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**GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 15, 7–9:00 pm

Casita del Campo (back patio) • 1920 Hyperion Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90027

*The mission of the Green Committee is to engage and empower stakeholders in Silver Lake through the creation of community mechanisms for sustainability and green spaces.*

In attendance: Judy Anderson, Stephanie Bartron, Liesel Burisch, Heather Carson, Seamus Garrity, Lisa Hart, Lucia Marano, Rosa Max, David Modern, Delphine Trowbridge

**Approval of 8/18/15 Minutes**

The minutes were approved without objection.

**Announcements and Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

At the state level, SB 185 (divestment from coal) passed. Two significant bills to mitigate climate change fared less well: SB 32 became a two-year bill, and SB 350 was passed once the portion to reduce the use of gas by 50% was dropped.

The City Council is supposed to pass a Sidewalk Repair Policy motion by the end of the month—this has significant potential impact (positive and negative) on trees.

Residential bee-keeping was approved by the City Council.

David Ryu’s office has inquired about the mosaic garbage cans that the SLNC put in place; not all are being emptied.

**Report on SLNC Governing Board Meeting and Updates**

The crude by rail motion that was passed by the SLNC at the Green Committee’s recommendation passed the City Council.

Councilmember O'Farrell said he would introduce the antibiotics motion that was passed by the SLNC at the Green Committee's recommendation (and brought to the committee by Food & Water Watch).

**Discussion and Possible Action: Planning for the "seed-bombing" program in Silver Lake to help restore the native ecosystem**

Leonardo told Lisa that he has scheduled the seed-bomb making event for October 24, from 10 to 3 at the Micheltorena garden, with a talk by the Theodore Payne Foundation at about noon. Help with drinks or snacks would be appreciated. Leonardo will create a facebook page to promote the event. He will need volunteers on the 24<sup>th</sup> to make the seed bombs.

Thoughts for Leonardo included:

- Connect to Halloween
- Partner with the Marshall HS school garden
- Rosa can donate sheep poop
- Purple and yellow flowers are bee-friendly
- Judy can post information on her website

**Discussion and Possible Action: Funding of up to \$100 for a Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance climate change forum, tentatively scheduled for November 7**

The funding request for the Congress of Neighborhoods mixer (approved by the committee) was withdrawn from the SLNC board agenda as the motion was not heard in time.

Funding for this event was approved without objection.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Spending up to \$300 on a stainless water filter and small paper cups to use at community meetings and events instead of purchasing bottled water, and a ban on the use and purchase of single-use plastic bottles and on all polystyrene (Styrofoam) products by the SLNC at all SLNC functions**

<http://www.berkeyfilters.com/berkey-water-filters/travel-berkey.html>

**(requested by Ann Bradley, Heather Carson, and Seamus Garrity)**

Heather shared information about a filter she researched, and suggested that a size larger than the travel size might be appropriate. Lucia expressed concern about the purchase and use of paper cups, as she would prefer to further reduce waste and require people to bring their own receptacles, but agreed that we could move in that direction by inviting people to bring receptacles.

The motion was supported without objection. (Rosa Max abstained.)

**Discussion and Possible Action: Additional social activities as outreach and engagement tools**

Many suggestions were offered, including:

- dancing and/or silent disco at Triangle Plaza—maybe partner with the downtown plaza and get their sponsorship (there are noise limitations—work with the Silver Lake Improvement Association)
- yoga at Triangle Plaza
- pop-up events
- use of empty lots

Councilmember O'Farrell just introduced a motion to care for both the plaza and the adjacent grassy knoll.

The discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action: New Adopt-a-Stairway program signs**

The SLNC, Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy, Silver Lake Improvement Association, and both Council Districts 4 and 13 support the new signage. Lisa is waiting for a logo from CD 4; when she receives it, Craig can do the artwork.

**Discussion and Possible Action: How to support maintenance and improvements of our stairways**

The Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) has received \$3,000 via the Adopt-a-Stairway program from 4site Real Estate for stairway improvement. An oversight committee composed of Lisa, Genelle Le Vin (head of the SLIA), and Scott Plante has been established. Rosa offered to join the committee.

The Verdugo Hills Chapter of the Sierra Club (represented today by Delphine and Judy) adopted the Corralitas stairs and is working to raise money to repair them.

Rosa—use neighboring schools to support stairways?

Stephanie—schools are stretched/limited.

Heather expressed concern regarding the fact that a developer has adopted a stairway and contributed funds to support improvement of the stairways (which went to the Silver Lake Improvement Association), and Heather and David expressed concern that the company's donation is acknowledged on the website. The issue will be agendaized for the next committee meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Tree-care project with TreePeople and support by the SLNC of tree-related events**

Lisa reported that Council District 13 field deputy Mary Rodriguez told her that some trees will be planted on Sunset as part of the streetscaping being done. She will do outreach to neighboring businesses so that the trees are cared for.

Lisa was asked who planted the trees on Sunset that are dying. She will find out and notify the committee.

**Discussion and Possible Action: New meeting location**

Rosa offered her place

Seamus is a fan of Citbank—Lisa doesn't like that location

Lucia suggested the Silver Lake Juice Bar

**Meeting Debrief/Feedback/Suggestions**

There is too much noise—very hard to hear.

*Minutes submitted by Lisa Hart*