

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DRAFT Minutes - Monday, August 15, 2016

Laguna Apts. Community Room, 4201 Sunset Blvd Street

- I. Meeting commenced at 6:35 PM. Present: Rusty Millar, Barbara Ringuette, Tony Michaelis, Patty Jausoro, and Nina Sorkin. Barbara Ringuette acted as scribe.
- II. Minutes of June 29, 2016 Meeting – Barbara moved approval; Nina seconded; passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment – Barbara reported that Neighborhood Council Budget Day was a large success.
- IV. Committee membership – must attend 3 out of 4 meetings; signing in and out does not count as attendance. This meeting is the second meeting since the passage of the membership requirement so all present at this meeting were able to vote.
- V. Great Streets and Vision Zero initiative – Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) passed a motion that the City Council create a Council File to immediately fund speed surveys on streets. LAPD cannot effectively enforce speeding infractions because 80% of city streets lack up to date speed surveys. These surveys determine the speed at which 85% of the traffic is moving. The Federal govt. considers 25 mph the speed limit on residential streets. Patty is concerned that the traffic survey on Rowena was for only 15 minutes during non-peak hours, and that there was no survey on Angus.

Rusty moved, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously: “that the Los Angeles City Council create a council file to immediately fund speed surveys on streets identified by LAPD, LADOT and the communities that need immediate attention for public safety.”

The committee agreed that more information was needed in order to consider a recommendation to combine two City programs - Great Streets and the Vision Zero.

- VI. The proposed \$1.2 billion bond issue – LANCC proposed three motions. The committee discussed that the City and County are unable to solve the crisis of homelessness without State and Federal help. Patty had prepared a motion for the August SLNC Board to urge action by the Governor. The Governor needs to

understand that Los Angeles has more people living on the streets of Los Angeles than most towns in America have residents. He needs to act now.

Rusty moved, seconded and the motion passed unanimously: “The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges the Governor, Edmund G. Brown Jr. declare a state of emergency for the Los Angeles County area for the purpose of combating the suffering of over 47,000 people living on the streets of Los Angeles County.”

The Committee continued discussion of two of LANCC’s motions for more information: (1) that the City and County identify all vacant property to house temporary FEMA-style trailers for up to two years as well as provide supportive services on site and that State & Federal agencies renegotiate covenants on their sites. (2) that LANCC not support the \$1.2 billion bond as this is a national problem and LA should not shoulder the total costs. We need State and Federal funding to create low income & affordable housing.

- VII. Illegal dumping –Illegal dumping on LA streets is occurring in some areas on a daily basis. The current \$1000 fine is seen as a cost of doing business for the people who commit these violations. The State fine is up to \$10,000 and up to 6 months in jail. The County allows the Sheriff to seize a vehicle if it is used to illegally dump.. Rusty moved, Barbara seconded and the motion passed unanimously: “that the City Council open a Council File to create an ordinance that mirrors County and State law on illegal dumping. Further, that the City Council incorporate a reward program to create incentives for residents to report illegal dumping based on a percentage of the fine collected.”
- VIII. Short Term Rentals – The proposed motion is limited to opposing adoption of short term rentals until such time as access to platforms is in place. The matter was continued for more information. City is conducting hearings on proposed codes. Comments: (1) Airbnb retains no record of bookings to enable collection of transient occupancy fees (2) Will proof of reporting IRS and Franchise Tax Board be provided? (3) LA should follow Santa Monica’s regulations.
- IX. Second Dwelling Units – Continued to a later date for more information.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Ringuette