Olvera Street. She highlighted the upcoming neighborhood and city-wide events. Reiterated the upcoming Mayor's Day of Service. And LA County is having a series of meetings in April to discuss block grant funding.

XVII. Reports of Officers

- a. Co-Chairs (Dickstein/Miller)
Dickstein thanked Colin for being secretary.
Miller spoke about need for people on the election committee.
- b. Vice-Chair (Wentzel)
No report.
- c. Treasurer (Dwan)
Presented updated budget to council. Budget committee has merged with GA, and will now occur on the 4th Wed. of the month.
- d. Secretary (Dake)
Not here.

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Jens asked to pull B.

Millar would like to correct the date on his motion from 1972 to 1970. The Secretary will make the change to the motion.

A, C and D passed on a voice vote. One abstention (Lopez).

Jens asked Noah if this is the first time SLNC has contacted Ralphs. Noah gave some of the history and offered to rework the letter. Jens suggested the letter reflect Ralphs support to the neighborhood. A motion was offered to table motion C. Motion passed. Motion C tabled.

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Elizabeth read the motion into the council record.

David Vance spoke to the council about his experience at 1755 ½ Silver Lake Blvd. He supports the motion.

Clio Tegel spoke to the council about her support of the motion.

Bryan Bayer spoke to the council about his experience at 1755 Silver Lake Blvd. He supports the motion. Rusty had a comment for the last speaker.

Elizabeth had a comment about the landlord of the property owned by the stakeholders who originally brought this motion.

Loren spoke against the motion.

Jens spoke for the motion.

John Matysiak spoke in favor of the motion.

Motion passes with 9 ayes.

XX. New Business

9:00

- a. **Motion (Community Liaison Committee):** That the SLNC purchase a one-year banner sponsorship (not to exceed \$2,000) from Ivanhoe Elementary School, to be placed on the schoolyard fence. Bea read the motion into the council record. Joshua asked why the banner at Ivanhoe and not at other local schools. Doug answered that the school approached the Community Liaison Committee. Laura asked about the nature of the sign and the duration it will be up. Bea answered that SLNC will receive its own banner on the fence, and that the banner will be up for one calendar year.

7 ayes, 5 nos, 2 abstain. The vote is tied. The chair votes aye. The motion passes.

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The motion passed by voice vote. 1 abstention (Lopez)

- c. *****Motion (Arts and Culture Committee):** To fund the continuation of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council community series of summer concerts. Dorsay read the motion into the council record. Dorsay addressed issues of noise, as well as notifying the neighbors. Rusty asked about attendance. Dorsay said when they started the program, attendance was dismal. By the end, attendance was fantastic, based on better music and promotion. Rusty asked if we could ask the artists to play for free. Rusty believes the amount requested is too much of a percentage of the council's budget. Doug inquired what other venues besides Bellevue are being considered. Dorsay said she's looking into the park at the reservoir. Nicole Bernal, Director of Bellevue Park, came to speak about the residents' desire to keep Bellevue Park as the main venue for the series. She read a letter from the residents, which included 68 signatories. Hermann ??? also spoke about last year's series; how the first event got off to a slow start, and finished the fourth event with a bang. Laura asked Nicole if the Park could contribute funds to help offset the costs. Nicole answered no. Hermann volunteered to raise funds to offset the costs. Dorsay has already begun the process of raising funds outside of the council. Jason has lots of questions. Seeking correct dates. Jason wishes to see the venues spread around the neighborhood. Jason also went through the line items on the proposed budget. Elizabeth asked about the number of concerts. Bea suggests tabling the motion until Dorsay can tighten the budget and represent to the board. The motion is seconded. The motion to table failed. Discussion focused more on the budget. Gale mentioned the noise issues some of the neighbors were concerned about.

Jason moves to amend the motion. He moves that the council approves the budget in concept and sets asides the total funds subject to approval per each concert, and that Bellevue would host three events, and two other venues to be determined would host the remaining events. Dorsay accepts the motion as amended.

9 ayes. The amended motion passes.

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