

**SILVERLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**October 22, 2015**

**TIME: 7PM**

**Location: Ivanhoe Elementary School**

**GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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**START TIME:** 7:12

**ROLL CALL:**

Joe Ryan Farrell  
John Wingler  
Matthew Desario  
Jeff Wayne  
Jay Bennett  
Heather Carson  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Georgene Smith Goodin (arrived at 8:16pm)  
Canoga (arrives 8:24pm to make quorum)

**ABSENT**

**James Bigelow – unknown**  
David Modern - excused  
Christine Kantner - excused

Anthony Crump - excused  
Amy Clarke - absent  
Helen De La Paz Dion - absent  
Joshua Javier Gomez - absent  
Hope Taylor-Arnold - absent  
Seamus Garrity –excused  
**Annie Sperling - resigned**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **Pot Luck Dessert**

Stakeholder would like to know that it will not conflict with meeting dates SLNC will have.  
The potluck will be in December.

### **Angelica**

Lives on Rowena since 1999

-Cars continue to make U-Turns on Rowena, and it is dangerous. They were supposed to use a parking lot according to the city. She concerned about traffic safety and air quality since residences are in front of a parking lot.

### **Nina Sorkin**

Thanks the governing board for their participation at the Griffith Park Event. Toyota was there to help clean-up the park. Each received T-shirts for their work. Councilman Mitch O’Farrell and Silver Lake NC had a table. There was lemonade and a jumper for kids.

### **Griffith Park adult community club**

The club will be having an event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. 2015, from 4pm to 8pm for stakeholders over 50+ .  
Halloween Night will be held at Bellevue Park from 4p.m. to 10p.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.  
CERT – (CERT Approval) the January 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 sessions. Graduation will occur on February 29<sup>th</sup> 2015.  
It will be announced on the Fire Department website in November, 2015.

**BUDGET ADVOCATE VOTE CARDS** - cards must be completed to rate City of Los Angeles services

### **Anne-Marie**

Micheltorena Street Garden – Seed Garden 10:00a.m. to 3p.m. to make the clay soil and seed balls called Seed Balls; that will be used to grow wild flowers in public spaces throughout Silver Lake.

## **DISCUSSION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### **1. MOBILITY PLAN**

Clair Bowen from the Los Angeles City Planning Dept is an inner city planner. She joined the

Department nine and half years ago. The Mobility Plan is a general plan required state intended to serve as a guide to the city. It has a 20 year horizon. Her role:

- Guide staff and neighborhood council members in terms of making decisions
- Decisions focused on the development of the city
- 1999 was the last time the transportation system was updated

AD1358, The Complete Street Act

- when the General Plan is updated mindful of every community
- Discuss the uses and how it will accommodate everyone
- not all interested in widening or adding streets
- Widen the streets so more cars on the streets and kids not on the street

The new plan will not to widen the streets. In the next 20 years the population will grow to 4.3 million. The state says we have to plan for it and accommodate the increase in population. The Mobility Plan lets people take a look at how to improve the streets and make it safer for people to walk around the city. It talks about safety. It is important to be conscious about the safety and needs of vulnerable users.

Its importance is to provide everyone access.

- It offers information, coordination and communication
- It offers guidance to departments, including Metro and the City of Los Angeles
- It talks about the environment and clean air - 85 percent of population comes from private vehicles
- It talks about redoing the streets and refurbishing the sewage system
- It offers a complete street network – arterial streets for transit improvement
- It will add bicycles lanes – identified transit streets and bicycle streets
- It discusses options for bus lanes
- Any projects contemplated will be discussed in detailed at a later time
- I would like to hear what the concerns are.

## QUESTIONS

Nina – what is going to be the community input?

Clair – there is an online form, reach out to the community. Tonight discuss what the plan is and hear your opinion and concerns; looking at data to make the improvements.

Stakeholders – When did you first start the discussion of mobility? Rowena is now filled up with traffic.

We feel that the air quality is bad, and unsafe. I don't see the holistic overall approach in regards to Rowena.

Clair – The DOT decided to make the street safer.

Stakeholder – There are lots of traffic fatalities here.

Steffany – SLNC because of the development that was proposed for - now 29 units. There needs to

addressed in regards to Rowena. They wanted to make more of a retail street, and add more restaurants. More than 10 years ago. The original plan was to open the street to add restaurant to slow down traffic -

Anne-Marie – In May 2, 2010.

Stakeholder – We are having 190 new condo units here. No new busses, no new stop signs. We are getting inundated by too much traffic. We need to slow the traffic down. Rowena was not a good candidate since there are high schools, pre-schools. They do the studies at noon. Do the studies at rush hour. Mobility 35 is us and we don't like it.

Angelica – Are you looking at reactive or proactive intervention on the streets? There are lots of other ways. I don't know if you understand the infrastructure of Los Angeles since it was built to segregate the population, because of the history of racism in Los Angeles.

Clair – The plan is more intervention – more cross walks, more traffic lights. Let's talk about the specific problems and work together and arrive at the sweetest solutions. The DOT has new plans.

Mark - I live on Angus, it is a freeway much of the day. I'm glad you said that. Does that mean that we are part of the data?

Clair – We have been hearing about Rowena a lot.

Cindy – I live on Angus – what is the projected land use plan? In the last 4 years, Silver Lake has been in a real estate boom. Garcetti has said he will build 190 units.

Clair – Uses the 3d land use plans – shows the capacity where growth will go. The mayor has a plan for 1000 units city wide not only along the Los Angeles River.

Stakeholder (woman) – the promise if the plan did not work, so the roads will be restriped

Lee – I live on Parklane Avenue – bicycles are a solution to a 19<sup>th</sup> century problem. The future will not be resolved by adding more vehicles. We should be dreaming in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and alternatively fueled vehicles.

Clair – I beg to differ – transportation of the future includes the alternate fueled vehicles, 40% of trips today are 3 miles or less. If you provide a network of bicycles – providing people of different and various transportation options – that is why we are building a rail system and a frequent and reliable bus service that connects to the train.

Angelica – I grew up in Los Feliz. I used public transportation. I almost got killed and kidnapped. Please think about people's safety. Look at Canada's and other countries systems.

Clair – I use the transportation system. We can improve the system by **adding more** lights.

Nina – My question is regarding construction. There has been a lot of construction in the last 5 years that connects to Silver Lake Drive. I am concerned that a lot of the construction will support the Olympics. What is being done to handle congestion and mobility? There are no stops from Angus.

Clair – I'm not part of the Olympic committee.

Steffany Vendig – I represent a large community of seniors. What is happening to people who will be at one point, not be able to be in a car and need to go out. We need safer streets. Several years ago when the department of transportation was going to expand the DASH, the public transportation around Silver Lake was limiting. Garcetti helped us to plan for DASD. We submitted it and we were

#25. The revenue was not there to expand it. Where are the plans? Could we reuse the plans? Someone was thinking of combining Silver Lake and Los Feliz.

Clair - I suggest you submit your old plans. Contact the DASH and the Council Office.

Matthew – We will be talking about the DASH. We have the old plans. We will be talking about combining Silver Lake and Los Feliz.

Cindy – There are some residential areas that have no access to public transportation. If we have a DASH that passed around Hyperion, Gelson’s and up and down the hill, that will help alleviate the congestion.

Matthew – I was told some of those buses will not be able to go up the hill.

Cindy – That is bogus.

Blonde stakeholder – DASH busses were available on weekends. It cost \$50k for one DASH bus doing the route. Funds can be raised from Gelson’s and Trader Joes since Trader Joes is building another parking lot. DASH programs were started for low income neighborhoods.

Clair – I’m not involved with DASH programs. What are the factors that will have a successful route?

#### QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Heather –**Mobility Plan** passed the council and there are amendments that have to be voted on?

Clair – We have to do a study. The vote on the addendum in the spring - at the meeting council offices can introduce to additional offices.

Heather – We want to hear when Silver Lake comes up? How will we know when the next community forums will be?

Clair – There is a system the city maintains. The Mobility Plan will have a lot of community involvement.

Ann- Marie – I read the Mobility Plan several times. Chapter 4 – New Technology, I am concerned – better ways to use tech. It doesn’t deal with collateral damage like WAYS has done to the residential streets. I think Residential streets need to be protected. The August version must be in Spanish – if we are talking about a lot section of Los Angeles, this has to be bilingual, and we will bypass public space – the Sunset Triangle. 4.13 The abundance of free and meter parking or permanent parking in Silver Lake, there is no abundance of parking in Silver Lake. August Mobility Plan, vehicle is last. It is almost subliminal; almost like saying vehicle transportation is more important. Map 6 does not show Map d2 – Rowena, Hyperion, Glendale and Sunset.

Clair - On the tech side, we do not have control where WAYS sends drivers. We agree to protect residential streets. 4.10 Sunset Triangle, public and private partnerships, it’s a good policy of ways to work together. 4.13 – parking takes up a lot spaces – typically there are 7 parking spaces for every car in this city. Things are further apart because of the spaces needed for those parking lots. Downtown there are opportunities to share parking lots for differing uses. The reason vehicles come last, it’s because vehicles should yield to everything. None of the general plans are in Spanish, but we could look at that.

Joe – I am an Alcove resident. Is very busy and then there is an empty parking lot not far from it. The city needs to be a facilitator and have business' share a parking lot.

Clair – We have a list of programs that speaks to that - it costs money.

Joe is the Mobility Plan going to influence Silver Lake?

Claire – d2 is messy. The Bicycle Plan we adopted in 2010. It got aggressive. We focused on quality over quantity. Let's elevate those to a protected lane.

Joe – Does that mean that the bike lanes will coexist with the car lanes?

Clair – It will focus on the streets with protected bike lanes.

Michael - A lot of people dislike the road diet. Pro-road diet or anti-road diet – focus on less traffic on residential streets - 85-90 agree on the point that sometimes we need to make short term pain for long term benefit. Before we were widening streets for cars and now shrinking the streets. Thinking about how the changes will impact the quality of life people have become used to - we need to make sure people feel safe on the side streets.

Clair – I agree.

Jerome – In terms of 47% of trips in 3 miles or less does that consider the time it takes to go from A to B

Clair – There are about 8 trips someone may do a day for a single family - almost half of those trips will be short distances.

Jerome – The length of the time is not taken in to account in those trips.

Clair- In terms of bike lanes – Glendale Blvd from Silver Lake to downtown is classified as a tear 1 – protected bike lane. The person at DOT was very aware of this. The Mobility Plan was in the works. DOT knew that it was going to be in the Mobility Plan.

Jerome – None of these will happen tomorrow.

Clair- The environmental clearance was not enough to do the project. Environment will include a lot of community engagement.

John – I proud the city has a forward looking approach. Short trips – It's that last mile for me to get home. If there were more Red Line to stations – it will help me a lot.

Clair – Important to think of alternative ways to get to the rail system.

Jeff – Walking experience is your main priority. In the Sunset Junction, I have to walk on the street. The sidewalks need replacement.

Clair – Sidewalk repair is part of the law suit - \$30 million dollars have been put into the law suit.

Jeff – It's probably happening in richer areas but not happening here. There is a schedule every year for sidewalk repair.

Clair – We have policy.

Jeff – I don't believe this plan unless I see something happening. If we **can't take** care of the most basic things why should we believe you and the people who you represent?

Clair – We have a shameful infrastructure.

Barbara – I've gone to several planning sessions – there's no adequate parking in Silver Lake and Los Feliz. The Sunset Quarter has no more parking to share; 4.13 – to reduce parking at transit locations

1.4 and 2. 5 bicycle enhance network – proposes parking that will be removed. 4.13 unbundled parking options – south of Sunset – there are no places for additional cars to park. 4. 18 and 4.19 individualized parking requirement – on sight and off site – there should be a plan for a change of use that requires additional parking. 4.56 – compact spaces – does not work - if parking is reduced in front of business – they will lose business if you add more bike carrels.

Clair – A study shows that adding more bike carrels will increase revenue.

Daisha – What is the city doing to educate and enforce the bicyclist since they are not respecting the red line or stop signs?

Clair - Education is a problem and we are teaching in the schools. Cars do a lot more damage than a bicycle that doesn't stop at a stop sign.

Stakeholder – can they have a license plate?

Presentation with Clair ends. She stands up and leaves.

(Jeff stepped out 8:35pm)

## **5.1 STAKEHOLDER FROM EACH REGION TO BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD**

Benjamin – has 6 other members (advertising region 4)

Nina – 4 members were not elected – funding, ethics, code of confidentiality in order to vote at this meeting

## **5.6. AMENDEMENT – \$60 FOR BUSINESS CARDS FOR JEROME**

**Jeff makes a motion**

**Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**Vote is Unanimous**

**Motion Passes**

## **5.3 EMAIL ADDRESS, NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION, GUIDELINES**

Jeff makes the motion

Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Questions:

Georgene – Who is going to be checking it?

Joe – 12 newsletters for up to a year – the guy they are paying will check it.

Canoga – They go out the first Monday of every month. They should go to the chair for proofing.

Ann-Marie –The secretary sends the emails and hands them out, and sends it to him - put it on the secretary. Why can it be on the person responsible for the event?

Georgene – Did anyone check that we have email addresses left on our account?

Jerome – Christina did – there are only free ones left.

Georgene – There is a problem – attachments will not be able to be stored.

Joe – It could be an email forward.

Jerome – No forward

**Anne-Marie** – Who made the motion?

Georgene– Last time the city made us pay for them. Can you send it to his email?

Heather – We can vote on it.

Canoga – If we don't assign it. I don't think it does happen.

Georgene – We need to make sure we are allowed to do that by the city.

Heather – If I remember correctly, anyone who was a board member...

Nina – I received a request from a business in Silver Lake.

Joe – The newsletter goes out Monday after the board meeting, then goes to the co-chairs for approval, whoever comes to the meeting will tell them to email the newsletter creator, then post the guidelines where to send stuff on the website

**Jeff Motion to close the date**

**No objections**

**Vote Unanimous**

## **5.7 RECEIPTS**

Anne-Marie makes the motion

Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Joe – I don't know what the receipts will be.

Heather – with the MPGs is not so clear – would be good to have follow-through?

Georgene- All MPGs need to submit a completion form. The completion form is a responsibility of the committee asking for the funding. Completion forms by DONE need to be handed out at the end of the fiscal year.

Jerome – I think if they don't fill out the form they should not be funded again.

Anne-Marie – Would you consider putting the onus on the committee making the request?

**Anne-Marie amends the motion – NPG recipients must do Completion Reports and the responsibility lies at the feet of the co-chairs of the committee that bring the request and if the completion form is not submitted on time, the next time around they should not get funding**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerome**

**Objections - none**

**9 yes**

**2 no**

**Motion Passes**

**Original motion**

**9 yes**

**Motion Passes**



### **5.9. Co -Chairs to have funding training?**

Anne-Marie makes the motion

Georgene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Matthew – Does this mean that co-chairs can vote on funding motions?

Kinoka – More people to get more people involved

Jerome – Importance is the number of committees co-chairs are not board members, anything a co-chairs do comes back to the board.

Matthew – Do you feel that you are a good resource to help things get properly funded?

Anne-Marie - Usually the dialogue is not between a non-presenter and the board?

Matthew – I would like to learn more about funding? When DONE design the system – Will we now be able to vote on funding?

Board Member – No, you are not on the board.

### **VOTE**

**Motion passes unanimously**

### **6.0 VICE-CHAIR WILL PERFORM THE DUTIES IF THE CHAIR IS ABSENT?**

Heather – since the by-laws are so vague.

Anne-Marie – calls the motion

Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Anne-Marie - sub motion – must be in the standing rules

Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Anne-Marie removes the motion

**John – Table the item to next meeting**

**Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to table the item to the next meeting**

**Jerome – Objects**

**4 - Nos**

**7 –Yes**

**Item is tabled to the next meeting**

### **6.1 MOTION SLNC 500 TO SUPPORT 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT**

Anne-Marie makes the motion

Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Comments:

Nina – There is a kids fair this coming year at a soccer field.

Steffany – We are an adult center operated by Rec and Parks, we need to get word out that we are there. We would like to attract a younger crowd – although we focus on 50+ . Your money will help us

fund the outreach (tables, public relations, printing) between Los Feliz and Silver Lake – Silver Lake has more members.

## **VOTE**

**Yes -**

**Heather**

**Anne-Marie**

**Jerome**

**Canoga**

**Scott**

**Georgene**

**Jay**

**Jeff**

**Matthew**

**Joe**

**John**

**Motion Passes**

## **6.2 – ADOPT NEW HEADER BY DONE**

Anne-Marie calls the motion

Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Comments:

Heather – only suggested by DONE

Questions:

Matthew – Are committees not using it?

**MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

## **6.3 MINUTES WILL CONTAIN THE DEBATE LEADING TO THE MOTION – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Heather makes the motion

Matthew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Questions:

Georgene – Will minutes not include the debate leading up the vote? What do you have to include and what don't you have to include? Who read the motion? Who constitutes a member at that point?

Heather – Sometimes people come and they vote

Anne-Marie – You could add comments on non-agenda items and announcements – public comments.

Heather – We can take out will what will not be contained

Matthew - Are we keeping a summary of individual comments?

Heather – It means a summary of public comments

## **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

### **6.4 DONE WAIVER – CHANGE THE MEETING PLACE TO IVANHOE**

Heather makes the motion

Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Comments:

Heather –this room is better, we don't need microphones, we had problems with bugs at Micheltorena School

Jeff motions to table the item to next governing board meeting

Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

### **VOTE**

**6 No's**

**5 yes**

Anne-Marie - The email was troubling, because it accused of us of neo-Nazis and lack of diversity. If there was such a great demand at Micheltorena, then that would be reflected in our audience. Our audiences are consistently small. I like to change the location to get new faces.

Anne-Marie makes a motion to use both Micheltorena and Ivanhoe and change it per-quarter

Jerome 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

### **COMMENTS**

Georgene – Whatever we decide we need a consistent meeting place so people are not confused.

Canoga – I don't think that it will increase attendance. I think we need to do more outreach -closer to bus lines it will make it more accessible.

Jerome – These meetings are boring, the people who come are the people who have items on the agendas. The water bugs are the size of baby mice. This is disfranchising regions 6 and 7. It's up to our newsletter – We should be all over Silver Lake in different areas and regions.

Matthew – Sometimes we are so resistant to change - I think there are opportunities to create more excitement. Maybe special meetings at Micheltorena and board meetings at Ivanhoe...reset in April. I appreciate the 10 – 12 people that show up.

Jay - Just because the people don't come to the meetings, shouldn't be a reason to move locations. There are buses that run and bike lanes to get to Micheltorena

John – Motions to table was not having enough people - I live walking distance from here. I like Ivanhoe; keep meetings centrally located

Georgene – The 108 stops at 8:30pm, there are no buses in this area - 6 and 7 are single family

homes

2 and 3 multifamily homes. Micheltorena has buses that run 2, 4. This is not accessible to the majority of the residents in Silver Lake. You are shifting the focus of the council.

Joan – The microphone was found in the basement of Micheltorena School. The fees may be waived for the room, but the council still has to pay for custodian. There are many problems in that school – they could be fixed. Last year, I came to 4 meetings in a row to ask for \$250. People don't want to come to meetings.

Nina – I sent an email to Anthony and Joe at 4:30pm – this motion should be bedded in the By-Laws and Standing Rules, so community could speak about it. I would like to remind the board the By-Laws clearly state the work is to expand and broaden, especially under groups, that are under-represented. Last year 13 people voted in region 2, we need to increase the participation in region 2, 3, 4, 5.

Matthew – It is an accessibility issue – on Sunset there are buses 2, 4, 302. Sunset Junction is walkable and lively. The Senior City Planner could not get here because of the lack of buses.

**Jeff Wayne exits the meeting.**

**Heather and Anne-Marie note that we are unable to vote on the item, because Jeff left in order to break quorum.**

**Meeting Adjourns at 10:00p.m.**

**Items moved to next meeting:**

**5.7**

**5.8**