

**SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - APPROVED**

7pm - 10 pm, January 6, 2016
Citibank Community Room
2450 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:10 pm.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Joe Ferrell, Co-Chair
Anthony Crump, Co-Chair
Seamus Garrity, Vice Chair
John Wingler, Treasurer
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Helen De la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Jerome Courshon

There were 12 board members present when the meeting began. Quorum is achieved.

Note that Scott Plante and Joshua Javier Gomez have excused absences.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

John Wingler said that he wanted to welcome the new Green Committee Chair Ms. Rosa Mack.

Molly Lynn Taylor, President of the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council and advisor for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council elections:

Candidate filing begins January 30. You're online. Online voter registration has already begun. She urged outreach. People can register to vote now. April 23 is when online voting begins. May 14 is Election Day. You will elect 21 seats, that's your full board.

In tonight's agenda you'll consider the elections budget. It would be great to see a social media update, she said.

Rosa Macke, Green Committee Chair:

She said that a developer in Silver Lake wants to support pocket parks and recycling.

She also mentioned a movie set, across from the Silver Lake branch library. This touches a lot of community projects. She wants to know how to handle that. It's a modification not a variance. Does she go through a committee, she asked.

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Co-Chair Anthony Crump said that it sounds like an urban design committee issue. A letter of support would come from the committee, she asked. He explained how that worked and the relationship between the committee and the Board. She said she wants to submit to the Board and have the Board decide where it goes.

Anne-Marie Johnson said the board needs to be educated with regard to policies of public records requests (PRA). My request has been ignored by the Secretary and intentionally bypassed. I've reached out to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the City Attorney, but they've done nothing. Maybe the Chairs should send an educational email to the Board? To ignore a PRA is a violation of the Brown Act and State law. This Board has been lax. I find this frustrating. She has not done a good job, said Johnson in reference to the Secretary.

Helen de la Paz Dion mentioned that authorities were trying to get rid of the homeless before Christmas. They need shelter for them instead.

Heather Carson said she also did a PRA request about which Board member had forwarded an email. A person asked for 5.5 months of emails. No one on the Board has stepped up regarding who did it or why. It's an actionable offence. People aren't using the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council server to send emails. That's required for public business. We voted to maintain 6 months of emails.

Georgene Smith-Goodin warned that if responses were sent from personal emails, your personal emails can be looked at.

James Bigelow, referring to comments made by Helen de la Paz Dion, said that on Christmas Day there was a clean up. Many Silver Lake residents were forcibly displaced from their homes. This is what Helen was speaking about. Two of them died as a result. This happened on Christmas day. Do we want to use the language of "cleaning up"? These are human beings.

Jeff Wingler said the guy who died on Lucille was drinking since Christmas Eve. Another was hit by a car. Are you attributing those deaths to the homeless deaths?

Crump said that we are communication with the City Attorney regarding the PRAs that have been filed. The way our emails are set up, our emails aren't stored. This makes PRA requests more complex. It's not intentional but that's the reality. There are grey areas about PRAs related to former elected officials and access to their emails after they've left public service. You will receive formal letters regarding your PRAs that you've submitted.

Barbara Ringuette said she wants people to take a survey. We are so far behind compared to San Pedro. We care about our city services and we're going to rate them. This will be discussed with City Council. Use your personal email list. The deadline is January 14. She was delighted in la times, that senators will address homeless in a major way (De Leon). Hopefully they will fund additional shelters. We discussed mental health and affordable housing with De Leon's people.

Jacqueline Marshall, Contemporary Performance Collective:

We will have an amazing performance next Friday night. It's free. We have flyers. The event, partially funded by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, features the best classical musicians in the world. It's a special experience. This happens at 8pm next Friday at 1523 Golden Gate.

4. Special Presentations and Reports

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

He said that City Council is in recess. You had a wonderful town hall on homelessness. He said that he is looking forward to the New Year.

Georgene Smith-Goodin said we had letter before the holidays about the Board meeting with State Senator De Leon. They asked us to write to City Council. When will we receive a response? Miller said you have to cc me about that.

Stephanie Oiu, new field representative for State Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, 51st District:

She began this job two weeks ago. She said that while she is a new member of Assembly Member Gomez' team, she'd previously worked with Los Angeles City Council Member Paul Krekorian.

Gomez held a successful holiday give away in El Sereno. His office gave away 2,000 toys. Those toys can were available for families in need in this area too.

The new legislative session began money. Gomez introduced the first bill of a session. AB1550 is an environmental issue to disperse 50% of emission funds to low income communities. All residents should have these resources.

She mentioned that on January 21 they will host a Covered California enrollment session from 5pm to 8pm.

Jerome Courshon said that the garbage cans on Rowena were full last week. Miller said that the LACC will transfer that into planters. Johnson mentioned a trash can motion and said that she and Wingler will speak to him about this separately.

Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief Zipperman:

He said he's one of 3 local battalion chiefs. He deals with the Silver Lake, Hollywood, Universal City, and Los Feliz areas.

He spoke about El Nino and the fact that Silver Lake is a hillside area. Keep a good eye on the neighborhood and debris flows and related potential problems, he urged. The telephone number for the local fire station office is 213-485-6256.

He brought copies about preparedness and debris flow and mudslides. Johnson asked can you send us the pdf? Can we post it on our website? He said yes.

On homeless issues he suggested contacting the senior lead officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. We swept through the Los Angeles River area. We have had emergency medical officers there over past few months. We've identified homeless people who are frequent callers. We are signing them up into a conservatorship process. We take a deep passion for this. We want to see them get the care that they need.

5. Administrative 7:40 pm

5.1. Approval of May 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Seamus Garrity made the motion. Wingler seconded.

Carson said I'd like to ask for 10 pt font with narrower margins. She also wanted a change on page 34 to the language "it has been heard twice".

VOTE
9-0-4
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingler
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Helen De la Paz Dion
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
James Bigelow

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Jerome Courshon
David Modern
Georgene Smith-Goodin
Jeff Wayne

5.2. Approval of September 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Carson seconded.

VOTE
12-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingler
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Helen De la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Jerome Courshon

5.3. Approval of October 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Crump seconded.

Johnson said there's an inconsistency in regard to attendance. This impacts old business motion 8.2. That's coming up. Maybe I'll withhold my comments.

VOTE

10-1-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell

Anthony Crump

Seamus Garrity

Heather Carson

David Modern

Helen De la Paz Dion

Georgene Smith Goodin

James Bigelow

Jeff Wayne

Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Abstentions:

Barbara Ringuette

John Wingler

5.4. Approval of October 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Wingler seconded.

Ringuette said she has corrections on 7 pages. I'll give them to Christine when I see her. They refer to things that I said and to misspellings.

Carson said the motions are not in the minutes. They are useless.

Crump moved to table approval of these minutes. Georgene Smith-Goodin seconded.

Crump asked Ringuette and Carson to give their changes to Secretary Christine Kantner.

5.5. Approval of November 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Crump seconded.

Courshon said these minutes don't reflect some of changes. Are these corrected minutes? We need to table and fix them. Johnson seconded the motion to table.

5.6. Approval of December 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Courshon seconded.

Carson said she wants to table approval of these minutes because she didn't submit her corrections to the note-taker. Johnson seconded.

5.7. Discussion and Possible Action: Appointment of a SLNC Animal Services Liaison – The liaison will work with Animal Services on creating their new strategic plan and continue communications with Animal Services or their communities.

Rosa Macke said that she is interested. I think the Green Committee should be the umbrella of several things, she said.

Crump made the motion. Johnson seconded.

**VOTE to appoint Rosa Macke liaison.
Unanimous
PASSED**

5.9. MOTION (Carson): Discuss Vice-Chair Duties

Carson said that this went to Executive Committee and then disappeared. I don't know any of the duties. Maybe we should table this? *Carson moved to table. Courshon seconded.*

**VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED**

5.10. MOTION (Elections): The SLNC moves to approve the Election Committee budget for the 2016 SLNC Election

Ben said we submitted the budget to the board. We approved it 2 weeks ago. We also approved the strategy. The committee understood that the Russian Church was the election site. That is not the case. That's one big problem for us. We were also told that the committee is supposed to have a Board member on it. We do not.

Crump said we can work with you to clarify those issues. The stipulation sheet was accurate regarding a Board member presence.

Nina Sorkin said the bylaws indicate that board members can't be a majority but doesn't say that board member has to be present. Yes they do. They don't have to be physically present at the meetings but they must sit on the committee, said Carson.

Crump asked can one run while sitting on the Election Committee? You cannot do both. That's by bylaws and by DONE. DONE representative Molly Taylor said it's not a DONE thing. Crump said we had a pretty significant problem with this a couple of elections ago. We'll discuss that offline.

Ben asked how specific must our budget be? Wingler said he'd reviewed the budget. It has sufficient detail.

Courshon asked a question about banners? Are they big banners that can be hung over Sunset Boulevard?

Ben said he was thinking about schools and bus stops. The committee agreed about flyers and personal engagement as opposed to banners. A personal touch.

Carson said we need a budget revision in order to vote on this. The budget is \$4,000 but this adds up to \$4,250. What is \$1,500 for community goodwill on election date? We may not see that many people on Election Day now that we have electronic voting. Ben said we want to make sure that we have a presence. Even if you voted previously, you can come and engage.

Courshon commented regarding goodwill. Can that be broken up? Perhaps use some of it before Election Day (e.g. have shaved ice at Trader Joes.) Ben said tabling at farmers market is in the plan. \$1,500 is not that much.

Helen de la Paz Dion said you guys have done a great job.

Carson had a question about the election location. If we're not able to get the church, we're back to Micheltorena. We can open lower Micheltorena for parking but there's a cost. I can't support \$1,500 for a shaved ice truck on Election Day. The point is to get people to vote. A series of smaller events would be more productive.

Ben said the money doesn't go far enough to have multiple events. Nina Sorkin said it's important for the Board to vote on the budget today so that things can move forward. De la Paz Dion asked why wait?

Taylor said this is a great dialogue that you guys are having. This will be a great outreach opportunity for your neighborhood council. What will your election event look like? What is importance of event for your neighborhood?

Garrity made the motion for the election budget. Motion seconded.

VOTE
12-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell, Co-Chair
Anthony Crump, Co-Chair
Seamus Garrity, Vice Chair
John Wingler, Treasurer
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Helen De la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Heather Carson

Abstentions:

none

5.11. Discussion and Possible Action: Dedication and Remembering Danny Dresser

Horatio and Danny Dresser, frequent speakers at Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Board meetings, both died. Crump read a statement about Danny Dresser in a remembrance.

Smith-Goodin said that Ricardo Ramirez was also hit that day. He's in critical condition. She mentioned three dangers of jay walking. Both were jay walking. The committee should consider doing something.

Johnson said I was looking forward to Danny being on the board. He came to many board meetings. This is a loss to Silver Lake.

Garrity said I interviewed Danny a few months ago. I recorded the interview. I'll post it. I found him to be one of most friendly people. I was really saddened when I heard.

Crump said today's board meeting will be adjourned in memory of Horatio and Danny.

5.12. Discussion and Possible Action: Appoint an At-Large Governing Board Representative

Co-Chair Joe Ferrell explained the issue. Glenn Harrell wants to run. This seat in place until elections, said Crump.

Glenn Harrell, owner of "Say Cheese" (2800 Hyperion Avenue, 323-665-0545, info@saycheeselosangeles.com):

He said that he's been a business owner in this community since he was 7 years old. He's very excited to be a part of this group. I feel that this is the back part of the stage where lots of things in our community happen. I haven't had the time to be a part of this. Now, I have time and energy. He said that he is 47 years old. He wants to be part of something good. He wants to give back to the community.

Crump said the board received an email from another possible candidate. He said he has a question for DONE; can we have a submission when the person isn't here? The answer is that it's up to the board. We have a video nomination.

Johnson asked that a motion for proxy nominations not be received by the Board until a stronger determination by the City Attorney is made. This was seconded by Smith-Goodin.

Johnson said its custom and practice for the body to have the opportunity to see and question the nominee and ask questions. This is not something that can be done in a 3 minute video. I have questions about his website and whether he will use the board to facilitate and promote his website. It's difficult to remove Board members. She recommends that we not accept this until the City Attorney decides. De la Paz Dion, Courshon, and Smith-Goodin all agreed. If he really wants to be on the board, he must come to meetings, said Smith-Goodin. Elections are in 4 months. He can run then.

VOTE on Johnson's motion
10-0-3
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell
Seamus Garrity
John Wingle
Heather Carson

Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
Jeff Wayne
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Helen de la Paz Dion
Anthony Crump
James Bigelow

Several stakeholders spoke in favor of Glenn Harrell's nomination. Nicky Ervin, property owner in Silver Lake and patron of "Say Cheese" endorses Harrell. He has made the area around his business safer and more vibrant. He'd be a true asset in discussions.

Nina Sorkin said that she's known Harrell since he took over for Jack. He has really contributed to the community. He donates services for nonprofit causes and schools. He allows us to use his facility for community meetings.

Josie said she's known Harrell since 2007. When we needed something he donated his time. He's a wonderful man.

Ben said that Harrell was a reason why I moved to Silver Lake years ago when Harrell worked at Trader Joe's from 1993-1996. He's a special guy who helps define the community.

Judy Sloan, Harrell's mother in law, said we live here because of Harrell. I consider him my son. When I try to be a hero in the eyes of my children I go to Harrell for gifts. He's a Mensch.

Patty, who's seeing Harrell as a local business owner, said it is at the heart of our community. He's very adaptive to change with the needs of the community.

Jeff said I'm Harrell's uncle. He's the reason I came to Silver Lake.

A woman said she is also championing Harrell. He's forward thinking and connected and civic minded. He's doing outreach on the homeless issue.

Julian, the youngest stakeholder present, said that he's known Harrell for a week. He's really nice.

VOTE for Glenn Harrell
Unanimous
PASSED

Harrell now sits on the Board. He has not done finance training.

Johnson asked can he be allowed to vote? The vote can be stricken when we get the minutes, if necessary.

5.8. MOTION (Crump): The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council will spend up to \$60 on business cards for newly appointed At-Large Representative (**Cost: Up to \$60**)

Johnson made the motion. Courshon seconded.

Wingler said to modify it to include name tags. This was seconded by Garrity with no change to amount.

VOTE for modification
Unanimous
PASSED

VOTE for 5.8
Unanimous
PASSED

Johnson said that she would like to address item 8.1 before item 7.1. This was seconded.

6. Finance and Budget

6.1. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of December 2015 MER

Wingler made the motion.

VOTE
13-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Ferrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingler
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Helen De la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Ineligible:
Glenn Harrell

(Note: Harrell is ineligible to vote on financial issues.)

8. Old Business 8:25 pm

8.1. MOTION (Urban Design and Preservation): The Silver Lake Urban Design and

Preservation Advisory Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) send a letter advising that Tenants of the Trees is in violation of its ABC license. The letter would be sent to: City Council District 4, the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor, and the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control

Johnson said it would be helpful to recommend that I read the list and then have the representatives of Tenants of the Trees respond. Then participants can speak for no less than a minute.

Carson asked can we not go over old ground. That should have been done at committee.

Johnson said this was a mutually agreed upon list. They had 60 days to comply with list. She is reading each point.

Mitigation of noise nuisance

The Tenants of the Trees representatives said we bought a decibel reader that I'm having my manager use. We try to keep below 50 db. Later in evening below 40 db. In December we had no complaints, according to the LAPD. We did outreach with neighbors. We reached out. I went up the hill and used the decibel reader there.

We purchased a \$2000 packet. We will wrap it on the patio so that sound bounces back. We got advice from an acoustician about implementation. To install this on both property lines the total cost will be \$10,000.

(Note: Harrell must recuse himself for this issue, said Crump. Harrell said he's spoken enough at previous meetings. He left the room.)

James Bigelow asked can we remain civil and not cut off the representatives by saying "we get it..."? Crump agreed.

Johnson asked about the hours? 8pm to 2am, Tuesday to Sunday, responded the Tenants of the Trees representative.

Regarding onsite parking, the representative said we have photos about parking.

Johnson said you did provide a written determination regarding the wall from the City. Can you give us an update? No one responded to my email.

The representative said he reached out to building and safety. Lawrence was on vacation. I reached out to Harrell. We offered to switch the handicapped so that handicapped parking space is actually closer to "Say Cheese". It's less of an incline. A second Tenants of the Trees representative said this solves the issue of people having access.

Johnson asked about unauthorized parking at Trader Joe's and another property.

The first Tenants of the Trees representative said we had "no parking" signs made. There are four signs, he said. They are placed along the alley. While it is our property, I want to alleviate stress. I spoke to Harrell about placement of signs. We put sign on our own building. We also asked Trader Joe's. We can't put it on their property.

Johnson asked about a working contact number that's clearly accessible. He showed a photo of a sign with publicly displayed contact details. Jose Rodriguez is the manager.

Johnson asked about security guards? We have 2-3 of them at all times, said the representative.

The representative said he did outreach with City departments including ABC. He went directly to the planning department. He then read a planning department email about a new conditional use permit not being required.

They applied for new conditional permit in 2003. It expired in 2013. I have a clearance summary worksheet that I submitted to planning department. No conditional use permit is necessary. He had other documents related to the history of the license. We do not have a conditional use permit. It was grandfathered, said the representative.

Johnson asked about notification of a live music permit. The representative said we have a temporary one.

Johnson asked about daily removal of trash, etc. The representative said we have not had complaints. We've done the best that we can. We've revoked rights to certain food trucks that don't clean. Our staff also cleans.

Fernando Carazco, one of two LAPD undercover sergeants attending the meeting said we haven't received any complaints since Dec. 4.

De la Paz Dion said you guys are doing a good job.

Courshon said that after the last meeting, you said you would email me documents. I didn't receive them. I won't hold that against you. Regarding the parking lot, I don't see cars parked back there. There's no way for a car to go in and out. A food truck blocks that entry. You're not using that as a parking lot.

Regarding the handicapped spot, Courshon said an owner said moving the handicapped space won't work. You're not creating extra room. When there are 6 cars there, it's hard to navigate in and out of the spot.

Courshon also spoke about a gate, a chain linked fence. That post has been broken twice. It must be cemented back in. Your patrons are breaking that gate to get in and out. That's unacceptable.

Courshon said he spoke with Trader Joe's about a week ago. He said things have improved. They are much better.

Bigelow asked that as we vote, think of the precedent that we're setting. As former co-chair of the Public Safety Committee it's easy to assume who is responsible. Courshon said there is video camera footage about this.

Garrity said that when you first came two months ago, you were out of line. You showed no real willingness to change. There's been a great effort. I would not now feel comfortable taking away your permit.

Carson said I move to call the question. You've done much but not everything. I move that we send the letter.

A business owner asked about the food truck issue. She said that at midnight you park in our parking lot. What's the answer for food?

Karen Poole said we live up the hill. After December 4 the noise was dramatically lower. That is much appreciated. I truly hope that noise can stay that way. The noise is fine now.

Another woman said this is work in progress. All the music will remain in your bar. If that's the case, that's fine.

A different woman asked about the size of the footprint covered in the CUP.

The business woman said we don't want the food trucks to park in the alley.

Farrell asked Johnson whether they have they satisfied this list. Johnson said much of the satisfying happened this week. That's possibly because of the holiday.

They need sign about lunch truck parking. The back lot is not used. You have to open that gate and allow people 7 onsite parking spots by code. If you can assure committee that thee parking lot will be accessible from 8pm to 2am, you have satisfied a large portion of this list. I'd have no problem asking for positive vote, said Johnson.

She said they can't move the handicapped space. Nina Sorkin said that's the best place. The representative said we're not open during the day. Any one who wants to park during the day can do so, in lieu of not being able to use the parking lot.

Johnson said she wanted to amend motion to attach assurances about the parking lot being open and lunch trucks no longer parked there. Courshon seconded.

Bigelow asked why add more things? Crump said this is speaking to their commitment. Johnson said it's by law that they have to provide 7 parking spaces.

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Ringuette asked are we asking for this in writing? The answer was yes.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

(Note: Harrell is out of the room and did not vote.)

7. Consent Agenda 8:20 pm

7.1. MOTION (UD&P): The SLNC moves to support the revised Small Lot Subdivision project located at 3008-3012 Marathon

Smith-Goodin made a motion to pull this item off of the consent agenda.

Ferrell gave an overview. They want us to vote on it. It's a time and money issue but they delayed for 2 months. Smith-Goodin said the developer wanted to know if they'd get approval before hiring a designer. Scott Plante put forth a conditional approval, she said. Ferrell said the project has substantially changed.

Aunie, representative for the project:

(Note: Barbara Ringuette is recusing herself but remaining in the room for discussion.)

The roof decks and building elevation were the issues. We hired an architect. The dog houses were removed. This now reflects Spanish modern. There is more insulation. There is wood in the windows.

The two houses on marathon will remain 2 stories. There is little outdoor space. Regarding guest parking, the planning department wanted an additional 5 ft. So, we had to eliminate parking. That ties into the Blue House. To make it economically feasible, we must have 14 units. The owner will lease 3 parking spaces for guest parking.

There is an additional 5 ft. setback from the Vendome property. Regarding concerns about the obstruction of southerly winds through the corridor, she said we're working on that as well.

She read an email from Chris, who apologized for not being here. Regarding discussion of two key issues, he said there are not stairs from balconies to the rooftops. He also noted that there have been 17 revisions to this project.

Ferrell asked what is the height? She said units 1 and 8 are 35 ft. the others are 41 ft. The 3rd story has high ceilings. All units have roof decks except lot #1. She noted that the whole Spanish/Mediterranean vibe is completely gone. He likes some other elements about changes thought, said Aunie.

Crump asked about trash service. Is it private? She said yes.

Johnson said its unfortunate that outreach to residents was not done. The board was at fault. This is not reflective of urban design participation. Crump said I'm surprised that there aren't more screaming residents here. Jan. 20 is the hearing date, said Aunie.

Annie DeVitos said that Chris has been good about outreach. We thought he would come back to us when he had new plans to be reviewed. That's why there aren't more people here. I don't know whether neighbors knew about the lack of guest parking. Chris has been good but there's been no follow through.

Carson said I'm uncomfortable voting on this without hearing from more people. Smith-Goodin said the zoning administrator doesn't allow the continuance of the hearing. We can't move the hearing date. It's not possible.

Crump said the committee can't send a letter. That must be done by the board, on City Attorney advice. The letter must come from Board.

Johnson said I will remove my second for the table. She recommended that the maker of the motion table this.

Jeff Wayne said that based on the zoning administrator hearing on January 20 and the lack of community participation we're seeing, can we publicize the hearing so that the zoning administrator can hear the residents?

Crump asked does urban design have a list of interested stakeholders? Can the committee reach out to residents and let them know that approval is contingent on revised plans.

Smith-Goodin said you and Chris should have a meeting with the neighbors. Johnson asked can this be agendaized for the next urban design meeting? Aunie said that Chris will be back at the end of the week. She said she can provide electronic documents that

were discussed next week. Farrell warned that for the urban design meeting. This may be only agenda item.

Aunie said we've done our best. People are a bit more receptive. I know Chris would be open to more community outreach.

Ringuette, speaking as a neighbor, said we used to have good rapport. Not any more. I'm very concerned about that. She mentioned interior and exterior design elements. I don't see any interior designs. She said she is concerned about the lack of meeting expectations.

Courshon said it sounds like you guys have had a lot of work with the community. He expressed concern about being forced to vote when another step was supposed to happen. I suggest that we have meeting with urban design next Wednesday.

This body may not have a vote tonight. *Courshon made a motion to table. Johnson seconded.*

VOTE to table

5-4-3-1

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Ann-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Georgene Smith-Goodin
Jeff Wayne

No Votes:

David Modern
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingle

Abstentions:

Helen de la Paz Dion
James Bigelow
Joe Ferrell

Ineligible:

Glenn Harrell

VOTE on main motion

5-4-4

FAILED

Yes Votes:

David Modern
Georgene Smith-Goodin
Anthony Crump
Jeff Wayne
John Wingle

No Votes:

Heather Carson

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Seamus Garrity

Abstentions:

Helen de la Paz Dion
James Bigelow
Joe Ferrell
Glenn Harrell

Johnson said to put this on the agenda for the urban design meeting next week. It will be just a report, a town hall.

8.4. **MOTION (Green):** The Green Committee moves that the SLNC Governing Board provide funding of up to \$500 to purchase a stainless steel water purifier and small paper cups to use at community meetings and events instead of purchasing bottled water, that the SLNC ban the use and purchase of single-use plastic bottles and all polystyrene (Styrofoam) products at all SLNC functions, and that participants be invited to bring their own receptacles to functions

Rosa Macke, the Green Committee Chair, said that she wants to pull item 8.4

8.2. **MOTION (Johnson):** The maker of the motion moves that Region 4 Representative James Bigelow be removed from the Governing Board

Johnson said it's unfortunate that Christine Kantner isn't here. Based on her documentation, I guess the board knows that this is not just about James Bigelow missing two many meetings. Based on Christine's records, James has missed 4 unexcused meetings. The board has the right to discuss the question. Since I presented this motion, it's no longer about James. It's about Kantner who refused to comply and who changed attendance records. So, I still believe James has 4 unexcused meetings. *I would like to table the motion until I get the required information requested in October, said Johnson. Ferrell seconded.*

VOTE to table

5-6-2

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
David Modern
Joe Ferrell

No Votes:

Georgene Smith-Goodin
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Barbara Ringuette

Abstentions:

Helen de la Paz Dion
Glenn Harrell

Smith-Goodin said that Bigelow sent an email to the Board about illness in September. That led to the attendance change. This is a point of information.

Wingler noted that two of the absences were special meetings. It's difficult to expect people to come for those. He quoted Johnson's comments in the May minutes that "these are voluntary positions" and that there are "myriad reasons why meetings would be missed."

Courshon said Bigelow's actually missed 6 meetings in less than one year. 2 are excused. 4 are absences. There are 4 board members that have 4 absences. The board needs to take a stand. If we can't be here, why even have this position? Is it for your resume? James does a lot of work in the community. I applaud that. But if not here, give up his seat. Be here and participate.

Courshon made a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Wingler seconded.

VOTE to extend the meeting by 15 minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Carson said that special meetings are required. There are 7 people missing tonight. A third of the board isn't here. That puts a burden on the rest of the Board. I agree. I was on bylaws committee discussion of this.

Crump spoke about a change of interpretation about special board meetings. The clarification is that this is not clear. This is recent. Attendance applies to all board meetings. Either chair can call a special meeting at any time. There's a certain amount of unfairness.

Garrity said I thought this motion was a formality. Since this has been on the agenda, he's been here and been very active. Do you want the position, he asked Bigelow?

Johnson mentioned a clarification. Wingler's quote is very accurate. Our bylaws are very forgiving. I question the October absence, not the September absence. Kantner changed that attendance record, that is in question. The October special meeting was discussed at previous regular meeting. There are reasonable excuses that this body receives. Teresa has not provided ample proof that Bigelow has been excused for meetings. This is true for other board members. Some board members miss almost 50% of meetings.

Nina Sorkin said that she was speaking against the motion. Bigelow is active in the community. He's attended many events. She asks why now? If there are so many other people in the same situation. The maker of tonight's motion stated that this is a voluntary position (quoting Johnson).

Carson said we almost didn't have quorum at recent meeting until an hour into meeting. It only takes 3 seconds to send an email about missing meetings.

Smith-Goodin said that she is looking at the time left before elections. Given the time required to replace someone this may not be practical. The person would only serve 2 months.

Jerome: those are good points. Concern about quorum. we barely had quorum tonight. Didn't have quorum at special meeting two months ago. We can have one or two more meetings without quorum before elections. Then we can't do anything.

De la Paz Dion said you can start hunting for new board members to have ready for next month.

Ringuette said I'm also concerned about quorum. it's a big concern to me. I'd like to hear from Bigelow about his commitment.

Bigelow said I do so much in this community. I don't feel like I need to comment. I'm in the garden every Saturday. I go to events all the time. I've been an active member for years. I had a death in the family and I contacted Teresa when I should have contacted Christine Kantner during the transition period.

It's no accident, who put the motion forward. It smells like something else is afoot. I wouldn't be there if I wasn't interested.

Courshon said the latest attendance chart from Kantner shows 3 absences plus he missed April so he has 4 unexcused absences.

VOTE
3-6-5
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Helen de la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith-Goodin
Seamus Garrity
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
John Wingle

Abstentions:

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12. Announcements 9:45 pm

Johnson said the homeless town hall meeting was well attended and well received. She also said we raised the significant amount from the Red Lion fund raiser.

13. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:21pm