

Reservoir Complex Meeting -

Time/Date: 6pm, November 10th, 2016

Attendees:

Terrence Jackson, Stacey Boucher, Betsy Isroelit, Jerome Courshon, Dave Keitel, Mike Krose, Mark Duncan and Freda Shen

Minutes:

6:14PM Meeting called to order

Discussion of what our committee entails

### **1. Public comments on non-agenda items:**

Terry-lets just fill the lake now.

Betsy-Mondays meeting will be about next steps for reservoir.

Terry-major projects can take years.

Mark Duncan-asks about decreasing radius of chain link fence-if just refill we're stuck with it.

Everyone at meeting introduces themselves-Dave recommends everyone check out the Conservancy's recent survey- link to survey can be found at <http://www.silverlakereservoirs.org/survey-2016>

SL Council has been around for 13 years

We as a neighborhood council have influence

Jerome explains to Mark-no plan for the reservoir at this point and time. DWP lets refill the reservoir and see what the community wants.

Mark asks is there an option for asking the community what they want to do with the reservoir?

Jerome public announcement-townhall the following saturday, 19th 11AM-'neighborhood integrity issue.

Terry-rezone LA rationalizing that process

### **2. New Business-Discussion and possible action:**

1A) Joe Harris did not attend

2B) Dog bags-David, I'm not an expert on the administration of the dog park. Jen Byrne has been involved as long as I can remember. I know of her don't know her. No formal group that runs the dog park. SL Council did get some funding to help with improvements years ago.

Terry-CD13 provided the shade

David-Dog bags are for the walking path. We installed them and refilled. Probably 2k investment. The additional \$500 for the bags are now for our stock. I personally refilled the dispensers. People were grabbing 10 or 20 from the dispenser. I'm happy to move a dispenser and get a trash can dispenser added near the dispenser.

Stacey-should we put logos on the bags?

Freda-that might be too expensive

Jerome-do we have a plan for when they run out?

David-no plan. People have said what about the people who use the dog park

Betsy- a guy named Glen from her outreach committee might be willing to take the lead on the dog waste bags

Jerome-maybe the dog waste bag issue could be taken care of by the animal committee

David-whoever wants to do it. Not sure anyone has wanted to do it.

Freda-why did you decide to put the dispenser up? You let the people become more dependent on the dispensers. I've seen them take several at a time.

Terry-should be an organized dog park group, social structure that handles it.

Dave-more going on website and volunteering to help.

Mark-You said \$200 over the last year and half or so. Where does the budget come from? Someone said sponsors are willing to sponsor the dog park

Jerome-I think Glen should come here or go to the animals committee.

Freda-I have a strong objection to corporate sponsorships

David-park advisory board

Stacey explains Joe's potential plans for the dog park that he presented at the last RC meeting

Terry-SLNC gets money from the city for our budget. We get an allocation of money from our annual budget

Betsy-Glen just wants to help with something-wants to be active to help make the dog park better.

2C) Native Plant Garden

David-Kathleen and Julia head up the Native Plant Garden.. Cleanups are held the last Saturday of every month. This month the Native Plant Garden and the Reservoirs Conservancy will be doing a co clean up on November 19th.The last few have been the same working hand and hand-david-bought a bunch of tools for those volunteering.

Terry-where are the tools kept?

David-there's a storage bin in gravel parking lot but he brings his own.

Terry-the CCC does some work as well.

Can push for more help from local offices.

David-they have had some help once a month around the last Friday of month. Mary Rodriguez is the liaison. Ryu's office should help. Mary Ann Kuk and David met with them and took notes but nothing ever happened.

Betsy-doing newsletter x2/month now

2D)

Mike-2 major issues-water being put back and too expensive way to deal with banks-paint them without breaking up asphalt. worried about erosion. My main concern as a resident is that in most places I really don't want to see the property inside the street made into an open park. Personally especially in certain places on west silver lake side, from where the Ivanhoe reservoir ends to Moreno Drive I would not want to see the fences moved in that's where the herons nest and congregation places for ducks and geese. This is the part where it's for the animals. This is very important to me. That area is very important where the public can't go and disturb them. I don't want to see I don't think this is a park starved area. I don't want this to be a destination site. I don't think we can handle the traffic, homeless is a tough issue to deal with, glad fences are staying, not a shallow lake. I just think this would encourage a lot of other use and area would need to be patrolled to protect against loitering, if made into a park I just think it will cause a lot of problems. No parking. I would hate to use part of space for parking. Can have nice gatherings without overcrowding it. I think that it will be a mess if you take all of the fences down.

Mark-I hadn't thought of the parking or traffic or homeless. Love idea of texture coating. SL is beautiful and could be made more beautiful

David-what's beautiful for one person is not for the next. discussed rowena project and the fencing over there. they had their own organic process. topographically it's very different too. most looking down on it. they didn't want it to be open and that's how it became what it was. they picked that style of fence.

Freda-the fences were quite nice. that fence has become browned and dirty. I think they need to wash it down.

Terry-maybe it should be pressure washed.

David-I think a good rain is all it needs

Mark-does refill SL include Ivanhoe?

Freda-asphalt sidings. I need the neighborhood to consider the asphalt siding. DWP has offered to take down the striping. #1 Process, time, where? Consequences-if you look at lake and take siding down it takes basin down by 1/3, has freeboard so water doesn't flood. Will lower the water level even lower. 40 feet

originally will go down to 20. If lake goes down that low will lose the large birds. When it's smaller we will not have the number of birds-wont have lake breeze effect. Residents by lake used to not need AC because of breeze from lake, beneficial to wildlife as well. The #2 effect is that we are in a drought. If they take banks down they will hydro seed the banks. Will need to be watered even though drought tolerant. That's another consequence of taking down those sidings. #3 Let's take Mike's suggestion and texture coat it take away the stripings. Stripings are cosmetic problem. Let's leave what's good and then we'll get the depth of the lake they promised us. #4 What are you going to do about the sediment going in-DWP and make sure depth stays where we like it?

Dave-Council and DWP have changed at each meeting.

Jerome-next meeting is a discussion of what's happening with striping and future idea of what to happen with the reservoir. My assumption is that the walls will be part of discussion. Whoever speaks on Monday we need to speak on 440 feet above sea level terms, we need to be clear "above sea level" it's historical.

Mike-knowing how many truck trips it will take to raise the lake

Freda-construction workers told her they will be adding sediment to bottom of lake.

Jerome-we need to ask DWP why you were you told this by construction workers.

Terry-the construction manager will be at the meeting on Monday.

David-Have dealt with engineers from DWP for a very long time and haven't heard much about Monday's meeting.. I'd wait to see what they say on Monday. I'm not sure that they have studied the impact on the banks.

Mike- it's an update and major discussion of the future plans. I think we need to be ready with questions.

Freda-I need for the community to know the consequences of what could happen should the siding be taken down that this is what it's going to look like.

Dave-my understanding is they would be removing walls on the east and west side of lake. Many community members feel the sides are unsightly. DWP is trying to respond to this concern as well.

Terry-likes Freda's statement that a 'cosmetic problem does not require a structural solution.'

Mark-what happens to water quality once the lake is filled and sits there?

Freda-they will circulate it, fans, etc.

Dave-we can set up a fund me page. We could market it to people in the dog park and we can put a sign up at the dog park.

Meeting adjourned 7:32

