

**SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GREEN COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 6:30 pm
Silver Lake Recreation Center**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
Attendance – 4: John Wingler, Bob Lisauskas, Genelle LeVin, Hugh Kenny
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
It was noted that the trash cans along Rowena tend to get overlooked and messy. These are in CD4.
3. Follow-up on past agenda items.
 - A. Response to letter from anti-graffiti group regarding the painting of stairs.
Bob sent a response stating the city regulation which covers the issue is the policy being followed by the SLNC Governing Board. No reply yet received.
 - B. Letter proposing additional street trees to CD4 and CD13.
John and Genelle prepared a letter for review; the committee asked that all the sites be included, with prioritized locations indicated as approved by Silver Lake Improvement Association and the Green Committee. This revised letter to be sent by Bob to the Governing Board for discussion. APPROVED: 4-0-0
 - C. Solar trash cans, information from CD1 regarding cans installed on Figueroa Street.
John has repeatedly reached out to Cedillo's local office with no result. Suggested that he contact Mary Rodriguez to find out how CD1 was able to get the cans.
 - D. Letter from Governing Board in support of OFF Fossil Fuels bill
A letter from the Green Committee was prepared by John to be submitted to the GB by Bob for the December GB meeting. APPROVED: 4-0-0
4. Motions and Resolutions
 - A. Recommend to Governing Board that they approve \$1600 NPG from Friends of King for bike racks for the middle school.
Discussion of where other funds might be found, such as parents and Los Feliz NC. The committee voted to reduce the requested amount to \$400 for one rack and to require that SLNC recognition be posted on the rack. APPROVED: 4-0-0
 - B. Recommend SLNC purchase four barn owl boxes for rodent control at the reservoir, meadow at \$315 each for a total of \$1260.
Discussion of barn owls, habitat, can kill 300 vermin annually each. Good alternative to rodent poison which harms environment and other animals. Agreed to consider and research vendor before making recommendation. Hugh Kenny has purchased one for his own property and will report on results. Attend future SLNC meeting scheduled for December on other localities' experience with banning rodenticides. Take steps to recommend ban by DWP/RAP.
Motion was tabled pending further review.
5. New Business
 - A. Additional street trees recommendation received – West Silver Lake Drive near the reservoir. This is CD4 area. Noted that Mary Rodriguez (CD13) has current plans to plant more trees. Also, the city tree program is intended for commercial, not

residential, street beautification. Noted that LA Beautification could assist if property owners all agree. No further action taken.

B. Adopt-a-Stairway program, discussion of procedures

Discussion of current procedure approved by GB which covers maintenance and requests for modification; considered adequate by GB co-chairs. Artist requesting permission to paint stairs, or re-paint stairs as in the case of Micheltorena, should go to the council district to request permission to proceed. Committee agreed to maintain current procedure.

6. Administrative Items

A. Review and approval of September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were APPROVED: 4-0-0

B. Items for next meeting

- owl boxes follow up
- bat boxes (suggested by Mary Ann Kuk);
- request by Charles Fleming to adopt Landa stairways;
- solar trash can follow up

C. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

7. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.