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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 7:00 PM  
Micheltorena Street Elementary School  
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| I. Call to Order & Roll Call  | 7:00 |
| II. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2004   | 7:01 |
| III. Correspondence   | 7:03 |
| a. Open letter from Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council proposing creation of "Director of Animal Welfare" position in every NC (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION) |      |
| IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items  | 7:05 |
| V. Special Presentations & Reports  | 7:15 |
| a. Presentation of Certificates of Congratulation – Shane Goldsmith, CD-13 Silver Lake Field Deputy   |      |
| b. Kevin Bannerman/Neighborhood Pride Initiative – Presentation of Preliminary Medallion Designs for Public Review  |      |
| VI. Reports of Officers   | 7:45 |
| a. Co-Chairs – Alliance of NCs mayoral debates – system for assigning attendees for SLNC  |      |
| b. Vice Chair   |      |
| c. Secretary  |      |
| d. Treasurer –Approval of budget  |      |
| VII. Committee Reports (2 mins. Max)  | 8:00 |
| a. Public Safety (B.Dakin/Scott Feinerman, Chairs)  |      |
| b. Beautification (Tom Blanchard/Emily Johnson, Chairs)   |      |
| c. Parks & Green Spaces (Blanchard/Kells, Chairs)   |      |
| d. Youth & Families (Kells, Chair)  |      |
| e. Governmental Affairs (Lopez, Chair)  |      |
| f. UD&PAC (Bougart-Sharkov, Chair)  |      |
| g. Community Liaison (Willis, chair)  |      |
| h. Outreach (Le Vin, chair)   |      |
| VIII. Consent Agenda  | 8:20 |
| a. MOTION (Exec. Cmte.) A quorum of at least three stakeholders is required for committees to hold a meeting or take action.  |      |

- IX. New Business 8:25
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  - c. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION: Mayor's proposal of city-only half-cent sales tax increase to fund public safety
- X. Old Business 8:50
  - a. MOTION (Millar/Hopkins) For the safety of Silver Lake residents the Silver Lake NC will participate with the City of Los Angeles's Sidewalk Matching Grant program. The SLNC will reimburse a Silver Lake property owner who participates in the city's 50/50 matching grant program with a grant of 50% of their cost up to a maximum of \$200 per parcel with an annual cap of \$2000 from the SLNC.
- XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting 9:00
- XII. Announcements 9:05
  - a. Special meeting to determine SLNC goals for 2005 – January 22, 9:30 AM, SLNC office
- XIII. Adjournment 9:15

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**Process for Reconsideration** – *The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a [Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion to Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion to Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.*

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I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

In attendance: Judith Borstein, Michael Locke, Roberto Haraldson, Jacqueline Rivera, Jeff Hradec, Alvin Hopkins, Rusty Millar, Genelle LeVin, Luis Lopez, Bea Gold, Laura Dwan, Gena Nason, Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov, Peter Choi, Martin Hittelman, Lorraine Kells, Jason Lyon, Jane Renahan. Absent: Robin Dakin, Barbara Dakin, Garry Willis.

II. The minutes of December 1, 2004 were approved as distributed.

III. Correspondence

- Discussed open letter from Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council proposing creation of "Director of Animal Welfare" position in every NC. Sounds like it will require someone knowledgeable and with a lot of time. Will require further discussion.

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Election Committee member Milt Rosenberg spoke about his concern regarding the release of the stakeholder database, which the City Attorney has authorized us to withhold releasing. We are aware and monitoring the situation. So far no one has requested our database outside of the candidates. Suggested to Exec Committee to figure out a way to alert our database to the possibility of being released and allow them to opt-out.
- Jaime Motta from the Dept. of Aging presented a Citywide survey given to seniors that is anonymous and allows for suggested improvements to the dept. Leaving stack of surveys behind for our distribution.

## V. Special Presentations & Reports

- Presentation of Certificates of Congratulation – Shane Goldsmith, CD-13 Silver Lake Field Deputy, gave out certificates to those members that missed the celebration dinner last October 30: Judy Borstein, Gena Nason and Jeff Hradec. She also presented certificates to senior members who have stepped down from their chair positions this year but remain vital board members: Martin Hittelman and Rusty Millar.
- Kevin Bannerman/Neighborhood Pride Initiative – Mr. Bannerman presented the preliminary designs of the medallions created for lampposts, starting with placement at Sunset Triangle Park. These were taken from submissions of portfolios of local artists. Those selected were asked to spec designs. The medallions will be in 3 languages, surveyed to be the 3 most predominant in Silver Lake: English, Spanish and Tagalog. Initial submissions were delivered on Dec 1. We now have 3 finalists. On display at SLNC office (2898 Rowena Avenue, Suite 101, LA 90039), the CD-13 office (3525 Sunset Blvd., LA 90026) and Cheryl Revkin's chiropractic office (1724 W. Silver Lake Drive, LA 90026) Ballots are at each location. Stakeholders encouraged to vote. Feb. 1 is the last day to vote.

Boardmember Peter Choi expressed major concern that Tagalog is not representative of the Asian population in SL and stressed the committee revisit its decision to create banners in only the top most predominant languages spoken in SL. Bannerman accepted that suggestion and said he would bring it back to the NPI committee

## VI. Reports of Officers

- Co-Chairs
  - Alliance of NCs mayoral debates – there are 2 coming up: Feb. 7 and Feb. 28. SLNC boardmembers are invited to submit attendance requests. First come first served, deadline is Jan 15.
  - Issues that have come up at CD4 meetings: Lane Closures, Changing of School Hours, passing on cost of junk pick-up outside buildings to landlords. Things we should be thinking about – if there are any strong feelings amongst GB members, we should bring them back to CD4.

M/S/P: (Hittelman) SLNC advise its reps to the Alliance to take the position that in the future, all candidates be invited to the debates, not just those with the most money. (Our current rep is B. Dakin).

- Vice Chair
  - Calendar of Events: Attempting to coordinate with other community organizations. We have been moving things around to allow for maximum participation.
- Secretary -- If you are a committee chair and still do not have a key to office, please let me know. If you still need to schedule time for your meeting, please let me know. Please feel free to schedule time at the office, and especially if you are not a key-holder let us know enough in advance to make access arrangements.
- Treasurer -- We are structuring our finances by categories. We can only have up to \$12,500 at one time unless special request. Staple copy of motion to receipt and submit to

Treasurer and you will get reimbursed by city and we'll have all the paperwork together. James Irvine Foundation, The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, and the James A. Doolittle Foundation. Wants to minimize use of petty cash. We do have use of a debit card. If you want to request funds that exceed the allotted amount, you need to bring 2 motions – one to shift the money and then one to request the funds. All this information and more is in your white binder.

**COME DOWNTOWN AND DANCE AT THE MUSIC CENTER!**

#### VII. Committee Reports

- Public Safety (B.Dakin/Scott Feinerman, Chairs) – not present
- Beautification (Tom Blanchard/Emily Johnson, Chairs) -- Hosted holiday progressive dinner party. Current projects: ArtCan project, Gateway medians, Sunset Triangle Park
- Parks & Green Spaces (Blanchard/Kells, Chairs) -- \$90K of Community Lot Funds have been approved for Sunset Triangle Park.
- Youth & Families (Kells, Chair) -- Reviewed medallions. Discussed goals meeting coming up. Completing resource directory, particularly useful for new families.
- Governmental Affairs (Lopez, Chair) -- Defined committee membership as attending 2 consecutive meetings. You lose membership after 2 consecutive misses. Needs to bring this as a motion to the Governing Board.
- UD&PAC (Bougart-Sharkov, Chair) -- Parking variance policies and Liquor licenses. Wants to work with Outreach and CLC on having a community meeting. Cell phone antennas – getting many calls from carriers. “Granny Flats” —creation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> unit on lot designated for single family homes. Working with CD-13 on policy. CD4 apartment building proposal along Angus Ave. Hillside ordinance – lobbying the city to change Municipal code in order to include multiple family units in the single family ordinance.
- Community Liaison (Willis, chair) – Laura Dwan spoke for Willis – Hoped to present website but designer not available tonight. Next meeting. Goals: create newsletter, semi-annual, 4-6 p tab style, to all stakeholders. Joint meetings with Outreach at least quarterly. First big meeting – community organization summit, especially involving the non-profits.
- Outreach (Le Vin, chair) -- Going to update brochure used in first election rather than spend a lot of money creating new one. Drafting an informational, evergreen newsletter which will differ from CLC letter which will be more event/time sensitive.

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M/S (Locke) that the SLNC supports proposal to increase the city sales tax by ½ cent for public safety.

Discussion: Choi argues that we are not lackeys for the Mayor and City Council, to push through their agendas. We need to make sure we have listened to our 40K stakeholders. Kells believes our Senior Lead officers who have been critical in our safety are being forced back to car patrol due to lack of officers. Hittelman argues that it is not clear what the money raised would actually go towards. Sales taxes are the most repressive tax. Lopez worries about affect of spending in the City – would it drive business to surrounding cities? Lyon suggests we could amend the motion to suggest how \$ is spent.

Motion does not pass. 6-3-8 (Yes: Locke, Hopkins, Millar, Gold, Dwan, Bougart-Sharkov. No: Haraldson, Rivera, Hittelman. Abstain: Borstein, Hradec, LeVin, Lopez, Willis, Nason, Choi, Kells)

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Ms. Gomez from Councilwoman Greuel's office presented the program as background information for the Board.

Kells abstains.

#### XI. Announcements

- Special meeting to determine SLNC goals for 2005 – January 22, 9:30 AM, SLNC office
- Happy Birthday to Shane Goldsmith, CD-13 Deputy

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.