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SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

AT-LARGE REPS: Heather Carson / Amy Clarke / Charles Herman-Wurmfeld / Anne-Marie Johnson / David Modern / Kinoka Ogsbury / Teresa Sitz

REGIONAL REPS: (1) Helen De La Paz Dion & Joshua Gomez (2) Georgene Smith Goodin & Karen Speitel (3) Anthony Crump & Seamus Garrity (4) Ted Adams & James Bigelow (5) Jeff Wayne & Christine Kantner (6) Matthew Desario & Joe Ferrell (7) Hope Taylor-Arnold & John Wingler

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

7pm-10pm Wed May 6, 2015

Micheltorena Elementary Auditorium 1511 Micheltorena St, LA, CA 90026

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"Love is the way"

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME, GROUNDWORK

The meeting began at 7:00pm, opened by Co-Chair Charles Herman-Wurmfeld. There were 16 Board members present at that time. Nine members were needed for a quorum.

Attending Board Members:

Amy Clarke
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Georgene Smith Goodin
Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
David Modern
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Karen Speitel
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner (arrived late)
Matthew Desario
Joe Ryan Farrell
Hope Taylor-Arnold
John Wingler
Ted Adams (arrived late)
James Bigelow (arrived late)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*David Ryu, Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, District 4
(www.davidryu.com):*

He said that the election is in 13 days. He wanted to say hi. He grew up in the neighborhood and attended local schools. He is a UCLA graduate. In the primaries for the election, there were 14 candidates. Now there are 2. It's a vote between the political insider and the outsider, between the status quo and change. If you think City Council could do things differently, then I'm your candidate, he said.

I'm only candidate to take the pledge of transparency. I will not take contributions from developers. Transparency is important. Slush funds of council members will be revealed and I will work with community leaders to determine how that money will be spent, he said.

(Note: Christine Kantner arrived at 7:08pm)

Dan Dresser:

He whispered various things including that We're carving Jimmy's name in a rock and would need power tools to do this.

Derrick Fuchs:

He spoke but was difficult to understand. However, he also distributed flyers about his Fuchs Equation for Peace and a solution with ohms and existing electronics coalesced with the average standard deviation of means.

Co-Chair Herman-Wurmfeld said the equation is very beautiful and thanked him for providing written notes.

Nina Sorkin:

She said she wanted to thank the Board for providing money for the first Earth Day poster contest. We began with 3 schools. The kids were very enthusiastic about it.

Christina Chambers, a representative of the Nederlander Group, which operates the Greek Theatre:

She gave an update on the City's plans to award future rights to control the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park. The Recreation and Parks Department did move ahead with its self-operation proposal. This would include short-term contacts for vendors.

More immediately, we have a great season linked up. We hope to see you there. We are planning plaza events too, she added.

2B. Discussion & Possible Action: Community & Board Conversation Regarding Board Members' Personal Opinions and Comments on Social Media, Public Forums, Discussion Networks and other Platforms

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>

1. NC Board Members should conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner.
2. NC Board Members should treat other Board Members and members of the public with respect regardless of the other's opinion, ethnicity, race, religion, religious belief or non-belief, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner status, renter status or political affiliation.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CIVILITY POLICY http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/code_of_civility.htm

1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, including treating each member of the board and members of the public with respect at all times.

Co-Chair Amy Clarke is now running the meeting, explaining how things will proceed.

Parliamentarian Anne-Marie Johnson said it's really important for whomever does the postings to read what's in question. We need context. Clarke said she wanted to frame this as generally as possible.

Anthony Crump asked can you outline for the public why we are having this discussion?

Herman-Wurmfeld said there have been several emails from stakeholders about social media postings by Board Member Karen Speitel. We felt we needed to respond. We have also received emails from board members who are quite upset.

Heather Carson asked whether the Code of Civility applies to every facet of our lives. Someone took something down something that I'd posted on my personal page. Sometimes people discuss board meetings once they get home. When are we private citizens?

Herman-Wurmfeld replied that's a great question. I don't have the answer. It's a deep question.

Seamus Garrity said I think this situation is that obviously people can say what they want on their private Facebook pages. However, when I read the emails, they were intensely racist, from my perspective. I was shocked that a member of this board would denigrate a race of people in this way. You have to call into question their judgment when they have skewed opinion of a large portion of the community.

Hope Taylor Arnold said there is freedom of speech but there are also consequences of speech. When I read it I was leveled. I feel like it's irresponsible and unkind. Those are light words. It's just awful that that was said and owned. It's reprehensible behavior.

John Wingler said I fully defend anyone's right to speech but we have the right to judge what's said in any context. The level of disrespect was so intense. That makes it difficult to represent people. The comments were painful and hurtful.

Christine Kantner said I'm uncomfortable sitting on a board with someone filled with hate and racism for members of our community here. I agree with Wingler. That was so reprehensible that I don't want her here in the board meeting. I want Karen Speitel to resign.

Nina Sorkin said I read the report from the director of DONE, the Neighborhood Council Board Members Code of Conduct. There was a meeting on Monday. They took a vote about the consequences of a breach of that code of conduct. I don't have Facebook. When a similar situation happened 2 years ago, I pointed out that if you don't have something nice to say don't say anything at all. I hope all of you read Elsie's message. People will be kicked off the Board when their behavior is not appropriate.

Matthew Desario said I don't agree with the comments. They were egregious. On Facebook, everyone can hear you and it's permanent. I read the Code of Conduct. There is a specific provision in the Code for removal if you don't sign it. So I'm frustrated. As a community, there has to be a public flogging. I say the wrong thing a lot but people give me an opportunity to apologize. They don't judge me on one comment. Let's use this as a teachable moment. I don't mind sitting at a table with hate. Many people have different views at this table.

Anthony Crump said the reason you don't find teeth in these policies is that people have the right to have differing opinions. Everyone here on the Board finds the comments to be offensive but that's her right.

A Man named Raymond in the audience said I've known Karen Speitel for 17 years. She has been a true friend to me. Karen has all kinds of friends of all races. It struck me as a silly social media spat between strangers. This woman is nobody's racist. To label her a racist based on a junior high school social media fight is unjust.

Anne-Marie Johnson read from Karen Speitel's Facebook postings about Mexicans: "they are sneaking in with every intention to damage our city, our country." That is just a snippet of what was said, said Johnson. Why doesn't the Board want elected official's comments to be made public?

She was voted into this position. If her region knew what she said, they would remove her. I wish you would resign. I'm uncomfortable working with you. This body doesn't want to expose these statements for her constituents.

Hope Taylor Arnold made a motion to extend the debate for 10 more minutes. Anne-Marie Johnson seconded the motion.

Jerome Courshon, a member of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Urban Design and Preservation Committee, said that the comments were egregious. There is no excuse. What Anne-Marie Johnson is suggesting is beyond this Council. It's a Molotov Cocktail. That's inappropriate. If anyone in Silver Lake wants to see her removed, go out and collect signatures. Using this body to publicly flog her is inappropriate. I hope Karen Speitel offers an apology.

Karen Speitel said I do feel really bad about comments made about a drug tunnel on Facebook. Unfortunately, you now think I'm a different person. I'm not a racist. Mexican is not a race. Immigration is about your address, not your DNA. If this was happening to you, I would stand and fight for you. Posting on Facebook doesn't make you the person that you are.

I went to Aiden's Facebook page, the man who alerted you all to my postings. There, I saw several questionable postings there. Does he disrespect women? Does he hate hipsters? We both post things about animal welfare. His friend Andy posted a mean joke about janitors. Is that who he is, asked Speitel.

Someone posted a picture of her and her husband dressed as gangsters. Does that mean she supports crime and gun crime? That's not who she is. It's unfair to think that a person is nothing more than their Facebook posts. I ask you to reconsider removing me from the Board, said Speitel.

Co-Chair Clarke said there have been several requests by email for action, including removal. In consultation with the City Attorney, while people enjoy freedom of speech at all times, the City Attorney did say that the Board may pass a resolution allowing that personal opinions of people on social media cannot represent the board. That was all of the guidance that they could offer at this time.

Helen De La Paz Dion said that from what I read you are an elected official. If I were you I wouldn't even show up today. I was very offended by that comment.

Hope Taylor Arnold said I like you but it wasn't just one thing. It was multiple things. You said I will not apologize and these are my opinions and I will stand by them. That made it stronger. Saying Mexicans are not a race...then you said more and more about them. It's maybe not up

to the Board to remove you. It's up to your conscience. I'm just shocked that you said that crap. Now you have to stand by it. You're way out of line.

Seamus Garrity said if a person is convicted of a crime and judge finds it racist, convictions can be overturned. I move to censure Karen Speitel. The people in Region 2 should know who represents them.

Georgene Smith Goodin moved to extend time of the debate for 10 more minutes. Anne-Marie Johnson seconded.

Melvin Canas, a representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) said I would advise the Board to move along with the agenda. Put something on the agenda if you want to proceed.

Anne-Marie Johnson replied that this is our Board. This is the time we've been dealt with this. Ending the conversation now is insulting. Replace Mexican with black, gay, Jewish and maybe you would understand. When you deal with a large community where a large portion of the population is Mexican, if you say that a censure motion is out of order, I disagree. We are not stepping beyond the bylaws. If the motion is about censure, we have to deal with this motion tonight.

Georgene Smith Gooden said that in reading the bylaws about censure (section 8), a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is required and a reason for censure is needed. The consent of the City Attorney is needed. This doesn't meet the requirements for removal by the Board. Some 500 stakeholder signatures required for general board member or 250 signatures for a regional board member (Karen Speitel is a regional board member).

Co-Chair Herman-Wurmfeld said we don't have to act tonight. We can ask the Executive Committee to consider this. We can continue the conversation and continue the meeting.

Jerome Courshon said that people will be upset if you don't get to the bylaws tonight. I recommend that you set up another meeting for this or place this at the end of the agenda. John Wingler agreed.

Herman-Wurmfeld said we have five minutes left. Anne-Marie Johnson said we have a motion on the floor. Seamus Garrity resubmitted his motion to censure Karen Speitel. We should say why we are censuring her and read some of the comments into the minutes.

Christine Kantner said I have a problem with Karen Speitel communicating with the public. Amy Clarke said there are 2 proposals about removing voting rights.

Karen Speitel said we have so many things on agenda. If this many people don't feel they can trust me, we should deal with this now. I'm not going to resign. If you want to vote now, let's get this done now.

Anthony Crump said the question is not to remove you from board. That's not under the bylaws. The motion is for censure. This action requires City Attorney action. I don't know that this vote would hold up. Anne-Marie Johnson said the implementation of censure requires the City Attorney. Does that negate the motion?

Seamus Garrity moved to censure Karen Speitel for racist comments. Voting privileges should be revoked until the City Attorney deals with this.

DONE representative Melvin Canas advised the Board not to proceed with this motion. It's not on the agenda. There are Brown Act issues. Responding to Canas' concerns, Herman-Wurmfeld said we did consult with the City Attorney.

Matthew Desario made a motion to extend the discussion further. This was seconded. Herman-Wurmfeld suggested moving forward with the motion and letting the City Attorney deal with it. Canas again advised against proceeding with the motion. Herman-Wurmfeld said the City Attorney can strike it down but let's move forward.

Georgene Smith Gooden said this is censure, not a loss of voting privileges, not immediately. Clarke said we may just want to move ahead with general censure. Anne-Marie Johnson said Seamus Garrity's motion was spot on. Georgene Smith Gooden said we need the City Attorney. Herman-Wurmfeld said let's take the vote. Seamus Garrity said all comments should be in the minutes.

VOTE to Censure Karen Speitel

15-0-4

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Amy Clarke
Anne-Marie Johnson
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
David Modern
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Georgene Smith Goodin
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Ted Adams
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner
John Wingler
Hope Taylor-Arnold

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

Heather Carson

Karen Speitel

Matthew Desario

Joe Ryan Ferrell

Clarke said the Board has voted for censure. The City Attorney will determine the next moves.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS (Executive Committee)

3A. Treasurer (ATTACHMENT 3A) DPA: **Treasurer Report**

2. Disc. & Poss. Action: Approval of Emergency IT Purchase(Anti-virus Software) up to \$200.00

Treasurer Georgene Smith Goodin said that the neighborhood council's website was hacked. She had to make a \$300 software investment to remove the XXX girls from the website. Does anyone object to this virus removal, she asked the Board. No one objected.

1. Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)

Regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), she asked the Board if there was any objection to the approval of the MER. There was none.

3. Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of Apple One Invoice in Amount up to \$277.20

Regarding payment to Appleone for note-taker services, she asked the Board if there were any objection to the payment? There were none.

B. Co-Chairs (ATTACHMENT 3B) Co-Chairs Report

In his final moments as Co-Chair, Charles Herman-Wurmfeld said it's been fun.

4. APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Election of New SLNC Officers (Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer)

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL I Standing Rules

Process for Election of Officers The procedure used to elect officers of the SLNC Governing Board is as follows:

.01 Nominations will be opened from the floor for each officer position beginning

with the co-chair. Board members may nominate or self-nominate. Nominees will then accept or not accept the nomination. A list of candidates for the office will be determined.

.02 Each candidate will have three minutes to give his/her qualifications for the position he/she is seeking as well as stating what he/she intends to do from that position in the coming year. After each candidate for a particular position has had the opportunity to speak, members of the board may ask questions of any of the candidates if so desired.

.03 A vote by show of hands will then be taken. If no candidate receives a majority, then the name of the candidate with the fewest votes will be removed from the list of candidates and voting will proceed. The process will continue until one candidate receives the majority of the votes. The process will be repeated for the remaining offices of co-chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. *(Adopted October 8, 2003; Revised November 3, 2004)*

Nominations for Co-Chair:

Present Co-Chairs Amy Clarke and Charles Herman-Wurmfeld both declined nominations.

David Modern declined a nomination.

Former Co-Chair Anthony Crump and Urban Design and Preservation Committee Co-Chair Joe Farrell both accepted nominations.

Heather Carson declined a nomination.

Anne-Marie Johnson accepted a nomination.

John Wingler declined a nomination.

Seamus Garrity accepted a nomination.

Anne-Marie Johnson then removed her name from the nomination process.

There are now three nominees: Anthony Crump, Joe Farrell, and Seamus Garrity.

Heather was asked to reconsider a nomination. She declined again.

Nominee Statements:

Anthony Crump said everyone knows me. They have seen and know my comments over the past couple of years. I served as Co-Chair last year. I am experienced dealing with DONE. I'm fair and even-. I may not agree with your position but I fight to protect your rights. I'm all about process and fairness.

Joe Farrell said he's been on the Board for 1 year. He has been Co-Chair of the Design Committee for 8 months. I welcome the opportunity to lead the neighborhood council. I think I'm a fair person. Lots can be improved about running meetings and setting agendas.

Seamus Garrity said he represented Region 3. I will be fair. I do think there would be more of a learning curve for myself but I would be honored to be Co-Chair.

First VOTE for Co-Chair:

Joe Farrell – 10 votes

Seamus Garrity– 5 votes

Anthony Crump – 4 votes

Joe Farrell is now a Co-Chair.

Seamus Garrity and Anthony Crump were nominated to be the second Co-Chair. Anne-Marie Johnson, Ted Adams, Christine Kantner, and Joshua Gomez declined nominations.

Crump congratulated Joe Farrell on becoming a Co-Chair.

Amy Clark asked both candidates, Anthony Crump and Seamus Garrity, if they are prepared to post agendas and minutes? Garrity said I would follow Joe Farrell's lead. That is a fair question. Crump said yes. I have done it before. I have experience putting together agendas and managing challenging meetings.

Matthew Desario said to Garrity that you have good energy. Are you excited about it? If so, you get my vote. Garrity said I saw what Charlie Herman-Wurmfeld and Amy Clarke went through, especially last month. It was daunting. They didn't sell the position well.

Hope Taylor-Arnold asked the candidates whether they would extend debate for hot button controversial topics. Garrity said my opinion depends on the night. Crump said sometimes the Board puts itself against a false wall. There are options like separate meeting.

Second VOTE for Co-Chair:

Anthony Crump -- 12 votes

Seamus Garrity -- 6 votes

(Note: David Modern didn't vote.)

Anthony Crump is elected second Co-Chair.

The meeting is now run by Joe Farrell and Anthony Crump, the new co-chairs.

Vice Chair Nominations:

Seamus Garrity accepted the nomination.

James Bigelow, Joshua Gomez, Hope Taylor-Arnold, Jeff Wayne, Helen De La Paz Dion, Charles Herman-Wurmfeld, and Amy Clarke all declined nominations.

Anne-Marie Johnson accepted the nomination. David Modern was nominated but he was out of the room.

Ted Adams and Matthew Desario declined nominations.

Goodin asked for a description of the Vice-Chair's role. Outgoing Vice-Chair Ted Adams explained.

David Modern returned to the meeting and accepted his nomination. Anne-Marie Johnson then removed her name from the nomination process.

Now there are two candidates: Seamus Garrity and David Modern.

Candidate Statements:

Garrity said I worked with Ted Adams and others on visions and goals meeting. I couldn't attend the meeting. I want to be Vice Chair.

Modern said I'm a quick study. I don't know what I'm getting myself into. I make a mean cup of coffee.

Desario asked the candidates, if you are not successful, would you run for Secretary or Treasurer. Both said no.

VOTE for Vice Chair:

Seamus Garrity— 11 vote

David Modern — 8 votes

Seamus Garrity is now Vice Chair.

Nominations for Secretary:

Heather Carson, Christine Kantner, Hope Taylor-Arnold, John Wingler, David Modern, James Bigelow, Joshua Gomez, Jeff Wayne, and Anne-Marie Johnson all declined nominations.

Crump explained the duties of the Secretary position.

Karen Speital declined a nomination. Christine Kantner was nominated again and accepted the nomination.

Candidate Statement:

Kantner said I hope to live up to the position. I do have designs to revamp the website. We can accomplish things with IT.

VOTE for Christine Kantner as Secretary
Unanimous
PASSED

Nominations for Treasurer:

Jeff Wayne, Anne-Marie Johnson, Heather Carson, Joshua Gomez, and Matthew Desario all declined nominations.

Anne-Marie Johnson was nominated again and declined a second time.

Current Treasurer Georgene Smith Goodin was nominated. She said I will stay on. I am willing to stay on for a month provided you elect a new Treasurer and second signer tonight.

Crump said I nominate Georgene Smith Goodin and to have her replaced after a month. He asked for other nominations.

John Wingler declined. Heather Carson was nominated by Amy Clarke, who said that she would be a really effective Treasurer.

Karen Speitel declined a nomination, saying that she was terrible at math. David Modern declined as well.

Smith Goodin said that if we don't elect a Treasurer tonight, we can't vote on the talent show. Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) in process may be held up. Nothing from March forward would be paid if our funding is frozen. I will continue to the end of the fiscal year if someone is lined up. Teresa Sitz won't continue after this month as second signer.

Crump asked can we nominate Smith Goodin to be treasurer? Smith Goodin said I will only accept if someone steps up. Isn't there anyone here who likes money?

John Wingler nominated himself. There was applause. Smith Goodin said I will be willing to stay on till the end of the fiscal year. Wingler's election would be effective July 1. Is that acceptable to the Co-Chairs? They said yes.

Wingler said I declined earlier because I'm active on lots of committees. I will have to withdraw from other committees. I have experience. I have an MBA. I know how to do spreadsheets. There was applause.

Clarke said I have full confidence in you John.

Co-Chair Joe Farrell called the vote.

**VOTE for John Wingler as Treasurer
Unanimous
PASSED**

Smith Goodin said we need to elect a new Second Signer. I can do this. But Wingler must become Treasurer sooner.

Helen De La Paz Dion nominated Hope Taylor-Arnold.

Crump asked when does it become effective for the second signer? Smith Goodin said it can become effective immediately. She explained the role of the second signer. Our bank card can be in the name of the Treasurer or the second signer.

Taylor-Arnold asked Smith Goodin, if you are Treasurer, and someone is willing to step forward, he can be training right?

Crump asked Smith Goodin, are you willing to become the second signer? She replied that Wingler would need to complete training within a month. Crump said that sounds like the best path forward. Georgina Smith Goodin will be second signer until July.

Smith Goodin said we can ask Teresa Sitz if she would extend another month but she's not here.

Herman-Wurmfeld said that he would be willing to call her tomorrow and explain that she would extend second signer position until the end of fiscal year.

Amy Clarke, who'd just spoken with Sitz by phone, said that she is willing to remain second signer through July 1.

**VOTE for Teresa Sitz to remain second signer until July 1.
Unanimous
PASSED**

Smith Goodin said we would have to elect me now as the second signer for the next fiscal year. She nominated herself.

**VOTE for Georgene Smith Goodin to become second signer
beginning July 1. Her nomination was seconded by Clarke.
Unanimous
PASSED**

Clarke nominated Smith Goodin as bank card holder. Taylor-Arnold seconded the nomination.

**VOTE for Georgene Smith Goodin to be bank card holder
beginning in July.**

Unanimous

PASSED

B. Mitch O'Farrell, CD13, Rep (Mary Rodriguez)

Mary Rodriguez, Senior Field Representative for Los Angeles City Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13):

She handed out CD13's monthly report for Silver Lake.

She said we have 2 neighborhood watch groups that have begun. She also said that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) is still working on a trunk line for Descanso Boulevard. The City's Department of Transportation has approved an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Marathon Street and Benton Way, she said.

Bellevue Park will receive new exercise equipment. This is exciting news. She added that lights have been repaired at the park. However, progress towards the Sunset Junction Streetscape project has been slow.

Anne-Marie Johnson said there is great concern about the underpass at London and Vendome. Can you give us a progress report? Encampments are blocking the sidewalk. Where are we with that?

Rodriguez said it's been cleaned 3 times. People immediately move back afterwards. I don't know what we can do aside from postings, clean ups, and getting the investigator there.

Helen De La Paz Dion asked about new neighborhood watch meetings. Jeff Wingler said it's more than a couple of people complaining about those bums.

Rodriguez expressed a concern about budgets. Regarding work on Saturdays, that's the busiest day of the week for businesses. We will discuss this with street services. Wingler said these guys are moving all over the place.

Kantner said a big part of the frustration has been that \$11 million has been spent on the Sunset Junction Streetscape. There are lots of independent businesses that are really suffering because the crews keep getting pulled off for other projects. It has to be finished as soon as possible. Rodriguez said that's what I asked. I'll do my best tomorrow when I meet with Street Services.

H. Nomination/Selection of Two Budget Advocate Representatives

Crump said the Co-chairs want to forgo the Sargeant of Arms appointment and the budget advocate positions. Former Board Member Barbara Ringuette asked to proceed with the budget advocate items. They are needed by June. Crump said lets take this up in June. Ringuette said it may just take a minute. Johnson concurred, saying we should deal with this right now. Crump agreed.

Barbara Ringette and Taylor-Arnold were nominated and accepted their nominations.

Clarke made a motion to nominate Barbara Ringuette and Hope Taylor-Arnold as Budget Advocate Representatives. Jeff Wayne seconded the motion.

VOTE for Budget Advocates
Unanimous
PASSED

Item k will be addressed later in the meeting, said Crump.

8-OLD BUSINESS - FUNDING REQUESTS/Discussion

8A (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC finalize our new SLNC logo voted upon at the Apr 1 GB meeting via process of a Board vote; replacing the old/current SLNC logo. (Outreach/IT Comm)

8B (MAR GB) MOTION: that SLNC send revised CIS/letter re: Hyperion Bridge reiterating support for Option 3 & rejecting 1A (Mooney)

8-OLD BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

8E MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 10 (Resignation)** by adding language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (*Proposal: Any member of the Board who ceases to be a Stakeholder is required to submit his or her resignation to the Board*) (Bylaws 5-0-0)

8F MOTION: to amend **Article VII, Section 3 (Committee Creation)** of the SLNC Bylaws to change "At least one (1) Board Member must ~~sit on each Standing Committee.~~" to "At least one (1) Board Member must be designated as a committee member, be listed on the Committee's webpage, and receive email at the Committee's email." (Bylaws 5-0-1)

8G MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 11A Community Outreach** to remove the words 'notices in local newspapers' (Bylaws 6-0-0)

8H MOTION: to amend **Article VII Section 1: Standing Committees** which currently reads *Executive, Outreach, Governmental Affairs, Community Liaison* to add *Arts & Culture, Budget & Finance, Bylaws & Standing Rules, Education*

Youth & Families, Elections, Friends of Silver Lake Animals, Green, History Collective, Homeless Coalition, Information Technology, Neighborhood Business, Public Safety & Crime Prevention, Reservoir Complex, Transportation & Public Works, Urban Design & Preservation and to place them in alphabetical order. (Bylaws 6-0-0)

8I MOTION: to amend **Article VII, Section 3 (Committees & Their Duties)** of the SLNC Bylaws to add Article VII Section 3.D from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language “Committee meetings are subject to and shall be conducted in accordance with the dictates of the Brown Act. Minutes shall be taken at every Committee meeting” (Bylaws 4-0-2)

8J MOTION: to amend **Article VII Section 3 Notifications/Postings** to change ‘at a minimum of seven (7) public places’ to ‘at a minimum of one (1) public place’ and to delete ‘(at least one (1) in each Region)’ (Bylaws 4-0-1)

8K MOTION: to amend **Article IXB (Finances)** to change ‘The Treasurer will present a quarterly financial report to the Board’ to language from the February 2014 Neighborhood Council Bylaws Template language that reads ‘each month, the Treasurer shall provide to the Board detailed reports of the Council’s accounts’ (Bylaws 5-0-0)

8L MOTION: to delete **Article IX: Finances D:** Specific expenditures of \$250 or more must have pre-approval by a majority of the Board Specific Expenditures of less than \$250 can be made without pre-approval by a majority of the Board. (Bylaws 6-0-0)

8M MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Compliance** by deleting the current bylaw and replacing it with the language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall comply with these Bylaws and with any additional Standing Rules or Procedures as may be adopted by the Board of Directors as well as all local, county, state and federal laws, including, without limitation, the Plan for Citywide System of Government (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”), the City Code of Conduct, the City Governmental Ethics Ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1), the Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.), the Public Records Act, the American Disabilities Act, and all laws and governmental policies pertaining to Conflicts of Interest.) (Bylaws 5-0-0)

8N MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Section 1 Code of Civility** to delete the current bylaw and add the language recently adopted by the City and agreed to by the Board (Bylaws 5-0-0)

8O MOTION: to amend **Article XIV Section 2: Training** by deleting ‘intentionally left blank’ and replacing it with the language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language – All Board members shall take training in the fundamentals of Neighborhood Council, including, but not limited to, ethics, funding, workplace violence and sexual harassment trainings provided by the City within thirty (30) days of being seated or they will lose their Council

voting rights. (Bylaws 5-0-0)

Crump wants to move to Item 8e, old business.

Clarke said she objects because there are stakeholders here. Desario said he objects because items 8.a, b, and c have to be dealt with now. Smith Goodin said those items can be moved to a special meeting, while the bylaws cannot.

We're not on Item 8e. Now on the Consent agenda.

Johnson wants to pull items 8 e, f, g, h, I, j, k, l, m, n, and o. Crump said there is now the question of which item to begin with. Carson suggested beginning with Item 8p. Matthew Mooney said item 8b is a funding request.

OLD BUSINESS - SLNC BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS – DISCUSSIONS

8P MOTION: to amend **Article XIII Amendments** by deleting the current bylaw and replacing it with language from the Feb 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (new proposal: how to amend SLNC Bylaws) (Bylaws 5-0-0)

Desario read the motion for Item 8p. Carson seconded it.

Johnson had a question regarding “and/or” about the referral to the Bylaws Committee or to the Board. Have we clarified this Chairs, she asked.

Regarding item 8P, letter c, Johnson wanted a substitute motion to make the language more specific. This is a clarification as opposed to a change. Crump said that DONE typically leaves this up to the Board's interpretation. It's whatever the Board decides.

Desario made a motion to pass the Bylaws (Item 8p). Garrity seconded.

Taylor-Arnold said I didn't understand what you're changing this to. Desario said I extend my motion to call the question. Crump said we have to act on this.

VOTE for Item 8P

8-4-6

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld

Heather Carson

Karen Speitel

Anthony Crump

Seamus Garrity

Matthew Desario

Joe Ryan Farrell
Ted Adams

No Votes:

Amy Clarke
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Christine Kantner

Abstentions:

Georgene Smith Goodin
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Jeff Wayne
Hope Taylor-Arnold
James Bigelow

(Note: John Wingler had earlier left the meeting and did not vote.)

8Q MOTION: to amend **Article V Section 7: Absences** from “Section 9” as written now, to adopting language from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (*Proposal:* Any Board Member who misses 4 regularly scheduled NC GB Meetings during any 12 month period will be automatically removed from the Board)(Bylaws: 4-0-2)

Crump said the motion for Item 8Q was made by the committee.
Desario seconded the motion.

Jerome Courshon commented that I’m aware that the purpose of amending the bylaws is because of a history that gives a lot of power to the governing board and to the chairs. This is left over from when the board was not as responsible to the community as it should have been. He made a plea against absences. I want to give more power to the community relative to previous board, he said.

Johnson said she is speaking against this amendment. These are voluntary positions. We never lacked quorum in my tenure. This is unfair. Those of us who take risks to run deserve to have a work life and a personal life. There are myriad reasons why meetings would be missed. If this passes, some board members would have to leave. That’s unfair. Keep the bylaws as they were. All unexcused absences should be reconsidered.

Clarke said I concur with Johnson. This is written too harshly. What about an ill parent?

Speitel said this is a little bit harsh but even though it’s a voluntary position, we fight so much to get things done with the people who show up. I think 4 times is fair. You have to decide how being on the board is right for you.

Desario said I agree with Karen Speitel. Things come up. Clarke's points are valid. We always have to balance the needs of people on the board but we must represent people. If I can't get here 2/3 of time, this is not my position to have. If something comes up in our own lives, want to have the benefit of the doubt. We have to figure out whether someone is doing the best possible job. I support this.

Wingler asked if a person comes in for 5 minutes and leaves, does that count as being present? Taylor-Arnold said I'm voting no on this. This amendment doesn't consider anyone's situation. It's very totalitarian. If you are sitting on this council and you do your best here and in committee, that's fine. She questioned mid-term bylaws changes.

Smith Goodin said I'm abstaining because bylaws require that a summary of the discussion be prepared. Also, two people abstained at the Bylaws Committee meeting. These changes are from the 2014 bylaws, while the 2011 Bylaws are still on our website. I would love to change some of these rules, however.

Bigelow said it's an interesting precedent that we might be setting. If you miss 4 meetings, you lose your seat but if you make racist comments you keep your seat?

Desario asked are there 6 people that intend to abstain from the Bylaws voting regardless of motion? Crump said we decided to go through them anyway. The City Attorney said that's confusing so it's up to the board, said Clarke in response to question. Crump said we've made a commitment. So long as we have the time, we should try to get through them.

Carson mentioned the issue of two meetings addressed by DONE earlier in the process. Originally there was no committee so it's come again. The motion may seem punitive but you can have four unexcused absences. You can have up to 24 excused absences and still keep your seat, she clarified. However, if you plan to only attend half the meetings, that's not fair to the public.

Matthew Mooney said I really count on you to be at these meetings. If you are missing 4 meetings, you are not keeping up with narrative.

Johnson noted that it was interesting that only 5-6 individuals attended this bylaws meeting. I don't recognize a need from the community to address this. Four of the attendees were Board members. That's not a fair reflection of community views.

Desario said we're a representative democracy. If you're against this, vote no or abstain. Taylor-Arnold said I want to defend the entire board. We've never missed quorum. Until there is a point where the jobs aren't

being done, there is no need to make this change. You might just be shooting yourself in the foot.

Desario called the question.

**VOTE for Item 8q:
4-11-3
FAILED**

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Karen Speitel
Matthew Desario
Joe Ryan Farrell

No Votes:

Amy Clarke
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Joshua Javier Gomez
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner
Hope Taylor-Arnold
Ted Adams

Abstentions:

Helen De La Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
James Bigelow

8R MOTION: to amend **Article VIII Section 2 (Agenda Setting)** by adding the following paragraph from the February 2014 NC Bylaws Template Language (Proposal: Any stakeholder may make a proposal for action...the Council is required to consider the proposal at a Committee or Board Meeting) (Bylaws 4-1-0)

Crump sought a synopsis for Item 8r. Carson said it clarifies the process for stakeholders to put items on the agenda. It adds a paragraph.

Clarke said this may make the process more onerous. It could interrupt the work of the Board. Referring to “must be considered by committee and by the Board”, she said this seems to me that any stakeholder by submitting a request, means that everything must be heard, whether there is merit or not.

Carson clarified that the language says “consider” not “hear”. Chairs can’t ignore issues. Desario said I’ll vote for it. It seems to clarify that stakeholders have the same rights as Board members.

Courshon said I support this. Anyone in this 40,000 person community who wants something to be heard will have that opportunity. The previous board was not open to that. This is about making sure people have the power.

Mooney said I concur with Jerome Courshon. That was standard procedure with the previous board. This gives stakeholders more rights. Crump said our bylaws allow the public to submit items. But there is a concern that it won’t be heard, said Mooney.

Kantner said that on the website it says you can submit a motion. If a stakeholder doesn’t know how to do it, we can walk them through it. Clarke said she grasps the arguments. The language is “consider”.

Bigelow made the motion. Kantner seconded.

VOTE for Item 8r
10-5-3
FAILED

Yes Votes

Amy Clarke
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Heather Carson
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Karen Speitel
Jeff Wayne
Matthew Desario
Joe Ryan Farrell
Hope Taylor-Arnold

No Votes

Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Christine Kantner

Abstentions

Georgene Smith Goodin
Ted Adams
James Bigelow

8C (APR GB) MOTION (REVISED): to approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,300 for Bandstand Rental/permits/insurance/sound system

**rental/poster material/and videographer to help fund the production of
The First Annual Silver Lake Variety/Vaudeville Show 2015 to take place
Sun June 14, 2015 from 3-5PM in Sunset Triangle Plaza. (5 min)**

Mooney said that Item 8D has to be heard. Crump wants to move to Item 8c.

Smith Goodin moved to waive the reading of the motion. Crump said that Item 8c is a \$1000 funding motion for the first annual Silver Lake vaudeville show. Garrity seconded the motion.

Smith Goodin said that all of the required paperwork is in order. Carson expressed concern that stuff we voted on in March that has already happened hasn't received cheques. Smith Goodin mentioned the Silver Lake Improvement Association and all of the neighborhood purposes grants (NPGs): DONE hasn't approved anything that I've sent in since March, said Smith Goodin. Carson said either a cheque or debit card will be used as soon as we receive funding.

Smith Goodin said we can approve it. Carson said she can't announce auditions until she has the money.

Smith Goodin made the motion. Taylor-Arnold seconded.

VOTE on Item 8c

16-0-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Amy Clarke
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Georgene Smith Goodin
Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
David Modern
Joshua Javier Gomez
Karen Speitel
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner
Matthew Desario
Joe Ryan Farrell
Hope Taylor-Arnold
Ted Adams

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Helen De La Paz Dion
James Bigelow

Desario made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Smith Goodin seconded the motion.

VOTE to extend the meeting

16-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Georgene Smith Goodin
Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
David Modern
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Karen Speitel
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kanter
Matthew Desario
Joe Ryan Farrell
Hope Taylor-Arnold
Ted Adams

No Votes:

James Bigelow

Abstentions:

none

(Note: Amy Clarke was not in the room and did not vote.)

8D GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FORMATION: Mooney Mar 8/10/2014

Grievance Committee (5 min)

9:15PM

Disc/possible action: re-formation of a Grievance Committee including selection of Committee member(s). The Board will move to accept nominations of stakeholders to be added to a 3 person Grievance Committee (now currently with 2 members, Jerome Courshon & Dinesh Joshi) to hear a grievance previously submitted Apr 1, 2014 (and again Aug 18, 2014) by Mr. Matthew Mooney. The Board seeks impartial stakeholders willing to serve on the committee & requests they be present at the May 6, 2015 meeting.

Nominations:

Karina Andrade, Barbara Ringuette and another audience member named Raymond all declined their nominations. Crump said

that he would keep nominations open for the remainder of the meeting. Mooney said it's bad practice to do this so late in the meeting when most people have left. Carson said DONE has changed the grievance process. You will be heard.

9 NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

9A MOTION: that SLNC Nominate Jesse Rogg of Mack Sennett Studios as the 7th Recipient of the SLNC History Collective Award. (History Collective)

9C MOTION: that SLNC support the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the addition of full alcohol to an existing beer and wine license and the installation of 3 outdoor tables along Briar Street with service available only until 9pm (Gingergrass, 2396 Glendale Blvd) (UDP Comm 12 Y, 4 N, 0A 0R)

9H MOTION: SLNC moves to authorize a request for community partners to help re-open the Micheltorena Tunnel for a variety of community uses, including seasonal art space and a place for cultural events. (Arts & Culture 6-0-0)

9I MOTION: the SLNC moves to send a letter to Councilmember O'Farrell and the City of Los Angeles in support of reopening public stairways that have been closed.

For Consent Calendar Items 9a to 9j, Johnson wanted to pull 9a, b, c, d, and h. Speitel wanted to pull Item 9i. Crump said Items 9a, b, c are pulled. Item 9D is back on the Consent agenda.

9D MOTION: that SLNC support Make Music LA 2015 with neighborhood concert(s) on June 21, 2015, including a special concert for the 3rd year in a row in the iconic Sunset Triangle Plaza (also known as Make Music Silver Lake) and encourage community participation in Silver Lake & beyond of this long-running and growing worldwide event. (Arts & Culture 6-0-0)

9E MOTION: The SLNC moves to support a town hall on water conservation, practices, policies and related issues along with strategizing and discussing better strategies for the future. (Executive 3-0-0)

9F MOTION: that the SLNC moves to partner with the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council to bring more visibility of a Dash bus and redirect a portion of the line through Silver Lake. (TPW 14-0-0)

9G MOTION: that the SLNC supports Tad Yenawine, Angelica Moyes and Purgatory at the Junction in their pursuit of a public art installation at 3536 W Sunset Blvd and send the attached letter to the building's landlord. (Arts & Culture 6-0-0)

Clarke made the motion to vote for Items 9d, e, f, and g. Taylor-Arnold seconded the motion.

Vote for Items 9d, e, f, and g

**Unanimous
PASSED**

9B MOTION: that SLNC support the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the sale of alcohol beverages for on-site consumption at 3319 West Sunset Boulevard (Hache) (UDP Comm: 13Y, 3N, 0A 0R)

Garrity seconded the motion to vote for Item 9b.

**VOTE
12-2-4
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Amy Clarke
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Georgene Smith Goodin
Heather Carson
David Modern
Helen De La Paz Dion
Joshua Javier Gomez
Karen Speitel
Anthony Crump
Joe Ryan Farrell
Hope Taylor-Arnold
James Bigelow

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Matthew Desario

Abstentions:

Christine Kanter
Seamus Garrity
Ted Adams
Jeff Wayne

Smith Goodin moved to extend the meeting for a further 12 minutes. De La Paz Dion seconded the motion.

**VOTE to extend the meeting
11-6-0
PASSED**

Crump said we'll take Gingergrass (Item 9c) at the next meeting. They are not here. Kantner asked can we do the logo first? We have to get this show on the road.

(Note: A Board Members has left the meeting.)

Kantner read the motion for Item 8a. Bigelow seconded the motion.

The winning logo was just up on screen. There was a request to come up with more options. Do we like the final logo that we voted on or do we prefer one of these?

Crump said do we stick with the logo that we had previously. This is a two-part question. Clarke said I was very confused to receive these. It's a case of refinements versus new options. I feel very confused, she said.

Herman-Wurmfeld said these are refinements. There are still palm trees and water. Birds have been added. Ringuette said I like everything that I see up there but there could be more balance. She made suggestions.

Taylor-Arnold moved to ask the Board to stick with the logo that was selected at the April meeting.

VOTE
12-5-0
PASSED

(Note: Another board member had left the meeting early. There were only 17 voters present.)

13. Adjourn

Johnson moved to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 10:22pm as Board members sang Happy Birthday to new Co-Chair Joe Ferrell.