

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD (DRAFT) MINUTES
7pm - 10 pm, June 1, 2016
Micheltorena Elementary School Auditorium
1511 Micheltorena St
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

1.1 Call to Order & Flag Salute

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

David Modern
Kinoka Ogsbury
Georgene Smith-Goodin
Anthony Crump
Glenn Harrell
Scott Plante
Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Caroline Pham

Non-Attending Board Members:

Joshua Javier Gomez
Jay Bennett
James Bigelow
Matthew Desario
Hope Taylor-Arnold
Helen de la Paz Dion
Seamus Garrity, Vice Chair
Joe Ferrell, Co-Chair
Glenn Harrell
John Winger

1.2. Recognition of outgoing Board

Co-Chair Heather Carson thanked the old Board. The old Board then left the board table to applause as the new Board members took their seats.

2. SEATING OF THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD

2.1. Roll Call

Attending New Board Members:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar,
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

Non-Attending Board Members:

Bob Lisauskas

2.2. Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

Los Angeles City Council Member David Ryu, Fourth District, swore in the new Board. He also thanked the old Board for its service. He noted that more than 1,000 people voted in the recent neighborhood council elections and said that that was a “very impressive” number of voters.

3. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

3.1. Co-Chairs

Jay Handal, Citywide Neighborhood Council Elections Administrator, West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Chair, and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative (Jay@empowerla.org) then led the elections for the various Board positions.

Jerome Courshon nominated Anne-Marie Johnson for Co-Chair. Glenn Harrell seconded. Elizabeth Torres also nominated Anne-Marie Johnson.

Glenn Harrell nominated Heather Carson. Jerome Courshon seconded.

VOTE by affirmation to elect Anne-Marie Johnson and Heather Carson as Co-Chairs.

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

3.2. Vice Chair

Johnson nominated Courshon. Harrell seconded.

VOTE by affirmation for Jerome Courshon as Vice Chair

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

3.3. Secretary

Johnson nominated Scott Plante. Courshon seconded.

VOTE by affirmation for Scott Plante as Secretary

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

3.4. Treasurer

Terrence Jackson nominated Patty Jausoro. There is no other candidate.

Patty Jausoro is now Treasurer by affirmation, said Co-Chair Heather Carson.

VOTE by affirmation

20-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar,
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:
none

Abstentions:
none

3.5. Board Designation of Bank Card Holder and Second Signatory

Jerome Courshon nominated Terrence Jackson. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

There is no other candidate. Jackson is now second signatory by affirmation.

VOTE by affirmation
20-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Handal asked, the Treasurer is not the second signer? Whoever is around and is easiest to get ahold of should be the cardholder. Who will be around more?

Terrence Jackson nominated Treasurer Patty Jausoro as second cardholder.

5. BOARD DESIGNATION OF NC LIAISONS TO CITY DEPARTMENTS

5.1. Budget Representatives The NC Budget Advocate process was created to help NCs better utilize the opportunity provided to them in the City Charter, which is the ability to present an annual list of budget priorities to the Mayor and City Council. Reps attend Neighborhood Council Budget Day on July 30, 2016, contact their Budget Advocate to receive updates to share at monthly GB meetings, communicate their NC board's priorities to their BAs, attend Regional Budget Day in the spring, and organize Budget Day 2017.

Tony Michaelis nominated himself. Barbara Ringuette nominated herself.

VOTE by affirmation for Tony Michaelis and Barbara Ringuette as Budget Representatives

Unanimous

PASSED

5.2. Alliance of River Communities Representative LA's Regional Alliance of East and Northeast Neighborhood Councils and Stakeholders committed to empowering the communities all connected through the Los Angeles River which includes councils from Arroyo Seco, Atwater Village, Boyle Heights, Eagle Rock, Elysian Valley Riverside, Glassell Park, Greater Cypress Park, Greater Echo Park Elysian Valley, Historic Highland Park, LA32, Lincoln Heights, Los Feliz, Rampart Village and Silver Lake.

There are no nominees.

5.3. Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Citizens Advisory Committee Representative In 2013 the City asked for each NC in the vicinity to appoint a representative to the task force comprised of cycling, pedestrian, river and other advocates from the adjoining council districts. In June of 2015 the City Council vote to support option 1 keeping 4 lanes for cars and removing one of the current 2 sidewalks and creating 2 unprotected bike lanes, while the SLNC, the LFNC and CD4 Council Member Ryu supported Option 3 to keep separate sidewalks and buffered bike

lanes on both sides of the Bridge and reduce cars to 3 driving lanes. While the City Council already voted, it's important to have a rep continue as these plans are carried through.

There are no nominees.

5.4. SLNC Public Works Liaison Liaisons will serve as the primary point of contact within Neighborhood Councils on the Clean Streets Initiative, which was announced by Mayor Eric Garcetti on April 23, 2015. Focused on creating a cleaner and more livable city, the Clean Streets Initiative provides funding for additional trash bins, a third Clean Streets Strike Team, the development of a cleanliness assessment system, and increased enforcement of illegal dumping. The Liaison will work with the Board of Public Works, Mayor's Volunteer Corps and Office of Community Beautification to organize clean ups, increase 311 reporting in their area, and engage local stakeholders on how to maintain street cleanliness. Liaisons will receive regular communication from the Board regarding pending agenda items, and will be invited to a bimonthly Liaison meeting with Public Works staff.

Rusty Millar nominated himself. He is the new representative.

5.5. SLNC Animal Services Liaison– The liaison will work with Animal Services on creating their new strategic plan and continue communications with Animal Services for their communities on how to help save the lives of more animals and better serve and protect our neighborhoods..

SLNC Animal Services Liaison Nominees:

Taryn Poole
Rosa Max
Elizabeth Torres

Comment by nominees:

Taryn Poole:

She said she's worked a great deal for animals. They have given her a lot of joy. She wants to work with residents and authorities toward innovative long term planning to benefit Silver Lake.

Rosa Max:

She said she's been the liaison for the past 6 months. She's been working extensively with city agencies about shelters and coyotes. She is determined to make Silver Lake and Echo Park into an area where the extermination of honey bees will be prohibited.

Elizabeth Torres:

She said that she owns a social business.

Votes for Taryn Poole – (10)

Heather Carson
Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Douglas Loewy
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

Votes for Elizabeth Torres – (8)

Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Antonio Stifano
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Tracey Woolfolk

Votes for Rosa Max – (1)

Jia Gu

Abstentions – (1)

Jerome Courshon

Taryn Poole is the new SLNC Animal Services Representative

5.6. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative(s) advances sustainability and resilience across LA through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action. The NCSA holds regular public forums and events, and collaborates with Neighborhood Councils, public agencies, and environmental and other community organizations to support effective engagement on L.A.'s Sustainable City Plan, drought response strategies, climate action, and other timely sustainability issues.

Scott Plante nominated Bob Lisauskas

Plante said that Lisauskas has 15 years experience. He said that Lisauskas wants the community to be more aware of green programs. He wants to make the community an example of green practices, said Plante.

Lisa Hart nominated Rosa Max. Hart said that Max has done great work. As the current Green Committee Chair Max has working with international nonprofits. I have a lot to offer, said Max.

VOTE for the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Votes for Rosa Max (2):

Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu

Votes for Bob Lisauskas (18):

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Douglas Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

Bob Lisauskas is the new Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative

5.7. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Representative. LANCC is a coalition of Neighborhood Councils made up of Neighborhood Council leaders from all over the City of LA. LANCC is intended to enhance the ability of NCs, as well as their clout and influence, giving a larger voice on issues affecting more than one neighborhood. Meets 1st Saturdays at 10am.

Patty Jausoro was nominated. Scott Plante nominated Rusty Millar, who initially accepted but then withdrew.

Jausoro is the new Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Representative. There was no vote.

5.8. PlanCheckNC LA Liaison a unique grassroots alliance created by NC stakeholders to promote more stakeholder participation in planning and land use issues and Make government more responsive to local community needs. Education Programs and Issue Forums are held on 2nd Saturdays at 10am.

Johnson nominated Millar, who declined. Rosa Max nominated herself. Glenn Harrell nominated Jerome Courshon, who declined. Harrell then nominated Barbara Ringuette, who accepted.

Ringuette said that she's attended PlanCheck about 2 dozen times. It's a marvelous thing for everyone to do. It tells so much about the planning process for the City. I encourage everyone to attend. I can be your representative but I hope everyone goes.

Max said that she is a beekeeper. Over the last 5 years she has developed a day job as an expeditor. I work with many people in City Planning. She said that she is using the Green Building Department to set up a way to Make Silver Lake an example for the kind of developers that we want to invite: sustainable development with community spaces with recycling. She wants to raise standards, especially for small lot developers.

Votes for Barbara Ringuette (13):

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Douglas Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Nicholas Somilleda
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher

Votes for Rosa Max (6):

Antonio Stifano
Adam Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk

Caroline Pham
Terrence Jackson

Abstentions:
Jia Gu

Barbara Ringuette is the new PlanCheck NC LA Liaison

5.9. DWP MOU Oversight Committee Representative The DWP MOU Oversight Committee was formed to ensure that the NCs receive the information due to them per the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Water and Power and the Neighborhood Councils. The Oversight Committee meets 1st Saturdays 8:30am (even months).

Rusty Millar attends this. There can be multiple representatives.

**VOTE for Rusty Millar as DWP MOU Oversight Committee Representative and DWP Advocacy Committee Representative.
Unanimous
PASSED**

Millar is the new DWP representative.

5.11. SergeantsAtArms per SR17 Stakeholder SergeantsatArms “The Governing Board will ask for one or more stakeholder volunteers to regularly serve as Sergeant at Arms during Governing Board meetings. The Sergeants at Arms will maintain order, assist stakeholders in filling out and submitting Public Comment cards, and will perform other duties as prescribed by the Board.”

Johnson nominated Max, who declined.

Courshon nominated David Modern, who declined.

There are no candidates.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- Presentation of SLNC History Collective Award to Nina Sorkin This honor is given to people and/or organizations that have made substantial contributions to our community either through historic preservation or significant involvement.

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

He brought presents for everyone: neighborhood service guides. He announced that there will be a June 30 Town Hall meeting to discuss the Silver Lake Reservoir. We will refill the reservoir no matter what. He said that CD4 is working with Council District 13 (CD13).

He added that a speed bump program will be reinstated. It has just gone through committee at the City Council.

Courshon asked when will the June 30 town hall become definite? Miller said by next week. Courshon asked we can affect outreach? It would be great if that goes into Council Member Ryu's newsletter.

Johnson said we're getting a training soon. We're going to be sticklers about when you are recognized to speak. You must be recognized. Never feel obligated to speak. No more speaking out of turn.

Stephanie Uy, Field Representative, California State Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, 51st District, 1910 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026-3350, (213) 483-5151, Stephanie.uy@asm.ca.gov:

She congratulated the new board. She mentioned that the lawmakers held a 7 hour floor session today. Assembly Member Gomez has 13 active bills. Most of them are about environmental justice to make sure that marginalized communities have the same resources as everyone else.

Please invite me to all of your wonderful events, she asked.

Johnson said I hope that you'll be available for the June 30 Town Hall meeting.

Pamela Marcello, District Representative, US Congressman Adam Schiff, 28th District:

She said that we looked through our database. Some of you aren't there. Send us information.

Congressman Schiff is up for reelection. He is a ranking member on the House Intelligence Committee. He is pushing through anti-stalking legislation and working to repeal laws preventing gun manufacturer lawsuits.

She also said that we expedite passports and can help with Internal Revenue Service, transportation, and LA River related issues.

Johnson said she assumes that Marcello will be available for the June 30 Town Hall meeting. Marcello said yes.

Courshon asked whether he was on list. Marcello said yes.

Award presentation to Nina Sorkin. Gayle Crosby will present the award.

She is such a wonderful person and a great neighbor and she has really helped us a lot, said Crosby.

Sorkin said that she wanted to thank the History Collective for the nomination. She said that she's lived on the same street for 49 years. It's been a joy being involved in projects. Completion of the outdoor exercise area in the park was among her great accomplishments. However, there remains much work to be done. She continues that effort.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

Derrick Armand Fuchs:

He presented photocopies of his presentation to the Board members on their desks. He mentioned black holes, protons, pi, neurons, and positrons. Various formulae were also mentioned.

Genelle Le Vin, Silver Lake Improvement Association:

She brought cards. June 21 is summer solstice. That date is celebrated in 120 countries. There will be free music and something in the Triangle Plaza. It will be a farmers market day with several artists performing between 4-7pm. She added that the Silver Lake branch library will also have music. Anyone can participate in any venue. It's really a lot of fun.

Ardy Kassakhian, Candidate for California State Assembly, 43rd District:

The candidate, who had previously run for City Clerk, said that he will be here June 30 for the Town Hall meeting about filling the reservoir. It's a public safety issue that affects fire risk.

He said that he wants your vote on June 7. He has many endorsements though \$1.5 million has been spent by negative campaigns. He is a Democrat, not a Republican as his opponents claim.

Renee Nahum:

She said that she wished the new neighborhood council luck. The former neighborhood council member works for the LA County Democratic Party.

Speaking on behalf of candidate Kassakhian, she said that he's facing a smear campaign. He's endorsed by several Democrats. His opponent lacks such Democratic endorsements. We should be troubled by this. Read the fine print on the negative mailers, she said.

Rosa Max:

She is the current liaison for the community bank. Some things are changing. They are digitizing the system. Any nonprofit organization is welcome to use it. The deadline is at 7pm. There is a 30 day period for reservations. The calendars are being digitized.

Rosa Max, now speaking as a representative of the Green Committee:

I took this seat in November. We have held meetings on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The group will have a Friday night social. On Saturday it will address economic issues. On Sunday morning it will address environmental issues. New elections for the Chair will be held on June 25. She said that she wants more outreach and to get more people involved. Every committee should hold joint meetings with Green Committee. On June 26 there will be announcement and review of everything accomplished in June.

Rosa Max:

While she wanted to speak again, Co-Chairs Carson and Johnson disagreed. They said that she can return to the item at the end of the meeting.

Nina Sorkin:

She said that she wants to thank the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council for sponsoring the Relay for Life. There were certificates and programs. It was successful. The event was supported by CD4, which provided the venue for free. Gail Crosby was there. It was an excellent event.

She said that last week, they completed one of their projects for the fiscal year, an elementary school poster contest. He then read a letter from the school thanking the neighborhood council for pizza and posters about saving the earth. There are several thank you letters.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE

8.1. Approval of February 3, 2016 SPECIAL Governing Board Meeting Minutes REVISED

8.2. Approval of February 3, 2016 REGULAR Governing Board Meeting Minutes
REVISED

8.3. Approval of February 17, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes
REVISED

8.4. Approval of March Governing Board Minutes REVISED

8.5. Approval of April Governing Board Minutes REVISED

8.6. Approval of May Governing Board Minutes REVISED

Secretary Scott Plante is leading this discussion.

Jerome Courshon offered various corrections: In the February Special Meeting Minutes he noted that there is a stray sentence on page 5 near the top. "Motion to give \$5,000 to SLIA that was seconded by Courshon." This sentence should be deleted.

In the March 2 minutes on page 11 there is a reference to something that a former board member sought and Heather Carson cut her off. We didn't hear what she said. Strike that sentence before the vote.

In the May minutes on page 13 for Agenda Item 7.7, there was a 14-2-1 vote. However, the no voters were not removed from the tally of yes voters, said Courshon.

Genelle Le Vin offered a correction in the May minutes. A total of 12 parking spaces have been lost is the correct figure.

Rusty Millar made the motion to approve the minutes under Agenda Items 8.1 to 8.6. Courshon seconded.

VOTE for 8.1 to 8.6
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu

Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9. FINANCE AND BUDGET

9.1. Discussion and Possible Action (Treasurer): Approval of May 2016 MER

The Co-Chairs requested a change in order of agenda items. They want to consider Item 9 next.

VOTE to skip down to item 9

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk

Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Georgene Smith–Goodin explained issues regarding funding motions. Hopefully there will be a budget by the end of the week. The Board can vote on it in July. You should be able to vote on financial issues for the new fiscal year at the July meeting. You can't vote tonight because there is no budget. She offered to help new Treasurer Patty Jausoro with paperwork.

Traditionally the Treasurer calls for roll call votes. Has the entire board completed funding training, asked Smith-Goodin. Only one member, Tracey Woolfolk, had not done so.

Smith-Goodin added that Board members must identify the vendor and public purpose for financial motions.

Former Budget and Finance Committee member Georgene Smith-Goodin is leading this discussion.

Johnson made the motion. Millar seconded.

Courshon asked what are we voting on?

We're about to vote on the Monthly Expense Report, said Johnson. Smith-Goodin is helping Jausoro with that.

Jay Handal said everything that you do requires roll call vote, not just funding. He suggested a faster way to do a roll call vote. Call out who's abstaining and who's against and then mark everyone else who is here as a yes vote.

Johnson expressed concern about people who may not be at table for each vote. Sometimes they are out of the room, she explained.

Jausoro led the roll call vote for 9.1

VOTE for 9.1
19-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tracey Woolfolk

9.2. Discussion and Possible Action (Treasurer):Approval of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

9.3. Discussion and Possible Action (Ringuette, Budget Advocate Rep):Move to allocate leftover funds to Budget Advocates.

Johnson asked what is the balance of the budget? Smith-Goodin said they just got back some funding today with approvals. But, we received an invoice for stakeholder which we can't cut.

Smith-Goodin said that it will take 2 weeks to get you guys in the bank account.

Johnson said that she wants to table any further funding motions until thereafter. e have to address the reimbursement issue, said Smith-Goodin.

Johnson said that she wants a motion to table item 9.3. Millar seconded.

For item 9.3 a form is needed from Barbara Ringuette by Smith-Goodin. There will be funds coming back, said Smith-Goodin.

VOTE to table item 9.3

19-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tracey Woolfolk

9.4. Motion (Budget and Finance Committee): Move to reimburse board member John Wingler the amount of \$124.50 for breakfast items purchased for election volunteers on the day of voting. (up to \$124.50)

Johnson made the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
19-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tracey Woolfolk

8.10. MOTION: Move to alternate Board meetings quarterly between Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral in Region 3 and Ivanhoe Elementary in Region 7.

Plante made the motion. Courshon seconded.

Millar asked why? There is no public transportation to the church. I don't know which bus routes go to Ivanhoe Elementary School. This is a central location, he noted.

Johnson said that Micheltorena Elementary School is not at the center of Silver Lake. We've had meetings here for quite some time with no uptick in stakeholders. This place is substandard. We need to increase attendance. We need to move meetings around to introduce the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to a new public. We've had success at various locations. I strongly recommend that we change things up and ignite the community.

Courshon said I agree with everything that Johnson has said. We're disenfranchising people in other parts of Silver Lake. Meetings have been here for years. We should meet in regions 7 and 3. We need wifi. The acoustics here are horrible.

Glenn Harrell said we also talked about the bad lighting here. That is also something that we should consider. It would be a great idea.

Nina Sorkin said there is no bus transportation to Ivanhoe. If you look at the results of the election, regions have no problem coming here to vote. This is inappropriate. We must reach out to people who have been disenfranchised.

VOTE for item 8.10
13-4-3
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

Barbara Ringuette

Tracey Woolfolk
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham

Abstentions:
Glenn Harrell
Scott Plante
Jia Gu

8.11. Discussion and Possible Action: All Committees will hold CoChair elections this month per SR 35 "Committee Chairs Elected Annually All SLNC committees shall elect CoChairs within 4 weeks of seating the new Governing Board and every 12 months thereafter". June meeting dates will be announced for each Committee. Any Committee that has not yet scheduled their June meeting will be calendared by the Board.

Carson said we need a Board member to volunteer to call that first meeting to get that committee up to speed. Who wants to organize that meeting?

No one volunteered.

Carson sought a representative for the Friends of Animals Committee. Elizabeth Torres volunteered.

Carson sought a representative for the Governmental Affairs Committee. Rusty Millar volunteered.

Green Committee Chair Rosa Max said that there will be a meeting on Sunday at 3pm.

Carson sought a representative for the Neighborhood Business Committee. That Committee has never met, she noted. Glenn Harrell volunteered.

Carson noted that the Reservoir Committee is an agenda item.

Carson sought a representative for the Transportation Committee. Douglas Loewy volunteered.

8.12. Discussion and Possible Action: Authorize up to 5 Board Members to write and submit Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board through the City Clerk's online web system.

Courshon asked can we skip this for this month? Plante seconded.

VOTE to table
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
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Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10. CONSENT

10.2. MOTION (Johnson):The Maxer moves that: a) A new Standing Rule #53, reflect the following: The Region 7 SLNC Representatives serve as CoChairs of the Reservoir Committee and b)The name of the “Reservoir Complex Committee” shall be changed to the “Silver Lake Reservoir Committee.”

10.3. MOTION (Loewy):Moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send a letter to Councilman O’Farrell, Councilman Ryu, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, City Council and the City Council Transportation Committee expressing the Council’s concern regarding the arduous process and the unnecessarily long amount of time it takes to secure OPD’s.

Glenn Harrell wants to pull agenda item 10.1.

Millar made a motion to vote on items 10.2 and 10.3. Harrell seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Ringuette
Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Rusty Millar
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10.1. MOTION (Jausoro): Move that a new Standing Committee be formed dedicated to Silver Lake's older stakeholders. Working name for this committee is the Older Stakeholder Committee.

Plante read a letter from Nina Sorkin.

A standing committee will be formed for seniors.

He wants this motion to be referred to the Outreach or Education and Family Committee.

Stephanie Ventleg:

She's lived in Silver Lake since 1966.

This facility began at the Silver Lake Recreation Center in 2000. Silver Lake provides the second largest group of our members. She writes a column on senior issues for the Los Feliz and Larchmont areas.

Speaking about the idea of creating a standing committee for senior members, she said it's important for seniors to be part of decision Making. The input can be included with existing committees. There could be a formal obligation of committees to consider older stakeholders in their decision Making plans.

She said she wants inclusion of senior perspectives included within each committee instead of a dedicated committee for seniors at this point.

Courshon said I think this committee is a great idea.

Johnson said this is not a competition. This is novel. This is within the Silver Lake boundaries as opposed to the center. It's important and groundbreaking.

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Patty Jausoro
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Jia Gu
Douglas J. Loewy
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Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Taryn Poole
Stacey Boucher
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

11. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD ORIENTATION

11.1. Facilitated by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Staff The role of your NC in your community and for your community Quick hits on laws that govern NCs City Charter, NC Plan, Brown Act, PRA, ADA, Conflict of Interest Getting to know your bylaws Funding for your NC Having a great NC meeting Questions and answers

Jay Handal, representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and President of the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, said that he is filling in for Lorenzo, to lead the one-hour devoted to training. This should normally be 3-4 hours done with a retreat.

What is the role of a neighborhood council, he asked. You are advisory to elections. We care about our committees. You have to be ready to take a hit. Be prepared. You are the conduit between the stakeholders and the city departments.

There are no board documents that say you have to give your money away. You must do proper outreach to everyone in the community a couple of times each year. Social media and snail mail are a part of this effort.

The thing that brings most people out to meetings is controversy, he noted. How do you do outreach? Your Outreach and Planning and Land Use Committees attract the bulk of attendance.

You should mandate that developers must notify stakeholders within 500 ft of their proposed projects for each neighborhood council meeting that they plan to attend. This is free advertising.

People may come and scream loudly but there are 40,000 plus people in Silver Lake. You must do what's best for the entire community, not just for those screaming at meeting.

You guys had a good election with almost 1,000 voters. Need to get engagement as neighborhood council people. The power we have is the power we take. We organize the community. That's the job. Everything else is fluff. You're involved in constant seeing and hearing about what's going on. That's your only role, said Handal.

He urged board members to read the bylaws. We're governed by a lot of stuff. He asked whether people have signed the code of conduct. A Violation has no penalty but stakeholders don't want to watch fights.

In response to a question from Courshon about whether budgets should only be used for outreach, Handal said that having a note-taker is valuable as well as someone from an agency who can do the monthly expense reports and someone to do all website posts. He suggests \$9,000 to be spent on those 3 items.

He also suggested getting an office to gain legitimacy. That should be the 4th major expense. For example, Handal said his neighborhood council holds office hours every Sunday. That's an example of civic engagement.

He suggested to budget outreach. How many mailboxes are in the district? How much will it cost to mail to 15,000 postal addresses three times each year? If people don't know where we're going, they're not coming. No one knew about online voting. For the Echo Park Neighborhood Council elections, we did one postcard mailing and got 20 new candidates.

After all this you'll have about \$9,000 left over to give away from budget. For this, he gave outreach examples relating to funding a high school football team. You can give money away if you're going to get something back. Seek a return on investment. What you want is more people. Courshon said that giving the money away is the history of this neighborhood council.

Johnson asked about the bylaws moratorium. Handal said that it's ended. You can change bylaws until next elections. Contact Stephen Box at DONE about this. Bylaws dictate elections. The valid voting model is done 6 months in advance.

Your bylaws are your bible. The one thing you change may screw up 12 things down the road. Changing bylaws without changing standing rules can lead to conflict. You have about 18 months to get your bylaws updated. You need a bylaws committee. Corporate bylaws are totally different than municipal bylaws.

You must show up for meetings and arrive on time. It's really egregious when you arrive 30 minutes late, said Handal.

Discussing the Brown Act, Can we change agenda items? No. Can you bring up non-agendized items? No. Handal added that the Brown Act Maxes it clear: Your agenda must be posted 72 hours in advance.

Special meetings are for when you can 't do everything that you normally do. Maxe sure that your voice is heard by the people downtown.

You must have quorum. You can't have a meeting or discussion without it. What's your quorum, asked Handal. Millar replied said 11 Board members. Handal said that in that case a majority of quorum is 6. Anytime that a majority of a quorum is present, that's a serial meeting. So no more than 5 board members can meet to discuss items. "Brown Act for Dummies" Handal said that he will send this document to the Boardmembers.

Regarding tabling versus postponing. Tabling can be until later in the meeting. Postponing means until a future time, said Handal. Courshon said that a postponement must be until a specific point in time. You can't postpone indefinitely.

Additionally, on the topic of the friendly amendment, Handal said there is no such thing. He stressed having public comment on every item on the agenda. This is required by the Brown Act. However, it's illegal to demand speaker cards. Harrell asked, if we have a sergeant at arms. Do we Maxe speaker cards?

Handal said you give 2 minutes to speak. It's illegal to change the speaking time for Nina Sorkin or others as you did earlier. However, Johnson noted that City Council President Herb Wesson does this many times.

Terrence Jackson asked is there anything special about 2 minutes? Handal said no. His neighborhood council uses 1 minute. You can't change comment time. It must the same for everyone during the meeting.

If a person is unruly. Call a meeting recess and call the police about the disruption. The person must be removed. You can't have a closed session meeting. You have to allow everyone at the meeting unless a policeman is there.

Handal said the best thing I heard tonight was from Johnson about being allowed to speak. In parliamentary procedure, everything goes through

the chair. Board members can challenge the chair. You have the right to speak if you are called on. You do not have to be recognized by the chair.

Carson asked can one person submit 3 public comment cards? Handal said no and mentioned an example from a recent Echo Park Neighborhood Council meeting.

Handal said that only the chair can call for someone's removal. Do warnings and then call a recess for removal.

Carson noted that there were only five minutes left for this meeting.

Handal said that you are unpaid city officials. What is your vision for your neighborhood council? He said your big training will be held June 25.

In closing, he said that attending meetings should be a privilege, not a burden. You must show up and you must not abstain. For questions, he urged Board members to contact him at his cell phone number (310) 466-0645.

13. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:59pm.