

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING (Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2017,
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00pm with 15 Board members present. (8 votes are needed to carry.)

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne-Marie Johnson, Co-Chair
Jerome Courshon, Vice Chair
Scott Plante, Co-Chair
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Patty Jausoro (left early)
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham (arrived late)
Antonio Stifano (arrived late)
Taryn Poole

Non-Attending Board Members:

Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Heather Carson
Glenn Harrell

4. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items*

Maryanne Cook:

She said that she lives on West Silver Lake Drive and has endured 24 months of construction and dust. Council Member David Ryu's office has authorized the repaving of concrete streets with asphalt. Why are we being subjected to this? This is beyond the pale, she said.

I've been in touch with Adam Miller (Field Representative for Council Member Ryu). I want you to say that Griffith Park Boulevard will be repaved instead of West Silver Lake Drive. This is supposed to happen in May. Tonight is the night to do something about it.

RJ Saki:

He said that he grew up in Silver Lake. He is a graduate design student at the Art Center in Pasadena. His thesis project is about how cities share information with residents. People may be interested in viewing this, which is depicted in a model that he brought tonight, he said.

Julie Smith:

She said that she went to City Zoning and Planning. She wants to create a parking district. Her area was zoned R4 but that's been changed. She also wants to build small rental unit on top of her garage. I was told to come to the neighborhood council to seek support for a variance.

Co-Chair Scott Plante, who is also Co-Chair of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee, said that he would send information to her about how to proceed once she provided her email address.

Barbara Ringuette:

The neighborhood council's Budget Advocate said that the Government Affairs Committee will meet Friday, from 6pm to 7pm, at the Laguna Apartments. They will discuss a Government White Paper, an 88 page document that mentioned concepts upon which the government is recommending action for.

(Note: Antonio Stifano arrived at 7:09pm.)

5. Special Presentations:

Betsy Isroelit is speaking for Mary Rodriguez, Field Representative for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13:

She said that Rodriguez is not able to attend tonight's meeting. She asked me to give out handouts. Isroelit passed out the documents. She did not read them.

Adam Miller, Neighborhood Advocate for Council Member David Ryu, Fourth District (CD4) (adam.miller@lacity.org 323-957-6415, 213-473-7004):

Good news! The new lights are up and running. However, the contractor burned out something for the lights around Hyperion Boulevard. They should be back up next week after circuits are fixed. If any lights are out, please email me, asked Miller.

Regarding roads, he said that we are working on them. For West Silver Lake Drive, we are waiting for Bureau of Street Services approval. I'll get back to you about that.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson asked him to please send that information to the Co-Chairs too.

Miller said there will be a fun event on Monday on Ivanhoe. We're putting water back into the Silver Lake Reservoir now. Construction is still going forward for the wells by the Los Angeles River. It was originally an emergency project but it is no longer a priority so it will take longer, explained Miller.

Separately, he said we've having a small issue. Our bulky item pick-ups are down. We want the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to pick it up so that's an issue. For that contract to move forward, we need reports to 311 to document our problems. So you must make requests. We need to float our numbers a little bit. Download the app, he asked.

Regarding the issue of repaving West Silver Lake Drive, Rusty Millar said that when Bill Richardson was alive and head of the Bureau of Street Services, Griffith Park Boulevard was a big failure with concrete streets. It's never been done. What's going on with that?

Miller said that it's in the general queue like everything else. We don't repair concrete streets. Asphalt may be the best option. We're waiting for Measure "M" money to repair streets, including concrete streets. He said that he hopes that this is a minor repair. He noted that the street construction work extends to Council District 13.

(Note: Caroline Pham arrived at 7:17pm)

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

She discussed the importance of upcoming meetings.

Beginning at the end of April, the 5 City Council members of the Budget and Finance Committee will meet to discuss the Mayor's budget. There will be two weeks worth of meetings. If you want to testify, you must go early. Public Comment will be about 8:30am or 9pm for any of the departments that will be discussed during the day.

She said that the Budget Advocates meet with the City's Budget and Finance Committee. We do have a dialogue with Council Members. We really do have impact. Our recommendations really do have an impact. Many are followed every year.

Anna Huizar, Los Angeles City Office of Beautification, (213) 978-0224:

She said that her office oversees graffiti removal for the entire city. Please download our application or call 311 when there are issues. Submit photos and other details for our contractors.

She added that our office also provides tools for community clean-ups. Enough tools for 5,000 for free. Rakes, gloves, garden tools, etc.

Her office is partnered with the Bureau of Sanitation for bulky items, weeds, etc.

We have paint bank project for graffiti. Let me know about graffiti hotspots. I am your gal for that, she stressed. She left flyers and cards.

Betsy Isroelit asked do you manage community gardens? Huizar replied that we only provide tools for them. We don't manage them.

6. Old Business

6.1 SLIA Funding of \$880 for Median Maintenance

Scott Plante and Barbara Ringuette recused themselves for this agenda item.

Bob Lisauskas read the motion, which refers to a location under the 101 Freeway and Silver Lake Boulevard.

VOTE
15-0-0-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Recusals:

Barbara Ringuette
Scott Plante

6.2. Funding for Dog Waste Bags

Scott Plante made the motion. Rusty Millar seconded.

Johnson explained that this was an issue postponed for clarification. We went through it on October 16 and voted yes, provided that funding was matched. That funding is being matched.

Taryn Poole asked a question about the \$250.

VOTE

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson

Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

7. Consent Calendar

7.1 Outreach: Newsletter language

7.2 Green: Historic Cultural Monument Designation for Public Stairways

VOTE for Consent Calendar Items

Johnson explained that this is automatically approved. There was no formal vote.

PASSED

8. Administrative: SLNC Finance Report From Treasurer and Co-Chairs

8.1 March Monthly Expense Report (MER)

The Co-Chairs said that they will give a brief report. There was a change of Treasurers. We went through extensive collections of documents. We wanted to avoid the designation of “exhaustive efforts” by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) if our paperwork was not submitted properly. We are now up to date, said Johnson.

Treasurer Terrence Jackson said that March spending was \$253 for food for meetings. The overall budget summary was passed out. Our annual budget is \$42,000. Any funds not spent by the end of the fiscal period will be returned to City. So far this fiscal year, our spending and authorized spending totals about \$30,266.

We have more than \$2,000 in requests tonight that are in excess of our budget. Some items won't be funded, he warned. He added that he appreciated Jausoro's hard work as the previous Treasurer. Jackson said that he appreciates the work of Taryn Poole, Anne-Marie Johnson and Patti Jausoro for this.

VOTE for Monthly Expense Report (MER)
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.2 DONE Election Schedule Stipulation Document

Johnson spoke about the 2020 elections and an option regarding the election cycle provided by DONE. We were provided 3 firm options, or whatever we can come up with on our own.

We're a non-staggered board. We have an option to have elections in 2019. We also have an option to have an election in 2018 and another one 12 months later. Three year seats are also an option.

(Note that Scott Plante is now chairing the meeting on his own.)

DONE made this motion, said Johnson. This has to be in by May 1. I strongly recommend that we extend terms by one year and have elections in 2019. The City lacks manpower and still trying to figure out the disastrous online voting. I don't want us to be a guinea pig as we were in the last election. We're a well-oiled machine. Cost effectiveness-wise, this is the smart financial sound and cohesive way to continue to do great work, she concluded.

Barbara Ringuette seconded Johnson's motion.

Patti Jausoro asked if terms are extended, do the co-chairs remain? Johnson replied no. That changes each year.

Miller asked when did they decide this? Johnson said it was sent in a newsletter fromn Grayce Liu (General Manager for DONE). Millar added that they did the same thing in 2009. It was a bit of an issue. You came across this in the fine print. DONE decided this. We're backed into a corner.

Betsy Isroelit said they did give us 3 options that were straightforward. I don't feel backed into corner. Taryn Poole concurred. I think it's clear, she said.

Jerome Courshon said extending terms is the best of the 3 options. I agree with Johnson but we won't know the decision until DONE decides.

Barbara Ringuette said I recognize that they have budget issues too. Extending our terms for a year makes budget expense. So I'm voting for it. Also, there is lots of effort involved in elections. This makes sense.

VOTE to extend Board Members' terms until 2019

16-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson

Hanna Anderson

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar

Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:
Patty Jausoro

Abstentions:
None

9. New Business

9.1 Michael Leonard: LAX Community Impact Statement

The speaker is not here so Johnson said that she'd like to postpone this agenda item.

VOTE to postpone 9.1
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

Scott Plante spoke about the 2468 Glendale Boulevard community meeting last week. He explained that there was confusion about the meeting. At the last minute, Heather Carson made a comment about a fire safety issue so the meeting was moved to the library. The community was angry about the change. This had nothing to do with neighborhood council or the applicant except for one member.

9.2 UDP: 2619 Sunset - Freedman's Restaurant CUB

Scott Plante made the motion. Isroelit seconded.

Bea Trendall, representative for the project:

We're here to seek your support for our application. This would include serving a full line of alcohol with hours from 7am-12am during the week and 7am-2am on weekends.

The location was a previous restaurant. It's in a shopping center with 26 parking spaces on site. The previous tenant had a permit to sell beer and wine. We want to extend the hours and sell all alcohol.

Our Zoning hearing is set for June 7. We are planning a meeting with the vice unit of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

A male representative said that he wanted to respond to the employee parking issue. Their request for parking spaces was denied by the location next door. They are seeking alternatives. This includes subsidized bus passes and having a bike rack in the plaza. They did a survey about street parking. There are 50-plus spots along Sunset Boulevard around Coronado between 6pm and 9pm. They have also secured a spot in the plaza for the head chef. Regarding our hours, he said that the deli would become a late night bar for socializing.

Millar asked where are you getting your parking from? You're at Benton Way and Sunset, on the Northeast corner? It's all general parking in that area. How many people are you expecting to be in the restaurant?

Courshon said I'm confused about the hours. Sunday – Thursday 7am to 12am and then Friday, Saturday 7am to 2am. How does that compare with other neighboring restaurants?

Ringuette also questioned the hours from the perspective of the livelihood of the neighborhood. Other establishments are open till 11pm. Also, what is wine and beer versus full line aspects of other restaurants in neighborhood?

Bea Trendall said that the shopping center has 26 parking spaces. During day, there tend to be 9-10 spots. People park for 30 minutes or so. It's a quick get in and get out. there will be casual deli counter for food pickups.

Except for the 24 hour Laundromat, other businesses are closed in evening. She forecasts peak hours for the deli from 6pm to 9pm.

The male representative said we have a 44 seat capacity. 150 guests per day are expected.

Plante asked can you clarify the hours?

The Man repeated the proposed hours. We're looking to provide an alternative to what's available in the market. We are not a bar, he explained.

Bea Trendall said that there is Silver Lake Ramen, which opens at 11am and serves beer and wine. Mohawk Bend has later hours and serves a full line of alcohol but that restaurant is under a different neighborhood council. This will be a full dining experience, she stressed.

Julie Jones said that I live directly behind you. My concern is noise until 2am. I'm in the back house. What kind of security will they have? What will the maximum capacity be? What is allowed by the fire code? She expressed concern about teen sex and vomiting. I would love to see a new restaurant in the area but you have little for vegetarians on menu. We have a parking problem at night already.

The male representative replied that parking on Sunset is free after 8pm. We are located on one of least populated parts of Sunset, he added. We've removed trash in alley. With the restaurant there will be more eyes on the street. That will improve the neighborhood and remove the riff raff that has been populating the alley.

Bea Trendall said that City conditions require posting signs to respect neighbors. She'll work on compliance. All staff will go through LAPD star training.

Millar wants the hours to be Wednesday to Saturday until midnight instead of 2am. Ringuette seconded. This is substitute motion. Millar commented on the hours of operation for the restaurant versus other

businesses in area. There's nothing in that area that is a bar with a restaurant operation. He suggested that the later hours be reconsidered in 1-2 years when they refile for their permit.

Ringuette said that restaurants in the area have limited hours to 11pm. I see no reason for a deli to be open to 2am with noise, smoking, etc. Those kinds of things make residents upset.

Courshon said I agree with Millar on this. There is a habit of new restaurants getting extended hours after a year.

Bob Lisauskus said I'm opposed to this, closing at midnight. You might as well say that Silver Lake is shut down for business. This is a diverse city. We need to keep restaurants open for a thriving city.

Taryn Poole said that the noise level ramps up between midnight at 2am when hard liquor is served. That's my objection.

Isroelit said I understand the concern about late hours. However, this is a more upscale business. It's a concept business. Statistics prove that having people on the street cuts crime. This is a tough one. We shouldn't discourage healthy businesses.

Millar restated his motion to have the hours of 7am to midnight for Saturdays and Sundays.

VOTE for substitute motion
5-12-0
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit

Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for original motion

13-4-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Barbara Ringuette
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole

Abstentions:

None

9.6 50+ Committee: AT Center ADA Update NPG \$2500

Jausoro said we want to postpone. We've had meetings and are in the process of securing additional funding. Johnson declared the agenda item pulled by the maker.

9.3 Mayberry Elementary School: Garden Improvement NPG \$2500

Johnson made the motion. Plante seconded.

Johnson said that the school serves a diverse group of kids. It offers young children hands on experience with vegetable gardens. This is also nutritional education.

Hannah Anderson asked that with the motion for 9.6 pulled, do we have money for other issues this evening? Treasurer Jackson said yes.

Ringuette said I want a break down for this funding. We need more information. I'd like to see plans. It seems a bit premature. Johnson said that is not required. There is a letter in the package from the Principal. Ringuette said she hadn't seen it. She went to website but didn't see it.

Plante spoke about the purpose of the program. The garden is to enrich Los Angeles. The grant will help maintain the garden. Plante read information from the school. They are requesting matching funds from the Echo Park Neighborhood Council too. This is a partnership with EnrichLA. Last year, EnrichLA built our garden with grant money, said Plante, quoting the letter from the school principal.

Courshon asked do we have anything set aside for emergencies or contingencies? Plante said yes. Jackson said that about \$2,500 in funds requested tonight by other projects probably won't be spent.

Isroelit said this is pretty straight forward. It follows City guidelines. I think it's a great project. However, Millar said that this does nothing for the community except making the school happy. Lisauskas disagreed. It creates learning experience that is brought back into the home, he said.

Jausoro added that EnrichLA is a great organization. It creates parity for Mayberry. She noted that Ivanhoe Elementary School also has a great garden.

Caroline Pham noted that the Micheltorena Elementary School also has a garden that benefits the community. The school is part of the community, she said.

Hannah Anderson suggested to talk to the school to see when parents are coming to see it. For outreach, we can ask the kids what they grew.

Ringuette asked can there be signage to indicate funding by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council? Johnson joked that we should also stamp the fruits and vegetables. Jackson suggested that having Board Members show up to garden would be good outreach.

Genelle LeVin, President of the Silver Lake Improvement Association, said I hope that you vote for this. In the early days of Micheltoreno Elementary's gardens, the funding was 4 times higher, she recalled.

VOTE for 9.3
16-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

Abstentions:

None

9.4 Friends of Silver Lake Library: Projector and Listening Assistance NPG
\$2500

Maryanne Cook, A Founding Member of the Silver Lake branch library:

The community room, where SLNC committees gather, has listening devices for people with hearing problems. Also, they want a portable projector that can be used during the day. The request is for \$2,500.

Johnson made the motion. Jausoro seconded.

The whole community uses Silver Lake library. It's important that public institutions are ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant as much

as possible. A day time projector is critical. Lots of library events happen during the day.

Almost every advisory committee that we have uses that community meeting space. We really owe a lot to the Silver Lake branch library. She encourages a yes vote.

Jackson said that the report is very specific. Millar asked who owns the equipment? The library, was the reply.

Ringuette asked can there be some kind of notation that the SLNC has made a contribution? Plante said the point is understood.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.5 Green Committee: Additional \$500 funding for Stairway Map

Lisauskas wants this agenda item to be tabled until after agenda item 9.10.

**VOTE to Postpone
17-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.6 50+ Committee: AT Center ADA Update NPG \$2500 -- REVISITED

Postponed

9.7 50+ Committee: Summer Picture Show NPG \$1500

Jausoro announced that they would like "A League Of Their Own" for the summer movie. We are also working on an event to support Girls Play, as part of Parks and Recreation. The movie is appropriate for all audiences. It supports diversity. We plan on a speaker about the history of women's sports. This will be a fund raiser.

Plante seconded. He is now chairing the meeting alone.

Stephanie said that I would like to support what Jausoro has just said. This will be at Sunset Triangle, a public space for our community. This

film is about women who broke a sports barrier. It's a celebration of equal access for women in sports. We want to support Girls Play LA, a program of the Department of Recreation and Parks. It provides access to sports for all girls regardless of their ability to pay.

Nicolas, a representative for The Picture Show, said that everyone is welcome. It's been great and the program is now going into its 6th year. We are cognizant of noise pollution. We work with local businesses for sponsorships.

About 200 people will attend. He said that his group would also work with community groups and non profits.

This event does cost a lot to put on. Other outdoor movies in Los Angeles are done by huge companies. It's free. The funding comes from sponsorships.

Barbara Ringuette said she is recusing herself.

Francesca, who works with the Department of Recreation and Parks and oversees the program, said that we are expanding. Mayor Garcetti is a huge supporter of girls equity. I am very supportive for any gender equity opportunities for the girls.

Genelle LeVin said that the SLIA has been an sponsor of this. There has been community support. There is entertainment. This creates a sense of community.

Courshon recalled that last July, Silver Lake Picture Show was here. Various outreach methods were discussed. They agreed to them. Afterwards, Nicholas changed his mind and sent a nasty email and said that he never wants to work with the neighborhood council again. Fine. What kind of branding would be offered to the neighborhood council? I didn't see anything about that in your proposal.

Jausoro said it's not just a screening. It's an event. The campaign will be big with other agencies and a speaker. It will be a big event.

Nicolas said that the SLNC logo would be on the website for the season. There would be thank you social media posts. We could have SLNC members there to speak. Nicolas will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Caroline Pham said I love the fact that you're highlighting Girls Play. Looking at the history of your screenings, can the next screening be a celebration of diversity? Something less white?

Millar said that when we went through this once before, the original motion was \$3,000 then was \$1,000 then Nicolas sent an unpleasant email to the Board. Jackson commented that we should not hold grudges.

Johnson pointed out that the movie selection represents All American girls with a white organization where non-whites were not permitted on team. Major league baseball and other baseball leagues were white only. You didn't take the time to realize the horribly racist history of this show. There is not one lead actor of color in this movie.

It would be a mistake to fund this movie on any level. Having an All White cast is insulting and a misuse of funds. You must provide equal time to a historian to discuss this.

Isroelit said that was very powerful. However, she noted the difficulty of finding movies that might have sufficient diversity.

Caroline Pham said I haven't seen the movie. However, after Johnson's comments, I wouldn't support this movie.

Jausoro said that if we judge films based on inclusion, most of them would be ruled out. I'm a little shocked. I understand the sentiment. The speaker would discuss title 8 and allowing all girls to play baseball. I'd never heard this film castigated to such an extent. This film did break barriers, though not a race barrier. Barriers are barriers. One evening doesn't confront all barriers. That's a tall order.

Johnson said that race is a pivotal issue in this country, especially now in the time of President Donald Trump. Showing that movie would be a disservice to young girls in Silver Lake. There was an outcry when the movie was released in 1992.

Stacey Boucher asked is the movie selection set in stone or can the movie be changed? Nicolas replied that it's a dialogue. We haven't announced the line up yet. Plante asked who picked the movie? Nicolas said our entire staff.

Jausoro said we reached out to them. Our goal is to provide entertainment for all people and ages. The movie looks at one barrier, not all barriers. If we look at slate for racial parity, most films would be eliminated on the slate.

Nicolas commented that we picked "District 9" because it explored race in South Africa. Poole said I'm moved by what Johnson said. History is imperfect and messy. We want to push gender equity, which is a huge thing.

Plante said this is a messy situation because of the history of this group. Girls Play wants to sponsor this movie to help fundraise. Have a statement at the beginning of the movie about why it was picked, he suggested.

Anne said this was an opportunity proposed to Girls Play LA. Every community is different. Every neighborhood council is different. Belleview Recreation Center falls under the SLNC. Any opportunity to benefit the girls, we are happy to explore those options based on what the community wants.

Johnson asked did you consider other films like "Bend It Like Beckham"? Nicolas replied that that movie was not part of the conversation but they did consider other films.

VOTE
7-5-4-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Patty Jausoro
Bob Lisauskas
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Douglas Loewy
Hannah Anderson
Rusty Millar
Betsy Isroelit

Abstentions:

Jerome Courshon
Antonio Stifano
Elizabeth Torres
Stacey Boucher

Recusals:

Barbara Ringuette

9.8 SLIA: Community Bulletin Board improvements \$400

Plante and Ringuette recused themselves from participating in this agenda item.

Millar seconded.

The Bulletin board is where the SLNC posts physical agendas has fallen into disrepair.

Genelle LeVin said that the bulletin board is exclusively used for the neighborhood council and other non profits. The person whom I solicited the bid for is a very competent handy man. The current board is wood.

Hannah Anderson asked do we want a locked one? Millar asked is it wood or metal? Johnson commented that this is the SLNC posting spot.

Genelle LeVin said the board is not locked. It would be refurbished wood.

VOTE
14-0-0-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Recusals:

Barbara Ringuette

Scott Plante

(Note: Patty Jausoro left the meeting at 8:58pm and did not vote.)

9.9 History Collective: \$200 funding for storage containers, etc.

Isroelit read the motion. This is for “up to \$200”.

The History Collective records video interviews of long time Silver Lake residents who are senior citizens. Some 101 interviews have been posted on YouTube.

There are two options. The community will provide a list of items to be purchased.

Ringuette seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.10 Outreach: Staircase Map Funding \$1500

Isroelit said that the Outreach Committee is spending up to \$1,500 for maps and brochures. These are pocket sized maps that are easy to distribute. They highlight the historic stairways that are a unique part of Silver Lake history. There are some 52 stairways in the community. The Outreach Committee feels this is a marquee feature of Silver Lake. It attracts tourists and builds community. There will be clean up, graffiti removal, etc. It will help build community.

Courshon seconded.

Anderson said I think it's a great brochure. It's well designed, fun, and easy to use. I really like it. Courshon said I love it. It's really cool. It fits in a pocket. Plante asked can this be sent out in the future? It's relevant.

VOTE for 9.10

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.5 Green Committee: Additional \$500 funding for Stairway Map -- REVISITED

Lisauskas spoke about printing for the maps. We want these to be durable. He said that the final bid may go over \$1,500. So, we are requesting an additional \$500. *Millar seconded.*

Plante said thanks to Craig for cleaning up the mess of the previous board.

Craig said it's been a great pleasure to work on this. There are many potential uses going forward. They can be useful at community events. If there are excess funds, print more.

Courshon asked can that be done on a banner? Craig said yes. Courshon suggested to make banners of this.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.11 Outreach: Launch Stairway Roll-Out \$800 funding

Isroelit made the motion. Plante seconded.

VOTE for 9.11
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Johnson asked where are we with money before the last funding motion?
Jackson replied that we are probably over \$2,500 to \$3,000 assuming that the library funding is not completed.

9.12 Outreach: Relay For Life \$500 funding

Isroelit said that the event will take place May 20 from 9am to noon.

The sponsorship is for tee shirts and board participation.

Millar seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10. Approval Of The Minutes: March 1, 2017 Minutes

Plante made the motion. Courshon seconded.

Courshon referred to his comments on page 19 for agenda item 7.13. In the 3rd paragraph, I didn't say that about the incumbant. Strike that, he urged.

Millar seconded the amended minutes.

VOTE for amended March minutes

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Hanna Anderson
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

11. Reports of Officers

Johnson said we'll send the report to the Body. We spent 8 hours at the Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioners fighting for the right to raise the voting age to 18. She thanked Courshon and Isroelit for their time.

Some committees have yet to meet, said Johnson. If they don't meet by next board meeting, I'll move to have them dissolved, she warned.

Separately, she mentioned emails to the Board about an announcement that the conservancy sent out about the success of new walking paths at reservoir. This came as a surprise to many people. It is contrary to the Silver Lake plan.

We will call for a special meeting to discuss the feasibility of a path at reservoir. After Easter break there will be a special meeting of the Board. This is a transparency issue.

12. Committee Reports

Jennifer Palmer Lacy said that the Arts and Culture Committee met in February and March at the Laguna Apartments. The group discussed the implementation of a library design. They deferred to their chair Heather Carson. They discussed media and having an Instagram account to tell the community what's happening with various committees.

She mentioned that there will be a Make Music LA event at the Triangle Plaza on the 21st.

We have very few members. She invited board members to attend the Committee's meetings. The next one will be 7pm on April 20 at the Laguna Apartments.

Ringuette, speaking for the Government Affairs Committee, said that there is a wifi connection available for meetings.

She also said that the Homeless Committee met yesterday evening. The two co-chairs have made an impressive number of contacts. She wants to invite people to participate, noting that there is an individual moving from the streets to an apartment. Ringuette said that she went shopping today and bought bedding, at her expense.

Isroelit said that the Outreach Committee did discuss the Instagram account request. There was no objection. There was a discussion. We have another meeting this month. We will revisit it.

15. Adjournment *

The meeting ended at 9:21pm.