

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

7pm - 10 pm, December 2, 2015
Micheltorena Elementary School
1511 Micheltorena Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:09 pm.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

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

There were 14 board members present when the meeting began. Quorum is achieved.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Tony Michaels:

He said he lives in West Silver Lake. He discussed the creation of a parking permit district. On his street there are only 11 parking spots for 12 houses. Eleven of the residents have signed a petition. The problem is employees who work on Rowena and park on that street. He has discussed this with Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Co-Chair Joe Farrell and with Moby.

The department application for this will take 2 years. The City must verify 11 signatures. He expressed concern and asked why does it take two years? This is a sign of incompetent management for the City. He followed up with them on November 9. There has been no response. He said that he wants the neighborhood council to advocate for more a reasonable time frame for approvals, maybe 6 months.

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Co-Chair Anthony Crump said the Urban Design Committee could look into this. Maybe they can discuss this at their next meeting. There is a back log of as much as five years so there s a moratorium. They can invite the Department of Transportation to respond, suggested Crump.

Darius Hughes:

He read from a letter entitled "File on Zeuang Tuargas and his co-horts" that was largely unintelligible. However, in departing from his prepared remarks he also mentioned Rupert Murdoch, Channel 11, electricity, Channel 7, and made accusations regarding cartels and consortiums, assholes, Channel 9 and a stolen wallet.

Georgene Smith Goodin:

The Board has received emails about trashcans in the plaza. She said that she would send the emails tonight. She said that she would like to see progress on that situation.

She said that Nina Sorkin said she's filed a grievance against the Board. We don't have a grievance section on the website.

Anthony Crump said he'd received the grievance about 15 minutes ago via the U.S. Postal Service. The issue is not really a grievance. It has to do with State law.

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)

We've had an interesting month. There are three events next weekend. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) put together a really nice toy giveaway for less fortunate children. That will occur Saturday, 10am to 2:30pm, at his office at 6501 Fountain Avenue.

It's a big event as about 2000 kids show up each year, he said.

On Sunday we're having our own volunteer party. It will also happen at our office from 2:30pm-5:30pm. He requested donations for the homeless. Bring shoes, blankets, towels, etc., he said.

On Monday there will be an El Nino event, a briefing for people in the Hollywood area. There will be various City agency speakers from the Bureau of Street Services, the Sanitation Department, etc. The event will occur at the Gardner Street Elementary School. 6:30pm.

Molly Lynn Taylor, Independent Election Administrator, Region 7 (molly@empowerla.org):

She discussed the upcoming neighborhood council elections that will occur next spring. Online voting registration opened today. That requires a separate registration process. I'm to help you and support your board for your elections. I wanted to introduce myself. Going forward, I'd like to see your marketing plan and your budget.

The website for the election: www.empowerla.org/vrp

To vote online you must register ahead of time. There is a verification process. It asks for documentation. There is a 5 page pdf document.

Anne-Marie Johnson asked how would the system cancel out double voting? Taylor said I would follow up. She added that all voting would be online now, even at the polling place. So everything will be done online.

Co-Chair Ferrell asked about voting at the polls. What is the deadline to submit candidates, asked James Bigelow. May 7, she said. That's the end of the stakeholder registration period. Co-Chair Crump said he wants to schedule a more thorough discussion about the election at another time.

5. Administrative

5.1. Approval of May 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Nina Sorkin said that she wants changes. Crump said that he will send her emails to the note-taker.

Some of the changes that Sorkin wants include:

For October: Nina was referred to as "Anita".

On page 10, Stephanie was misspelled.

A typographical error which should have been "vetted" not bedded.

5.2. Approval of August 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Changes were read aloud at the meeting so need to be in the minutes and once voted on, added to the August minutes.

For the August minutes under item 5.2, Heather Carson wants various changes, which were submitted. Secretary Christine Kantner said that she didn't receive them. Carson said that she would email the changes to the note-taker.

Among the changes, Carson noted that on page 4 for item 7.1, it appears that we voted on two separate motions for one motion. Kantner said that item was correct.

Carson also questioned a reference on page 5 and:

-p3 5.3 2nd bullet change "the first vendor did unethical practices and SLNC lost money" to "the original motion as written cost more than the amount allocated".

-p4 1st line "a 49 year old resident" to Nina Sorkin

-p6 - item 7.2, 3rd bullet point. change 'Karina's neighborhood council' to 'Karina mentions that the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council' change 'her' to 'their'

-p5 - 7.4 after Anne-Marie's 1st comment 'Heather questioned whether it was even possible to dictate how the Board was allowed to vote on any item coming before them'

-p7 item 7.5, first bullet point heather suggested the self inking stamps not Georgene.

Add right after that 'heather questioned the logic of using a different color scheme than the current logo. Also that it was a missed opportunity to communicate more info about the NC on the banner.

-p8 item 8.1 first bullet point must include what Joe read in the minutes (as per the city atty). did not depart the meeting but left the dais to speak as a member of the public

-bullet point 2 'an Australian' is Sam Trude (repeated throughout)

-bullet point 9 replace last sentence with 'She is concerned *about* speculators purchasing homes solely to tear them down to quintuple their money, and ruining our neighborhoods'

-bullet point 11 Kinoka 6" not 6'

-p9-10 8.7 and 8.8 and p9 8.9 move to end of minutes as carry over to next meeting

-p10 under 'it was decided to lump together 9.2, 9.4, 9.6 and 9.8' those 4 motions should be placed there and they passed consent but there is no vote

-delete 'there was insufficient time to discuss the lumped together 9.2,9.4,9.6 & 9.7 which is repeated 4 times (they passed on consent)

items 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and 8.9. She said that you must name Board members names for the voting records because people come and go.

Anne-Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the amended May and August minutes. Georgene Smith Goodin seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

5.3. Approval of September 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

5.4. Approval of October 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Carson said that she has many changes.

Georgene Smith Goodin made a clarification. "I said the board took a position", she corrected.

Referring to p.16 and a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) request, Smith Goodin said we didn't vote on that. Crump said we did a reconsideration vote. Smith Goodin said that's not clear. IRS information was not available for our time period.

Barbara Ringuette referred to page 5 and a response to Hope Taylor-Arnold's question and the concern that there be no loss of affordable housing. Jerome Courshon said, "you stuck around", not suck around, noted Ringuette.

Courshon said that "David" should be corrected to "Adam" the speaker. For item 8.2, he said the wording of Vice-Chair Seamus Garrity's amendment is incorrect. In the agreed language the word "it" was removed from the text.

Carson offered several corrections, some of them include:

For item 3: the speakers name was Theresa Padua.

On page 5, some 60 plus candidates ran in the last election.

For item 5.7 no action was taken

For item 7, the consent calendar, discussion about pulling items should go to the top.

On page 11 the text should read "noise", not notice.

On page 13, referring to "after vote", she asked what does that mean?

On page 14, item 8.4 goes after the adjournment

On page 15, she mentioned a comment about a teachers' workshop

Also voting wasn't unanimous. The names of voters aren't listed.

Under item 9.4, Smith Goodin, referring to an NPG vote, said I was referring to the actual motion. There was no vote.

Crump said to table this discussion.

5.5. Approval of November 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

5.6. 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.

No one volunteered to be animal services liaison.

5.7. **MOTION (Kantner):** Spend up to \$25 on a 12-month spam filter for all SLNC email

addresses. **(Cost: Up to \$25)**

Kantner made the motion. It's a bargain, she said. Carson seconded.

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

(Note: Helen De La Paz Dion arrived at 7:50pm)

5.8. Discussion and Possible Action: Follow up on \$2,400 awarded last April for Aquaponics Garden at the Micheltorena Community Garden that has still not been installed.

This has not been installed.

Carson gave an update. She said she learned recently that it wasn't completed. There was a project completion form submitted for the project that wasn't completed.

Smith Goodin said I have the receipt. It was sent to me today. Francis gave an update in October. We did not know that we had to pass it around the board. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) said it's not uncommon for capital improvements to stretch over the fiscal year.

In 2012 the neighborhood council gave money for an animal control officer, for example. This wasn't implemented until 2014. There was a change in Treasurer. The money is still at community partners. They cannot transfer money to Micheltorena. The supplier had a change of ownership. Would be good idea to meet with Mario, our financed person to discuss reporting policy. Friends of Micheltorena can answer questions. They are down the hall, she said.

5.9. MOTION (Crump): The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council will spend up to \$60 on business cards for Board Member Barbara Ringuette **(Cost: Up to \$60)**

Crump made the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

5.10. Discussion and Possible Action: If the SLNC Governing Board will meet in January 2016 and, if so, where and when the meeting will be held.

Crump said the question is where and when to meet in January 2016. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will be on winter break on January 6. It will be hard to get into the room then. Do we want to meet that day? If so, where?

Johnson said I strongly recommend that we meet. She recommended the Citibank community room.

Courshon said we can never get through out agendas. We should have a January meeting. He suggested meeting at the Greek Orthodox Church or Citibank. We have elections in the spring, he reminded the group.

Treasurer John Wingle said we can't forgo a month. Smith Goodin said to maybe have special meeting later in January. Let's see how much we get through the agenda tonight.

Helen De La Paz Dion said that only privileged people could get to Citibank. I don't have a car. Crump said we would probably have leftover business. The Citibank meeting room is a little small. De La Paz Dion suggested the Silver Lake branch library.

Smith Goodin made a motion to leave the location decision to the Co-Chairs. Ringuette seconded.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

6. Finance and Budget

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

(Note: Hope Taylor-Arnold arrived at 8pm. She will vote on this item.)

Johnson made the motion to approve the November Monthly Expense Report (MER). Smith Goodin seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. **MOTION (Johnson/Wingler):** The makers of the motion move that the SLNC send a letter to CD13 and CD4 field representatives, requesting an immediate but one time and final disposal service of all trash from the "art" trash cans and turn them into "seed bomb" planters.

John Wingler made the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

8. Old Business

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 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.

Ferrell made the motion. Smith Goodin seconded.

Crump said there are lots of very upset residents. We want to give Tenants of the Trees the opportunity to remedy items.

Johnson offered an update from the Urban Design and Preservation Committee with regard to a list of grievances and corrections and concerns the Committee had mailed to Tenants of the Trees. I haven't received an update. We have business owners and

residents in the audience. I'd like to read the list that the Board approved. These include:

*Mitigation from noise nuisance.

*Hours of operations are out of order.

*An onsite parking variance is needed.

*A Department of Building and Safety written determination regarding the cinder block wall.

*Handicapped parking

*A Parking lot shared with Trader Joe's.

*Provide evidence of allowance for smoking.

*No parking in Traders Joe's or at Say Cheese.

*Security guards on premises.

*A list of all operating permits.

*Daily removal of trash, human waste, etc.

Two Unnamed Representatives from Tenants of The Trees:

The two men said we've taken care of all 10 items. They offered a letter from the architect. They are passing around documents.

Regarding mitigation of noise, the first Representative discussed the letter from the architect. The wall is required by the City. We didn't want to build a concrete wall.

For Item 1: Mitigation of noise. We eliminated all 3 speakers on the patio. We've cancelled all live entertainment for the patio, said the first Representative. The Second Representative said we've heard nothing from the neighbors after that. The First representative said he visited the building that had issues. He knocked on doors. One of the gentlemen that he spoke to is here. We did our best to eliminate issues, said the First Representative.

Regarding Item 2: Hours of Operation: The ABC document clearly states the hours of operation, said the First Representative. These are Sundays 12pm -2am, Mondays to Fridays 4pm-2am, and Saturdays from 12pm to 2am.

We've mitigated our hours by about 8 hours per day. The entertainment dance bar is open from 8pm to 2am. Crump said the concern was noise after 2am. The Second Representative said that that was the back patio speakers. Now those are all off. The main sound system is completely insulated.

The First Representative said that the LAPD did noise measurements. They couldn't hear the noise. They said you're within limits even with bands and amplified noise. The First Representative said the burden falls on us to mitigate noise after 2am.

Crump said the residents heard noise after 2am so they believed that bar was open after 2am. The First Representative said we don't sell anything after 2am. We have a large

staff of about 20-25. Sometimes it takes time to get everyone out. Crump asked isn't that California law to have everyone out by 2am? The First Representative said we just know we can't serve alcohol after 2am.

Regarding Item 3: out of order onsite parking. Johnson said that she was there today and took photos. There were no cars. Smith Goodin was there Friday and there were no cars.

The First Representative said we spend money to repave the back lot and plant grass. We planted almost 100 trees along the hillside. We wanted to let the grass mature. He invited everyone to visit tonight.

The Second Representative said it took 30 days to find contractor for such a small job. Johnson said we are referring to the parking lot with 16 slots, not the handicapped parking.

The First Man said that he brought documents from their building inspection. There are only 7 parking spaces. In 2003, Michael Johnson proposed a second storey nightclub. That project stopped. It expired. We were required to have 6 spaces. We added 233 sq. ft. of extra space.

Item 4: the cinder block walls. Crump said this has already been discussed.

Item 5: handicapped parking.

Item 6; out of order patrons.

The First Representative said we bought signs.

Item 7: a working contact number that is clearly posted.

We made a sign, said the First Representative. It should be installed within a week. It contains the general manager's telephone number.

Johnson asked when will that be posted? The First Representative said within the next 5-7 days. Johnson asked can you post something temporarily? He said yes.

Item 8: Regarding security guards, the First Representative said we're required to have one security guard, we have 3. He showed the group their contract for security. We have 1-4 security guards every night.

Item 9: A copy of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP). This is being handed out now.

Item 10: Daily removal of trash, cigarettes and human waste.

The First Representative said the doorman went through rigorous training. Food trucks must work with the doormen. We're doing our best. Trash bothers us too.

Johnson said the Board received an application for live entertainment. Can you explain this? The Representative said there is live music only inside. We went to great lengths to sound proof the room. That's a Type 77 permit. It allows music 4 times a year. De La Paz Dion suggested inviting the LAPD and Johnson.

Public Comment:

Wayne Mitchell:

He said he lives at 3020 Rowena Avenue, Apartment 107. This is physically the closest unit to the bar. I've never lost a minute of sleep because of the bar. Not even when MJ's (the previous bar) was there. They've never bothered me. They came by the building and introduced themselves. I like having the bar there.

Karen Poole:

I live up the hill. I've been dealing with this since 2005. What you're saying doesn't correlate. She is referring to a comment that a neighbor who lives at 3020 Rowena gave by phone. That bar has been ruining my life. The noise level is 60-70 decibels in my apartment. It is impossible to sleep.

Crump attempted to cut her off as she'd exceeded her time but she resisted. Johnson suggested let's go through first round of speakers and then maybe ask them to return.

Patrick Brown:

He said he sells real estate. He's spoken with Tenants of the Trees. He went to bar a few weeks ago. I had a great time with my wife, he said. People see the economic benefits of this upgraded establishment. More people want to come to the area. From a real estate perspective, that means higher values.

Glenn, the owner of Say Cheese:

There have been no changes at Say Cheese, which is next door to the bar. The wall is the issue. The guys said they addressed that. He discussed issues of trash and vomit. When you have a business make sure that there are people outside cleaning the business.

We're having a lot of problems with the alleyway. Yesterday, they put the cement down for handicapped people at noon. People couldn't get through the alleyway. This is harmful to my business.

Steve:

He said he lives at 3020 Rowena. The higher you go in the building, the noisier it is. I still heard bar noise last night. It's still an issue at my end.

David, a representative of Trader Joe's:

Parking issues haven't improved. There are a lot of problems with people taking parking spaces from our customers. There has been no improvement in the parking situation. No improvement in the trash situation. There are still issues of vomit and human feces within the past 7 days.

Ash:

He has an office on Hyperion. He said these are growing pains. It takes time to adapt. Allow them time to change. It has to get cleaned up. They've made major improvements at the bar, he noted.

Mike Ferguson:

He said that he is an architect and business owner. He said it's great to have the facility in the area. MJ's wasn't a good place for client meetings. Change is inevitable. The quality of the establishment there requires a larger window of opportunity.

Taylor-Arnold said this is a large showing of effort. It takes time to solve problems. Things are in the works. Human feces are the result of homelessness. They didn't create this problem. She said that she owns a bar and that she's impressed by the level of communication.

Seamus Garrity said I've never seen cars parked in the back. I am really concerned about parking. Carson said you guys have done a lot of work. You need a huge ramp up with the neighbors, including Trader Joe's.

Johnson read a letter from the property management company for Say Cheese. It expressed concern about encroachment on the handicapped parking spot. The wall encroaches. That must be changed. She said she would deal with building and safety about that. Table this again to allow them to prove the allegations. The proof is in the pudding. Keep dialogue going.

Courshon said I visited the business today. This is vomit. He showed photograph. He also showed photo of trash from the bar. Why can't you guys have a crew of 2-3 people with brooms, etc to clean up? That should happen every night.

The First Representative said there are 3 bums who circle the property. There are homeless people who are just there. We spent about \$10,000 cleaning vomit, syringes, etc.

Ferrell mentioned the handicapped parking space. You can't open your car door there. Crump said you're moving in a good direction. We're not there yet. Today's photos of trash indicate that there are still some ways to go. Residents are upset. The bar can't ruin people's lives.

Ringuette said I walked by about a week ago. The doorman said the bar wasn't open yet. She asked doorman about parking. He said there is none. She noted that the representatives had passed out a Certificate of Occupancy, not a CUP. Where is the CUP?

Smith Goodin said that she went into the bar on Friday. It's beautiful. There is no parking. Cars can't get past. Lots of work has been done. I don't understand why your parking lot is not being used. That is inexcusable.

John Wingler said I'm impressed with the amount of work done. Let's see the results.

James Bigelow said that people are moving in the right direction. Don't turn this into an "it's your job to make me happy" situation, he advised. We have to be careful regarding trash. They may not be responsible for the trash being attributed to them. Also, don't scapegoat homeless people. He agreed with the handicapped parking space issue.

De La Paz Dion asked is there a parking lot for people to park? Both Representatives said yes. Can you move the wall? The Representatives said they want to remove the wall. They asked the neighborhood council to help to get it removed. Regarding waste, they said there is garbage. It's the neighborhood. There's stuff that we don't sell.

De La Paz Dion said we should come together to solve the problem. I have in an apartment building. When there is noise and kids are trying to do their homework, I put on music to block out noise.

During Public comment a woman who'd spoken earlier said that neighborhoods are for residents and are supported by businesses. This neighborhood is residential. She said that frequently she could still hear the noise.

Regarding the permit for café entertainment and live bands with amplification allowed, another woman asked will you have music on the patio. The Trader Joe's Representative said their parking lot is never used. Instead they use Trader Joe's. We didn't have hundreds of cigarette butts until the bar opened.

The Tenants of the Trees Representatives said we're no longer going to use that space for live entertainment.

The First Representative said he'd received a ticket. There was a list of items to correct, like posting a liquor license, noise violation. We got raided by 10 vice cops. I've never seen a raid like that. Our patrons, which are quite varied, were scared. I don't want that to happen to my customers.

Regarding the live entertainment license, they have a sound proof wall. There was also the transfer of the liquor license from MJ's. The live entertainment stage is no longer used. It will move to sound proof the room. He said he spoke with Stacey at the agency.

There are 25 years of issues that you've had with this. A woman said that's incorrect. She said that MJ fixed their problems.

Crump said that on November 24 you applied for a dance club permit and café entertainment permit from the police. That's a transfer? Man said we have to put it on our company's name. It doesn't transfer immediately. It was originally from MJ, said the Second Representative.

The First Representative said that the license has been on that property from the previous owner. MJ's had it since Woody's. There is a question about "applying". The transfer is a formality. The Second Representative said that he's in queue for a driver's license. That's required. He's new to the country. It's a coincidence that the dance club and café entertainment license applied for now.

Johnson recommends giving them to January 6 to come back and for us to reevaluate and revisit what has been mitigated. Courshon seconded that motion to table the item.

The First Representative said I'm being asked if I'm lying? It would be futile for me to come here and sneak past an entertainment license. The second representative said we're trying to run a business. Can you help us with the wall? When will this end? If this is tabled again, when will you be satisfied?

Johnson said we have a list. It has not been satisfied. This is not a talk show. We're not adding to this list. We want everyone to be satisfied. There is no discussion for tabling. There is no debate.

De La Paz Dion asked why is Johnson allowed to talk whenever she wants. That's not fair. Taylor-Arnold also expressed concerns about that procedure.

VOTE to table the item
12-4-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Farrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingle
Christine Kantner
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante

No Votes:

Hope Taylor-Arnold
Jeff Wayne
James Bigelow
Helen De La Paz Dion

Abstentions:

None

Bigelow said he was uncomfortable discussing this because everyone didn't get to speak. The Second Representative asked what are we doing in the next 30 days that we're not doing now? Crump said he discussed the 10 items. Bigelow asked why is Johnson allowed to speak but not us.

Crump said it's her motion. Bigelow said there seems like a double standard. Taylor-Arnold said 2 things are unclear. The CUP and the entertainment license. These are not understood. This is not debate, it's informational.

8.2. MOTION (Carson): The SLNC moves to change Standing Rule 10 as follows:

"Because DONE is able to arrange fee waivers with the LAUSD, and because of its ability to handle large crowds yet still retain a community meeting feel, the availability of microphones, lecterns and a projector, the Ivanhoe Elementary School will be our regular meeting location."

Carson said the room at Ivanhoe is more comfortable. De La Paz Dion said she didn't want to meet at Citibank. Look out in audience, said Carson. You can't see anyone's eyes; it's how Marlon Brandon was lit in 'The Godfather.' This room is cold. There are no microphones. We haven't had them for months. We had the summer problem with bugs.

It's a proposal. There was mention of fee waivers, said Carson. Johnson seconded the motion.

Ivanhoe Elementary is not less accessible. There are buses, said Smith Goodin. When we discussed Ivanhoe, Nina Sorkin and Genelle spoke about this. When we met at Ivanhoe, there were bus problems. Micheltorena is much more accessible by Metro.

Ringuette said it's difficult to hear people in this auditorium. We need microphones. Garrity said he has the microphones. Crump said that Micheltorena Elementary is central to the more populous portions of the neighborhood.

Crump said that moving to Ivanhoe is the direction to go. Keep this as the base location but have meetings at other locations too. Jeff Wayne said that Ivanhoe is really

inaccessible at the end of the meeting. This board bought microphones. Shame on us for not knowing where they are. Smith Goodin said they spent \$1,000 for microphones.

Courshon said I like the idea of Ivanhoe. It would be great if we could rotate every quarter and go to different regions. There are issues of hearing in this building. We can also meet at the recreation center or the Greek Orthodox Church.

Johnson said that if you build it, they still don't come. This room is empty. It's the same faces each month. The argument about the downtrodden is not relevant. Regarding accessibility and De La Paz Dion's comment that you need a passport to go to Rowena, Johnson said that that was insulting. If the meeting is important, you will go there. She strongly recommends moving the meeting to other locations on a quarterly basis. It's not an excuse that people won't know where they are. Courshon seconded her motion.

There is a substitute motion from Carson to keep the Ivanhoe location and the standing rules. Johnson said we will change meeting locations quarterly. Smith Goodin said there is something in the bylaws that requires one meeting place.

Smith Goodin said we need to decide at the beginning of each year. She offered a substitute motion to rotate the meeting location quarterly.

Garrity said I was given a set of microphones. This is different from the ones in my car. There were questions about sound systems. I don't know how to set these up. Ted was supposed to help me set these up but now he's gone. These microphones were in the principal's office for the past 6 months, said Garrity.

Carson said Teresa Sitz sent the Board and email saying that the median income for the area below sunset is 200% below the poverty level. But it's 200% above *poverty* level. If you want to base the decision on then median income, it's not so simple. Ivanhoe has more parking, about 50 spaces, versus about 25. Ivanhoe will set up audio and other things for us.

Courshon said that \$52,000 is above the average salary in Los Angeles. Jeff Wayne said that quarterly rotations might be confusing for the public. It is inexcusable to move to Ivanhoe where public transit is poor.

Crump said you're mixing up data. This is closer to the geographic center of the neighborhood. It's easier to get here than Ivanhoe if you're not driving. An empty room is not a reason to move the meeting. Maybe have different locations once per quarter, but not quarterly.

Smith Goodin said I object to meeting locations rotating on a quarterly basis. She said she takes the bus to meetings. She said at the church location, the 201 bus stops running at 8pm. We've lost two meeting rooms where committees meet. If we spread out meetings, having a central board location is really key.

De La Paz Dion said there are 23 spaces in this parking lot. You can park in the lower yard. She is opposed to moving to Ivanhoe. Bigelow said it's confusing to move meeting place quarterly. We need to have it near bus access. That's really alienating. Let's be earnest with each other about statistics that we're using about income.

Nina Sorkin read this statement:

"I am Nina Sorkin and speaking against this motion for the following reasons:

1. I wrote to Co-Chairs Anthony Crump and Joe Ferrell the day that this motion was to be heard at Ivanhoe and asked that the motion be referred to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee to be vetted. In addition, I stated that moving to Ivanhoe would create greater barriers for stakeholders who live in the more densely populated sections of the SLNC.

2. The Motion states that the 92, 96, and 201 buses stop right nearby. However, this is only available until 8pm and the Governing Board meetings end at 10pm. The lack of bus transportation availability was evident at the Special Called meeting held at Ivanhoe when Claire Bowen who made a presentation on the Mobility Plan needed a ride to a bus line that was still operating. Then at the end of the meeting the AppleOne employee taking the minutes also needed transportation to Sunset Junction since no bus service was available.

I ask the At Large Representatives and the Representatives from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to speak up for the stakeholders living in the Southern portions of the SLNC.”

Departing from her prepared text, she said that in 2014, 1396 people came to this auditorium to vote. People do come.

Crump offered a substitute motion. Meet at Micheltorena Elementary but meet at least once a quarter elsewhere. Ringuette seconded.

Garrity answered Carson’s question about being able to meet at a location for less than a quarter.

Sorkin said that for Ivanhoe. You cannot accommodate 21 people. Only 11 board members showed up and a couple were sitting on the side.

Crump’s substitute motion is to amend standing Rule #10 and meet at least once a quarter elsewhere but be based here. Bigelow offered a friendly amendment by Balance between all areas of Silver Lake. Crump said he wants this change.

VOTE

8-8-0

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Joe Farrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante

No Votes:

David Modern
Helen De La Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner
John Wingle
Hope Taylor-Arnold

Abstentions:

None

VOTE to move meetings quarterly

3-12-1

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Joe Farrell

Anthony Crump

Seamus Garrity

John Winger

Christine Kantner

David Modern

Helen De la Paz Dion

Georgene Smith Goodin

Barbara Ringuette

James Bigelow

Jeff Wayne

Hope Taylor-Arnold

Scott Plante

Abstentions:

Joe Ferrell

VOTE to move all meetings to Ivanhoe Elementary

3-12-1

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Anthony Crump

Seamus Garrity

John Winger

Christine Kantner

David Modern

Helen De la Paz Dion

Georgene Smith Goodin

Barbara Ringuette

James Bigelow

Jeff Wayne

Hope Taylor-Arnold

Scott Plante

Abstentions:

Joe Ferrell

8.3. **MOTION (Mooney):** The SLNC moves that in creating and approving future “town hall” meetings involve said subcommittee that the event’s topic and focus is most closely associated with, if said subcommittee exists and if said subcommittee agrees to participate

Crump made the motion, which was seconded. Smith Goodin said she wants to table this item. Carson said she would vote against that.

Johnson said we all know the reason and cause of this motion. It comes from the town hall meeting. This is misplaced and poorly thought out. There are no sub- committees. Let’s move on.

Courshon said this motion is ridiculous. Garrity said I understand it. Committees serve the board. Why can’t the Board hold a town hall regarding public safety?

Crump explained history of the motion. Ultimately decision-making comes down to this board. This motion should not be approved.

Wingler said I fail to understand how anyone can imagine holding a town hall that ignores a relevant committee is poor decision. This makes sense. Kantner said I agree with Wingler. She mentioned a recent town hall meeting with the governmental affairs committee and a homeless coalition. The homeless coalition wasn’t involved. She wants confirmation of the meeting location. There is misinformation on website.

Bigelow said to try to reach out and hear what is really being said. We need to include committees in town halls. *Smith Goodin said to call the question. De La Paz Dion seconded.*

VOTE to replace the language “subcommittee” with “committee”

10-5-1

PASSED

VOTE to call the question

14-1-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Joe Farrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
John Wingler
Christine Kantner
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Helen De la Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
Barbara Ringuette
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Hope Taylor-Arnold
Scott Plante

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon

Abstentions:

David Modern

VOTE on the amended motion
6-9-1
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Helen De La Paz Dion
Georgene Smith Goodin
James Bigelow
Jeff Wayne
Christine Kantner
John Wingler

No Votes:

Joe Farrell
Anthony Crump
Seamus Garrity
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
David Modern
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante

Abstentions:

Hope Taylor-Arnold

8.4. Discussion and Possible Action: As per SR 23, Committees requested to meet at least once per quarter, review the standing of the Education, Youth and Families Committee, which hasn't met for several months

Smith Goodin said that a stakeholder wants to be co-chair of the Education Committee.

De La Paz Dion seconded the motion. Smith Goodin said to host a meeting to elect new co-chairs, this is the vote

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

PRA request:

Crump said that he spoke with the City Attorney and Kantner. The Webmaster is being instructed to look for records. We need to provide records as soon as possible. We'll share request with board at a later date. We are bound by State law. The way that our emails are set up now, we do not have possession of our emails. The emails being requested have to do with our former Secretary.

9. New Business

9.2. MOTION (Governmental Affairs): Move that the Governmental Affairs Committee spend up to \$100.00 (dollars) to hold the Governmental Affairs Homeless in Silver Lake Town Hall Meeting. **(Cost: Up to \$100.00)**

Ringuette said we need to act on motion 9.2. Crump said we can't.

Motions not heard:

9.3. MOTION (Governmental Affairs): Move that the Governmental Affairs Committee adopt the same membership

requirements as the SLNC Urban Affairs and Preservation Advisory Committee.

9.4. Discussion and Possible Action: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council "Adopt-a-Stairway Program"

13. Adjournment

The meeting ended about 10:06pm.