

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Minutes - APPROVED
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:01pm with 15 Board members present.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair
Heather Carson, Co-Chair
Jerome Courshon, Vice Chair
Scott Plante, Secretary
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell (arrived late)
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham (arrived late)
Stacey Boucher
Jia Gu (arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Nicholas Somilleda (Excused)
Barbara Ringuette
Patty Jausoro, Treasurer

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

None

(Note: Glenn Harrell arrived at 7:06pm)

4. Special Presentations and Reports

Mary Rodriguez, Field Deputy for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, CD13:

She said that she has just returned from vacation so there was no time to write her monthly report.

She said that on July 21 she attended the Hoover Street Neighborhood Watch meeting about encampment. Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Rampart Division as well as representatives from Caltrans, Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, and lots other people were there. It was a good meeting.

She mentioned that Silver Lake participated in the national night out last night. It was well attended.

She said that she wants to work with the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) about the DASH commuter transportation study. She has concerns regarding a proposal which doesn't include Silver Lake. The expanded Los Feliz line doesn't connect to any Metro lines. It also leaves a huge gap along Rowena Avenue. We need to have an extension for Silver Lake.

She said that she met this morning with the Silver Lake Recreation Center and its new superintendent, Christina. She's very proactive. We discussed replacing the children's playground. She's willing to work hard for improvement. They also discussed a dog park and the extension of sidewalks and basketball courts.

Rodriguez said that she keeps getting requests for Preferential Parking Districts (PPD). The City's Department of Transportation (DOT) says they just became aware of a Federal guideline that requires parking to be removed on one side of a street if that street is too narrow. Some PPD requests may require measurement of streets so some existing parking may be lost.

The Silver Lake Overnight Parking District (OPD) is supposed to happen in September. Douglas Loewy said he spoke with the LAPD Captain. The process will take another 8 weeks. Then, recreational vehicle legislation will be implemented and deal with the problem.

Jerome Courshon asked wasn't there a plan to marry the Los Feliz DASH with a route in Silver Lake? Rodriguez said that's what they have done but only to Hyperion, the edge of Silver Lake. It doesn't cover major

corridors. She wants to explain the route to the Transportation Committee and make better connections.

SLNC Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson said we'll book a date for the next Transportation Committee meeting. We'll agendaize that. Rodriguez said the meeting could happen at her office.

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

Miller said that one of our three DASH requests was for Silver Lake. Rodriguez said the route doesn't connect with any Silver Lake bus routes.

We had a meeting with the Silver Lake Reservoir Conservancy (SLRC) and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. The SLRC will clean up the reservoir monthly and water plants too.

Regarding Los Angeles beautification, Miller mentioned agave plants. We are waiting for them to be shipped in. He also said that he'll return in a couple of months with a proposal for 10 new trashcans. You pay for half. The DOT would pay for the other half. This would be a perfect opportunity for you guys. Johnson asked the Transportation and Public Works Committee to place this on their agenda.

Jerome Courshon asked we're paying for the purchase of the trashcans? Miller said you would pay half. That's about \$120 per trash can, he added in response to another question from Courshon.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE

5.1. Approval of June 15th 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Rusty Millar made the motion. Scott Plante seconded.

VOTE to approve June Special Meeting Minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

5.2. Approval of July 2016 Governing Board Meeting Minutes by the Board.”

Rusty Millar made the motion. Scott Plante seconded.

**VOTE to approve the July meeting minutes
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

4. Special Presentations and Reports – REVISITED

Ellsworth, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD):

He passed out documents.

He said that he represents Battalion 11 which covers Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Korea Town.

Heat and heat-related illnesses are one subject of the handouts. Hydration and all related stats are there. The documents also show the ratings of officers and fire stations, including response times, etc. Community emergency response teams were also discussed. All of this is on the Lafd.org website. This includes our statistics about processing calls and leaving/arriving time at the scene of incidents.

He announced that there are many vacancies so the LAFD is actively hiring and recruiting.

He also noted that there have been recent fire-related fatalities. He discussed the importance of smoke detectors.

Johnson said we really thank the LAFD, particularly for your quick response to a house fire a couple of months ago. We really appreciate you guys.

Rusty Millar said that the neighborhood council usually has a couple of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTS) training classes each year. The Battalion Chief encouraged the audience to attend these and learn how to respond to emergencies.

A Man said there is a stretch of trees with foliage. This could be a fire hazard. Should I call this in? The Battalion Chief said that this is a good point. With the current drought there are many trees dying. There is a danger of falling branches. Call 311 and they'll instruct you.

Millar asked what if the trees are in the back of the lot, that would be the property owner's responsibility? The Battalion Chief said to call the LAFD. We'll figure it out.

A Woman asked a question about watering. The Battalion Chief referred it to the Department of Water and Power (DWP).

5.3. Sergeants-At-Arms per SR17 Stakeholder Sergeants-at-Arms “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
Co-Chair Heather Carson explained the position, which is open to any stakeholder.

Is anyone interested, asked Carson. There was no response.

5.4. Public Safety Liaison The liaison will serve as the primary point of contact on Public Safety Issues identifying community needs and communicating them to city agencies and reporting back to the Board.

Carson explained the position. *Carson said that she wanted to nominate Public Safety Committee Co-Chair Nadine Trujillo, who is initiating a system of ham radio in case of disaster. Scott Plante seconded.*

VOTE for Nadine Trujillo
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5.5. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey 201617

5.6. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Strategic Plan FY 201617

5.7. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Self Assessment FYE 201516.

*Johnson said that she wants to table this to the end of the meeting.
Courshon made the motion. Plante seconded.*

**VOTE to table agenda items 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

6. FINANCE AND BUDGET

6.1. Discussion and Possible Action (Treasurer): Approval of July 2016 MER

Terrence Jackson said our annual budget is \$37,000 from the City.

The latest Monthly Expense Report includes costs from stock, AppleOne, the newsletter, and the digital timer that is currently being assembled.

Carson asked about the July AppleOne expenses. Jackson said the expense report is for the June and July expenses.

Millar made the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

(Note: Jia Gu has arrived and voted on this issue.)

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1. Discussion and Possible Action: Discuss the SLNC's participation in The Clean Streets LA Challenge which provides: information on how to maximize City

resources in your community; networking opportunities with key Clean Streets LA stakeholders; training on how to host Clean Streets LA events in your neighborhood; assistance in developing a Clean Streets LA community plan and access to a Clean Streets LA cash prize to fund community cleanups.
<http://empowerla.org/cleanstreetslachallenge>

Carson said we were asked to agendaize this item.

Johnson ruled this out of order since the time to participate has passed.

Millar mentioned an old adoption program but he said that's different.

8. CONSENT

8.1. MOTION (Somilleda): Move to send a letter to Jerry Brown asking to declare the homeless crisis a state of emergency and bring "concerted effort and resources needed to tackle this crisis" (per Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley Thomas)

8.3. MOTION (Johnson): Additional language to Standing Rule #12 regarding clarification of actionable items on all agenda forms.

Courshon said that he wants to pull agenda item 8.2

Carson said that items 8.1 and 8.3 passed without objection.

8.2. MOTION (Johnson): New Language for Standing Rule #44 regarding CIS drafters (clarification on June 15th Agenda Item 4.2)

Courshon said we need a phrase to specify when appointments happened. Johnson read the motion. "...on June 15, 5 signers were appointed to sign CIS..."

The five signers are Tracey Woolfolk, Rusty Millar, Scott Plant, Heather Carson, and Anne-Marie Johnson.

(Note: Caroline Pham arrived at 7:43pm, 10 voters are now required for a motion to carry.)

"Appointments will be made annually every June" suggested Courshon.

Johnson said she's receiving that. This is not a substitute motion. There is no need for a vote.

VOTE for 8.2
Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.2. MOTION (Levin): Moves that The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve up to \$250 for publicity materials for the 22nd Annual Music Box Steps Day Celebration on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Laurel and Hardy Park. (up to \$250)

Genelle LeVin, Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA):

There will be a Music Box (a classic Laurel and Hardy film that was shot in Silver Lake and won an Oscar) celebration on October 15 at Laurel and Hardy Park, she said.

The Silver Lake Improvement Association has been working in the community since 1989, LeVin said. She is President.

Laurel and Hardy Park was called Del Monte Park. Pizza will be provided along with other food and refreshment at the celebration. The event has a \$2,200 budget for entertainment. This includes Laurel and Hardy look-alikes, a raffle, etc. This is a Silver Lake Improvement Association fund

raiser. Council District 13 will provide tables and chairs and moral support.

The Street will be closed so people can go from the park to the stairs (where the film was actually shot) without worrying about cars.

The SLNC name will be on all flyers. The SLNC will receive a table, among other things. It will also be recognized on the website. The money will help pay for postcards and flyers. There is a lot of preparation work involved.

Betsy Smith Isroelit asked, is the money for printing? Genelle Le Vin said yes. She got an offer from the Council Office to print some of flyers so it may not cost as much.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

LeVin said that Scott Plante is on the SLIA Board. He was supposed to recuse himself. His vote doesn't count. Johnson said there is no vote change. Plante said that he did not want to recuse himself.

9.3. MOTION (Urban Design Committee):The Silver Lake Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) recommend support for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages at Botanica Restaurant located at 1620 Silver Lake Boulevard.

Johnson said that Carson will chair this issue. *Plante made the motion.*

Johnson said that she will speak as stakeholder. There will be a presentation. Documents are being handed to the board.

Elizabeth Atshule, representative for the Botanica restaurant project:

We are requesting a conditional use permit for alcohol consumption with offsite sale of wine and beer.

On July 13 we agreed to reduce hours to 8am to 10pm from Sundays through Thursdays and from 8am to 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays. This was in response to requests from the Urban Design and Preservation Committee.

She stated that this is not a bar. It's a restaurant and market. There is no outdoor bar.

Regarding noise concerns, she said that Botanica has consulted with acoustical engineers and architects about noise mitigating designs that will be employed. These include, inter alia: sinking the patio by 36 inches so that the walls are 9 ft tall. There will be treatments for the walls including acoustical inserts, landscaping, an all concrete patio, foliage.

On July 14, the LAPD toured the site. They provided a letter of non-opposition. The conditions include following the Los Angeles Municipal Code. Noise can't exceed decibel (db) standards.

The owners, Heather and Emily, will be there every day, she added.

Regarding concerns about parking, she said that they worked to build the parking plan that's in the packet. There are some new items to report: they have a Letter of Intent to rent a parking lot. They have also talked with Munchies and other places to provide parking.

She said that we also spoke with CD13 Field Representative Mary Rodriguez in support of DASH and other measures.

Susan Trotsman:

She said that she lives right above the project. We want to see if neighbors are concerned. Some 104 neighbors have signed a petition. There are letters for the SLNC. We believe that majority of people who spoke earlier don't live in the immediate area. Proximity is important because those people leave when the business is closed.

She proposes modifications that include: rejecting the outdoor patio on the neighborhood side; creating a real plan for off-street parking; serving wine and beer only; and closing at 10pm. (Which you have already done.)

Another Woman:

She praised the wonderful ladies who own the restaurant. She said that this is the third time that she's spoken. This restaurant and market is a really wonderful opportunity. I don't understand the concerns, she said.

Peter Sand:

He lives in Silver Lake Village, which sits in a natural amphitheatre. The mitigating walls will actually amplify the sound. It's nonsense that it will mitigate the sound. Drunk people are loud. He wants the neighborhood council to allow wine and beer only.

Regarding the 60 letters of approval, where are the addresses for these letters of support? Are they neighbors? Can we verify them? He'd like to see a list of those.

Regarding parking, he said that the district has a serious problem.

Adam Kroft:

He said that we are moving into an apartment directly above the restaurant. It was a selling point for us. He is not concerned about noise.

The Landlord for Botanica:

It's not a rowdy bar. That would be my nightmare. My other tenants support this. It can't be a bar. I won't ever allow that. The sale of alcohol doesn't lead to delinquents. Botanica has only 6 bar seats. This is a red herring and should be disregarded. This is a local business, he stressed. He commends the Botanica owners for retaining a positive attitude amid these attacks.

A letter from Richard Hall, the owner of the Little Pine restaurant, which is across the street:

After 8 months we have received zero complaints from neighbors regarding parking and alcohol. He said that he was concerned about Botanica facing a fear-based reaction. He said that he hopes that the neighbors will embrace Botanica as they have embraced us.

Sam Nathan:

It's unfortunate that a market, café, restaurant that should be seen as an asset that's desirable would face such opposition.

Matt Winkler:

I support Botanica. This will be a great business.

Jessica Lehrman:

She said that she supports Botanica. She is shocked by the negativity.

Jess Davis:

I passionately believe in this restaurant. I'm excited to have a fresh market nearby. The only other option is the 7-11. This is a commercial block. Something is going to go there. Imagine the alternatives.

Sherry:

She supports the project. It's going to be a nice place.

David:

He said that he lives near Botanica. It's replacing a liquor store. This is a net positive. The owners are trying to create a community here.

Sherry Keating:

She's known the owners. She is 44 years old and lives behind the school. She said I could make points about noise from the school but she doesn't because it's important for the community. It's the same for Botanica. Botanica is amazing. I can walk or bike there. Uber has alleviated many of the parking problems, she believes.

Another Man:

He said that he initially signed the petition. But then he met the owners. As a result, he now feels the attacks are deliberate.

Johnson introduced a substitute motion. For the outdoor patio, from Sundays to Thursdays it should close at 9pm and at 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Alcohol sales would be limited to beer and wine. There would also be a parking plan. Also, all conditions that will be attached for Botanica will apply to other lessors at that address. *There was no second for this motion.*

She said there are 33 emails against Botanica by residents living within 500 ft of the proposed restaurant. There 104 signatures on a petition against it versus 5 letters of support from residents within 500 ft.

We are all in support of Botanica with certain conditions. These are reasonable conditions that apply to other establishments. We have a horrible parking situation. We need to pay close attention to the needs of the people who live there 24/7. These are reasonable restrictions.

She also expressed concern about questionable comments directed toward those who question Botanica.

Betsy Isroelit said the liquor sold all kinds of liquor. Do you have that license, she asked the owners? They said no. Millar said I like motion but would leave the liquor in. Tracey Woolfolk said that he agrees with Millar.

Bob Lisauskas said that he opposes the reduced hours of the outdoor terrace. Some people don't get around to dinner until 9pm. Scott Plante said that he opposes the reduction of patio hours and range of liquor sales

Terry Jackson said this is a process. We've had similar issues with Red Lion. It helped Red Lion to become a good neighbor. It's important that restrictions be applied to the property as a whole. The sound mitigation can be effective. He said that he has no objections to the proposed alcohol sales.

Courshon said that hopefully we can all respect each other's points of view. There were emails that said there is a campaign against Botanica. Most people in this community love restaurants. The question is will it be in line with the neighborhood concerning noise, etc? Other restaurant patios face Silver Lake Boulevard. This will be the only restaurant patio facing the hill. I feel the patio should be enclosed. I appreciate your materials for noise mitigation. For alcohol, if we say yes to hard alcohol, there will be a domino effect. That would also be true for longer hours.

Jia Gu said that part of being neighborly is being cooperative and not relying on regulations. She said that she is an architect. There are ways to mitigate sound.

Taryn Poole said that overall I'm in favor of the concept. It's a good idea. She said that she's in favor of the substitute motion. We're surrounded by people trying to go to sleep around 10pm. She is in favor of limiting alcohol to wine and beer.

Caroline Pham asked about the hours. She proposed closing at 10pm Sundays to Thursdays and 11pm on Friday and Saturdays. She said that she opposed the amendment. I only drink cocktails. They are not for delinquents. It will be a respectful business.

Douglas Loewy said I've talked to the stakeholders. There is a potential for noise from the outdoor patio. We have four successful beer and wine only restaurants in that strip. He doesn't want Botanica to have a full liquor license. That said, he noted that everyone is excited about the business.

Glenn Harrell said that he apologized for not yet speaking to the owners. I'm not in support of a full liquor license. While there was a liquor store there before for offsite liquor, when you serve liquor on the premises that's a different story. Start with a beer and wine license then reconsider after a year if there are no problems. He said that he is not opposed to the hours. You're a business and I support it. You can also start with longer hours. I support that. Midnight would be fine.

Johnson said that she wants to separate her substitute motion into two parts: alcohol versus the hours of the back patio. Have the patio close at 9pm Sundays to Thursdays and 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Also, have a verified parking plan.

Emily, one of the owners of the proposed Botanica project, said we appreciate this forum. She noted that there was one thing that wasn't clearly communicated. We have provided a Letter of Intent for parking. We are seeking others. Elizabeth added that we've done a full parking study.

You've requested to reduce our hours, which we have done, said Elizabeth. We want to stay open to 10pm during week and 11pm on weekends. Heather and Emily are not interested in having a bar or being bar owners, stressed Elizabeth. Heather added that we have a 20 year lease. We're not going anywhere.

Johnson proposed a new substitute motion: Patio closing hours would be 9pm Sundays to Thursdays and 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays. There must be a verifiable and notarized parking agreement. All restrictions would be attached to the building, not just the restaurant.

Seconded by Rusty Millar.

Courshon said if you're not closing the patio, it would be great to close the patio at 9pm on weekdays and 10pm on weekends. We've imposed those hours on other restaurants.

VOTE on Johnson's amendment

9-8-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:

Jia Gu
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Bob Lisauskas
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Scott Plante
Elizabeth Torres
Tracey Woolfolk

Abstentions:

Antonio Stifano

Substitute motion: Sale of beer and wine only

Heather, one of the owners of the Botanica project, said we want to be open all day. It's the reality of being in a high rent area. We feel strongly that we need to have a full liquor business for extra revenue. There was applause.

VOTE for substitute motion to restrict alcohol sales
6-12-0
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon
Glenn Harrell
Doug Loewy
Taryn Poole
Adam Somilleda
Anne-Marie Johnson

No Votes:

Stacey Boucher
Jia Gu
Betsy Isroelit
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Rusty Millar
Caroline Pham
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Elizabeth Torres
Tracey Woolfolk
Heather Carson

Abstentions:

None

Back to the main motion, which includes restaurant hours closing at 10pm from Sundays to Thursdays and at 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays. The patio would close at 9pm Sundays to Thursdays and at 10pm on weekends. There would be a verifiable parking plan. All conditions will be attached to all lessees of this address. There is no mention of reduced alcohol.

Millar said that the Letter of Intent for the parking doesn't give him a warm fuzzy feeling.

VOTE
17-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson

Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk
Jia Gu
Caroline Pham

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Jerome Courshon

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. MOTION (Kantner/Sanborn Avenue Neighborhood Association):The Sanborn Avenue Neighborhood Association moves that The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council submits a public comment on the Sunset Silver Lake Project Draft EIR to The City of Los Angeles Planning Department asking that the city deny the developers the variances that would allow them to increase the density of their buildings by up to 35%.

Christine Kantner, representing the Sanborn Avenue Neighborhood Association, read a motion for the SLNC to submit a public comment to deny the project. She added an amendment to add variances and/or a density bonus. We're not anti development, she said. We own a bar across the street. We want to mold this project into something that is palatable for this neighborhood. Douglas Loewy seconded.

Johnson gave a history of the Frost Chaddock project. This was presented to the Board in 2013. There were 3 town hall meetings. The SLNC took no position until they presented and published their Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This is a draft EIR.

Because there is a new element to the draft EIR, the alternative of a hotel, we will have the appropriate committee refer the draft EIR presentation back to the Urban Design Committee.

Because of the hotel, which would have a different impact on the community, everything can begin again. This body doesn't do committee work. Johnson recommends that this issue now be referred back to Urban Design for an appropriate presentation. Millar seconded.

Johnson said we are now discussing the motion to refer. She's removing herself as chair for this discussion.

However, Christine Kantner said that the City wants public comment by August 15. That's why I presented this, she added. Carson said that typically neighborhood councils don't speak to draft EIRs. After there is public comment there is a Community Impact Statement (CIS).

Johnson said that CIS' are more impactful than letters from neighborhood councils. A CIS can only be made when there is a City legislation in progress. It would not be wise for this neighborhood council to take premature action when the comment period doesn't end until August 15. It would be better to discuss this at Urban Design.

Bob Lisauskas that he agreed, speaking as an architect who works with the City on a regular basis. The current motion is misleading. In the City of Los Angeles, you are allowed to add density if you provide affordable housing. It's a right, not a variance.

Plante said I agree. We'll lose our leverage if we make a premature statement. These are state laws. There's been much misinformation spread through social media. We need to address this in Urban Design.

Johnson said we received over 70 letters about this. Most were opposed. This board must consider these letters seriously.

A Woman asked will there ever be a cumulative EIR? Johnson said this is not a give and take. It's a new motion. Please fill out a comment card, she asked. The new motion is to refer this to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee.

With many people wishing to speak about the project, Johnson asked does anybody object to reducing comment time to 1 minute? Courshon said that it is illegal to reduce comment time in course of a meeting. It has to stay the same. This was discussed at training.

A Woman expressed concerned about when the EIR was done initially. She lives near Alvarado. She said that she is concerned that all these buildings are being looked at individually. Some of these documents are five years out of date. She's no longer pro growth.

Carson made a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Harrell seconded.

A Woman named Alix said they came back with a new option.

A Mans said that I went to the Town Hall. I was expecting an EIR. It's 300 pages. It's a monster. At the Urban Design Committee, will there be a breakdown of the EIR. Do you have time to read this?

David Bell, who said that he is a former President of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, said that neighborhood councils can get bogged down in legalese. He is a stakeholder and homeowner in Silver Lake.

He expressed concern about the belief that there is a housing shortage that allows dramatic change. If you refer this to committee, you can still take a position right now. Take a stand for the community, he urged. There was applause. Carson said that neighborhood councils typically don't weigh in during public comment.

A Woman who said that she is a resident of 1069 Sanborn Avenue commented that she is sad about the hotel. This is a tragedy when there is not enough affordable housing.

Stan Martin said that if there was a relevance here in terms of the body, he's in favor of the development. This is a technical issue. There is no one here who is qualified to weigh variances.

A Woman named Madeline said the two architect gentlemen should recuse themselves. Carson said we'll take that under advisement.

Johnson said there are new aspects to this draft EIR. CIS' are much more impactful and respected by the City. There is time. A final EIR must be submitted. She added that she's never supported the project.

Terry Jackson said this is a moving target. They will be making changes. We must be prepared and knowledgeable. It's the right place to hear this. *Jackson made a motion to refer the agenda item back to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee and have it represented. Courshon seconded.*

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.4. MOTION (Treasurer): Move that the SLNC authorize payment to Epperhart communication in the amount not to exceed \$200 per month for remainder of fiscal year. (up to \$2200)

Isroelit explained that we're increasing our outreach. There will be more emails, newsletters, etc. Epperhart Communications is our manager. They are changing functionality.

She supervised lots of email managers with her job. So she's familiar with this. If we want good work and functionality, we need to up our game. \$200 a month is really reasonable. This rate is justified. We're about to add over 1,000 names to our database. Need to give those people a quality product that they can read and enjoy.

If we're asking someone to redesign a newsletter, I find him very willing to work with us, Isroelit added.

VOTE for 9.4
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.6. MOTION (Treasurer): Move that the SLNC authorize \$160 for Apple One for missed charges in FY 2015/2016 April and May. (up to \$160)

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
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Tracey Woolfolk
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Caroline Pham

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.5. MOTION (Treasurer): Move that the SLNC authorize monthly spending not to exceed \$60 for office supplies (paper, ink, folders, scanning services) for the treasurer to process payments, expedite paperwork, prepare for meetings, etc. (up to \$660)

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
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Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk
Jia Gu
Caroline Pham

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

9.7. MOTION (Treasurer):Move that SLNC fund Mail Chimp for monthly email service not to exceed \$75 per month. (up to \$900)

Jackson explained that this is to handle all of our email. Isroelit said the current plan is \$50 per month. It's expensive if you do this a la carte.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
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Caroline Pham

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.2. MOTION (Levin):Moves that The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve up to \$250 for publicity materials for the 22nd Annual Music Box Steps Day Celebration on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Laurel and Hardy Park. (up to \$250)

This has already been discussed.

VOTE

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
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Adam Somilleda
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk
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Caroline Pham

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Jackson said that he wants a roll call vote for all financial issues that were approved unanimously, agenda items 6.1,6.2, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, and 9.7.

VOTE for all financial issues approved unanimously

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole

Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
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Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk
Jia Gu
Caroline Pham

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

6.2. Discussion and Possible Action (Treasurer):Approval of revised Fiscal Year 20162017 budget.

Gu asked about current office space. Johnson said we have no office space at the moment. This year's budget will focus on outreach and operations. This was agreed at the retreat, said Jackson.

Pham also had office space questions. Jackson said that typically neighborhood councils have offices and office hours. We had an office and we lost it.

Carson asked what is the item for media outreach? Jackson said it's for mailing costs.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Antonio Stifano
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas

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Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher
Tracey Woolfolk
Jia Gu
Caroline Pham

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

5.5. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey 201617

5.6. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Strategic Plan FY 201617

5.7. For Discussion and Possible Action:Approval of Neighborhood Council Self Assessment FYE 201516.

Jackson said we voted on the strategic plan at the June meeting. Jackson said that he and Treasurer Jausoro have already signed off on this.

The documents for this are being looked at. They are already passed out.

Carson said we filled out the form at the retreat but we didn't sign off on this. Others disagreed.

Courshon noted that it's 9:30pm. Do we need another extension?

Johnson said that September 1 was the deadline for these documents. We've handled most of them, correct? We can submit them as is. If there is any discomfort, I recommend that we can call a special board meeting and dispense with this issue.

Millar made the motion.

Carson asked can this be referred to committee to look up factual information? Johnson asked so you're asking the Board to ask the Executive Committee to do this.

Millar made the motion to allow the Executive Committee to do the Lion's share of the work. *Lisauskas seconded.*

Courshon said I don't think this is something that we need to devote a lot of time to. If Carson wants to take on this task, that would be fine but not important to the rest of us.

Carson said it's incumbent upon us, we should do it. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) gives us a monthly report about CIS filings.

Millar mentioned additional bylaws.

VOTE for a motion that the Executive Committee be given tasks to complete the survey and complete it in a timely fashion.

17-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon

Abstentions:

None

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1. CoChairs

No report.

10.2. ViceChair

10.3. Secretary

10.4. Correspondence

We need to compile all correspondence that came in this month. Isroelit said that she's put them into a folder. Let the Executive Committee deal with it, said Johnson.

11. Committee Reports

11.1. Committee Reports

This has been waived.

11.2. Discussion Item: The importance of Committee Reports

Carson said this will give us some idea of what's going on. Johnson said we'll send emails to all co-chairs.

12. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This agenda item is waived, said Johnson.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harrell said it's embarrassing to sit up here when people don't know what we're voting on. Johnson said I was pretty disappointed in this body tonight. Before a vote, anyone can say "point of information" for clarification but not during the vote.

Isroelit said that some of the motions tonight were so confusing. Gu said to state the entire motion before the votes. Johnson said we always repeat the motions. You have to raise your hands and say I don't understand the motion. If neither chair sees you, raise your voice. Carson added that a point of information stops everything.

Isroelit said we were making motions on motions. Johnson said that's parliamentary procedure. We don't want to be here until 1am.

Courshon said that some of the motions were confusing. It would be helpful if the co-chairs said what the motions meant. That was a loud audience.

Jackson said I wasn't confused. Harrell said we need a sergeant of arms. That would help. He recommends that Adam Miller become the sergeant at arms.

Pham said the audience was very rude. Johnson said we have to clear the room when people are rude. It was a tough night but we got through it. Isroelit concurred. Millar said it's a question of process.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Millar seconded.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm.