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**DRAFT MINUTES
RESERVOIR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, February 29, 2016

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-chair John Wingler called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He announced that co-chair David Keitel was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting. He reminded all present to sign in. There were 18 in attendance, including three current SLNC governing board members. Maryann Kuk agreed to take minutes.

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items

- Hugh Kenny asked about the following:
1. Why the Eucalyptus Grove irrigation system isn't in use (DWP responded that they watered the trees from Silver Lake water when it was deemed suitable. But, will not use potable water to water the trees on the property).
 2. Requested that the trucks that park around the guard shack at Tesla/Lakewood/Armstrong park on the asphalt as the ground under the remaining trees is now too compacted to allow water to penetrate to the tree roots.
 3. Requested that the mulch that is piled up against the tree trunks be removed so the trunks don't suffer from rot.
 4. Requested an update on the tree replacement on the path, per EIR mitigation. (LADWP responded that the tree replacements will take place in the Fall 2016).

Stephanie Spicer introduced her replacement, Dawn Cotterell (213 367 4208). Stephanie is going on maternity leave starting in May.

3. Approval of the October 27, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting were approved as presented (Anne Marie Johnson/Maryann Kuk. Passed 14-0-4).

4. Old Business

Re-affirm prior SLNC request to CD4 to match CD13 maintenance for reservoir path.

Adam Miller (CD4 Silver Lake Deputy) reported that he would be meeting with the appropriate agency parties this week and will request a get together with the community representatives next week regarding the CD4 portion of the maintenance budget for LACC. It was suggested that since the funds have been delayed for 8 months and the fiscal year end is only a few months away, that CD4 consider an additional budget item for next fiscal year.

Rosa Max requested an update on the possibility of having sheep on the reservoir property to deal with the weeds. No action.

5. New Business

a. Move that SLNC request LADWP to reopen the path detour when the bypass construction allows.

There was a short discussion to introduce a motion to have the SLNC formally request that the currently closed, temporary detour walking path be re-opened as soon as possible. It was deferred until the DWP report and then was not formally introduced. (Should be on agenda for next meeting).

b. Move that SLNC request Recreation and Parks plant three additional trees in the Meadow to provide shade for those enjoying that area of the park. Joe Harris of the Silver Lake Recreation Center was present as an observer and was welcomed for his interest. Maryann reported that Co-chair, Dave Keitel met with R&P and was pleased to report that it would be acceptable. R&P is now waiting for a species recommendation from Dave. The trees will be planted near irrigation so as to benefit from the regular watering.

Formal motion: Anne Marie/Maryann; Passed 11-0-7

c. Move to approve purchase of additional dog waste bags for dispensers along the reservoir path. **Cost: up to \$500.** John reported that the 4 pet waste stations, previously approved and funded by SLNC and the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy, have been installed. The initial supply of bags has been exhausted, and the requested funds would purchase approximately a six-month supply of replacements. It was suggested that this will be a continuing expense and could be prohibitively expensive for the SLNC on an on-going basis. It was further suggested that the Dog Park people be contacted and asked to participate. Rosa said she would do that as well as contact City of LA, Animal Services to see if they could participate. The difficulty with approaching businesses is the Neighborhood Council prohibition soliciting funds and of adding sponsor names. It was suggested that dog owners be asked to participate in the funding of this expense.

Formal motion: Anne Marie/John; Passed: 10-0-8

6. Presentation by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

LADWP (Susan Rowghani, project director and Ruben Rosales, project engineer) were introduced and reported the following:

1. That LADOT refuses to open the south bound West Silver Lake Drive until the street work is completed at the end of March.
2. That the reg station work should be completed late 2016.
3. That the Environmental Impact Report-required mitigation (2:1) replacement trees would be planted in Fall 2016. Bureau of Street Services is the agency who will perform this planting. There will be 25 new trees planted in the Fig Garden at the end of the project.
4. That Ivanhoe reservoir continues to be in service and that the black balls will remain until the end of the project (late 2016). The repair of the leak in replacement Tank #1 will be finished in May. But Operations does not want to solely rely on this tank for supply and will keep Ivanhoe in the supply system until the end of the project.
5. That there will be a community update meeting on Thursday, March 31 at Ivanhoe Auditorium from 6:30-8.

In answers to some questions, the LADWP responded as follows:

1. There will be 10' of compacted soil placed along the west edge of and in the reservoir (below where Balmer is). It will not be removed.
2. The LADWP admitted that the notification of the impacted residents on Armstrong/Rokeby over the holidays was inadequate. Several cars were towed and the cost of retrieval was not reimbursable by the DWP (DOT towed). Anne Marie suggested that the LADWP at least send a written apology to the impacted residents. (Did not get an affirmative yes to that request).
3. It was requested that the truck back-up beeping be reviewed as to the decibel loudness level. The crews are to be reminded that they should not put their trucks into reverse and then idle and that, where possible, that the trucks circle around instead of backing up. (no affirmative response to this request).
4. It was reported that the LADWP is meeting internally and with other City agencies as to the future use of the reservoir and for the first time, Susan made an equivocation as to the refilling of the reservoir. The LADWP is obligated by the mayor/governor to continue to conserve water and unless we have another "March Miracle" of snow in the Sierras, there will not be potable water available. It was suggested that the LADWP request a dispensation for this re-filling. It was also suggested that the community be informed of this eventuality despite promises made in the past. It is possible that using storm water run off, recycled water and potable as a mix, might be a solution, but would require some additional infrastructure.

The entire PowerPoint presentation by the LADWP is posted at the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council website under Reservoir Committee, the link is http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/SLRB-Community-Meeting_2-29-2016-final.pdf

7. Adjournment

The agenda business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.