

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 6:59 pm with 14 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
Patty Jausoro, Treasurer
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

Non-Attending Board Members:

Nicholas Somilleda (Excused)
Antonio Stifano
Terrence Jackson
Adam Somilleda (Excused)
Tracey Woolfolk
Caroline Pham (Excused)
Jia Gu

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jessica Salans, Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, District 13 (CD13), www.jessicasalans.com, JessicaSalansCD13@gmail.com, (323) 538-2473:

She introduced herself as a candidate for the Council Member election for Council District 13 (CD13). She said that she'd connected with Treasurer Patty Jausoro about attending the meeting. The election primary will be March 7, 2017. Her campaign issues are justice, as well as social, economic, environmental, and racial progress. She said that she is excited to get involved with the community.

David Wheatley:

He said that he's lived here since 1975. He is cool with gentrification and with Volvos and Priuses. However, it was not cool when the Coffee Table vanished. He is certainly not cool with multi-unit houses replacing single family homes. He read the minutes of the last Urban Design and Preservation Committee meeting. He feels that the committee doesn't represent the views of the neighborhood.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson interrupted him and said that there is something on tonight's agenda about this. Would you rather speak on the agenda topic then?

He continued, saying that he was deeply concerned that the City was heading into multi-unit housing. This is not a class thing. The builders and architects are in the same bed together. They are under too much pressure to vote to reflect views of this community. The architect members of the Committee should recuse themselves from such votes.

Glenn Miyagishima, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department, (213) 485-6275, glenn.miyagishima@lacity.org:

He said that he is here to introduce himself. His wife grew up on Panorama Terrace. He has been with the LAFD for 32 years. He introduced his staff assistant.

Barbara Ringuette asked him about post-CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, that is involvement and it would be additional training.

Jerome Courshon commented that when vehicles from Fire Station 56 ride northbound sometimes they blare sirens, sometimes they don't. Can we have more consistency?

Miyagishima said we try to be mindful late at night. It depends on whether there are opposing vehicles coming our way.

Wheatley asked can you develop a siren that can only be heard by the people in the way? Miyagishima said that's a good idea.

Johnson said we'll have a move to the right public service announcement coming soon.

Genelle LeVin, president of the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA):

She announced that on Saturday, October 1, the SLIA will host its 8th annual pot luck. Everyone is invited. It's a nice way to spend social time. The event will begin at 6pm.

Separately, she got a call from CD13 about an event tomorrow morning, a senior resource fair in Elysian Park. She'll forward a related email to Patty Jausoro. All of the important City departments will be represented there.

She repeated that she wants everyone to come to the potluck.

Dorsay:

She spoke about the upcoming 2016 Congress of Neighborhoods. This will take place September 24 at City Hall. She wants all board members to attend, especially new board members. There will be free breakfast and lunch. She is passing out flyers. www.nccongressla.com for more information.

4. Special Presentations and Reports

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

There will be a Silver Lake Reservoir Town Hall meeting on September 20 at John Marshall High School, 3939 Tracey Street, at 6pm. The discussion will focus on how the reservoir will be refilled. There are two options. He said that he wants lots of people to come. Last time they had about 600 people.

He spoke about the Los Feliz – Silver Lake DASH commuter bus line. The City's Department of Transportation (DOT) will extend and reroute the DASH line service. He said that he hopes that there will be enough passengers for the route to expand through

Silver Lake. We need as many riders as possible. He is hoping that this will be a successful route. It may spread down to sunset. Now it comes up to Rowena.

Separately, he said the plants are now in the mosaic planters. They are drought resistant and will only need watering during their first six months.

Johnson asked where is CD4 with restrictions on oversized parking?

Miller said that when we can get appropriate information, we can put through a motion. The problem is that they are public streets. There must be a safety concern supported by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) like prostitution, dumping, or some other crime of some sort.

Johnson asked will you be in communication with CD13 Field Representative Mary Rodriguez? Miller said yes. Johnson asked Doug Loewy to agendize this for his next committee meeting and include plans a and b.

Miller said that everything must be transparent. Everything must be correct, 100% accurate.

Co-chair Heather Carson commented that this will move the problem? Is there any attempt to solve the problems? Miller said that he wants to establish outreach groups.

Courshon suggested next to Mulholland Park, could that be considered for nighttime? I thought we already had signatures and that we now just needed to do outreach. Miller replied we didn't know about the crime hitch. But that's not so apparent.

Glenn Harrell asked what do we need to do in the future to solve problem? Miller said we want to see the signs around other reservoirs regarding overnight parking prohibitions.

Betsy Isroelit asked about the new DASH route. Is it a done deal? Miller said yes. We're hoping to get serious ridership around the Rowena-Hyperion area. We want people to be able to easily get to the red line.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

She said that things are well underway. The Committee has been set up. A good group of people has been elected. I'm excited, she concluded.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE

5.1. Approval of August Board Minutes http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SLNCAugust32016MeetingMinutes_DRAFT.pdf

Rusty Millar made the motion. Patty Jausoro seconded.

Carson offered corrections, which she will email to Secretary Scott Plante.

She said that agenda items 8.1 and 8.3 passed without objection, not without a vote.

There was no letter from the Little Pine restaurant regarding Botanica. That can't be right.

She also noted that on page 17, there is no mention of who seconded the Botanica vote. That's not in the minutes. Rusty Millar said that he seconded the motion.

Also, regarding the vote of 9-8-1. That's not a majority, she asked? Yes it is, was the reply.

She also noted the misspelling of a street name.

VOTE to approve amended minutes

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Heather Carson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Patty Jausoro

Barbara Ringuette

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar

Taryn Poole

Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Glenn Harrell

Stacey Boucher

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5.2. 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 by the Board.”

Sergeant at Arms.

Heather Carson explained the position. Jessica Salans volunteered for the position. However, she said that she doesn't like the title.

Harrell asked can we have more than one? Johnson said yes. Harrell said that he'd spoken to Adam Miller about it. Johnson said that the person should be a stakeholder. Johnson said he'd have to separate the time from the time that he's here to present. It must be cleared with his Chief of Staff. Miller said I am here the entire time.

Johnson said you should have to delineate your time. This should be cleared with your Chief of Staff. Can we put a hold on this, she asked.

Salans said that she likes to greet people and to get to know them. Johnson explained the job to her. Salans said that sounds lovely.

VOTE for Jessica Salans for Sargeant-at-Arms

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Heather Carson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Patty Jausoro

Barbara Ringuette

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar

Taryn Poole

Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Johnson asked Salans that through the Brown Act, if the meeting chairs feel that the meeting needs a recess, are you prepared to help eject the offending persons? Salans said absolutely.

6. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

Treasurer Patty Jausoro said that of the \$37,000 annual budget, \$34,958.20 is unspent.

Plante asked a question about newsletter costs. Isroelit said that the person did 12-15 hours of work per month for two newsletters. He is busy.

VOTE to approve August MER
13-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

Note that Barbara Ringuette was not in the room and did not vote.

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

Carson said this is basically a place holder. Let's skip this item.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

None

8. CONSENT: None

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 MOTION (Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee): - Amendment to Bylaws Article XIII regarding amendments made by stakeholders to the SLNC Bylaws.

Johnson said that this was notified during the August meeting. Now we are allowed to discuss it and vote.

Carson said we have small window to amend the bylaws. The wording on our amendment process was convoluted. We were asked to clean it up so we did.

Johnson made the motion. Millar seconded.

VOTE

14-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Heather Carson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Patty Jausoro

Barbara Ringuette

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.2. Motion (Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee): Revise the previously approved SR #10 regarding the location of regularly scheduled monthly governing board meetings.

Johnson explained the history of the revision. The new language would be that the regular meeting of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council would take place for first six month at Ivanhoe Elementary School and the second six months at the church.

Johnson made the motion. Millar seconded.

Courshon said I thought we'd be here six months through December. Should there be a clarification regarding fiscal year not calendar year?

Johnson suggested let's say "from the election, the first called meeting". Courshon made a friendly amendment to add the word "fiscal" to year.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.3. Motion (Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee): Revise the language in SR#4 regarding allocation of speakers time to correctly reflect what is stated on SLNC agenda templates.

Johnson said this is housecleaning. On agendas, under public input at neighborhood council meetings, it states that public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer. Our bylaws don't read that way. Jausoro read the bylaws.

Johnson said we need to adopt revised language. Jausoro seconded Johnson's motion.

Millar said when we had that thing on Saturday in June and Jay Handal said the minutes must be the same all the way through, co-chairs should be allowed to adjust that to one minute in the event that many people want to speak.

Johnson said that she wants to use the same language as the City Council and other City agencies.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.4. Motion (Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee) Small Lot Project 738742 Parkman Ave.

Plante made the motion. Millar seconded.

Johnson said she read the guidelines regarding conflict of interest for Board members. Barbara Ringuette has disqualified herself because she lives within 500 ft of the project. However, she reserves right to speak as a member of the public.

Kristen Lonner, representative for the project (two developers are with her, including Scott):

She said that this is a 9-unit small lot subdivision. This is a dual lot project. It is surrounded by a 5-unit lot, a 3-unit lot, and an 8-unit lot, noting that all of these projects are on one lot not two.

(Note: Barbara Ringuette is leaving the Board now.)

We were asked for several design changes. We were asked to reduce roof decks, etc. We have made all of those changes.

This afternoon we had meeting with Barbara Ringuette, who represented herself as individual not as a neighborhood council member, seeking agreement.

As a result, we will remove dog houses, add guest parking spaces, and look at tiling to make it more consistent.

There is a concern that the units will be used for AirBnB-type rentals. We'll add a convenient to prevent this. We agreed that if we sell the project that that agreement would have covenants regarding agreed design issues.

We've worked hard with this community, said Lonner. One of the big concerns about this project has been height. We made some big steps

today. She said she hopes to gain community support. These developers want to show good faith.

Johnson advised her to use the term short term rentals, not AirBnB.

Barbara Ringuette:

She said I'm relieved. I'm excited. I'm scared. Putting this together has been a big deal. We meet 3 times with the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. We met 3-4 times with Kristen Lonner and her team. Miles Griffith and Joanna also participated. Carole Cetrone, Jerome Courshon, Bennett Kayser all contributed.

This mitigates many of the concerns of the community, continued Ringuette. We've come to a good agreement. She encouraged the Board to include these conditions in a letter of support.

David Wheatley:

I really like these pictures. However, we're missing the neighborhood and the single family homes and slopes. We're missing the views of the neighbors' backyards. We're missing traffic. Has all of that been deleted in Photoshop?

What happens when there are zillions of these in the neighborhood, he asked. This isn't the right project for the neighborhood. We don't have enough information. There's so much that we don't know about this. We need more information. This is very narrow view. This will have a massive impact on the neighborhood. Vote it down.

Bennett Kayser:

He said that he owns property on other side of alley from the project. I met with the developers today and Barbara Ringuette. They are really nice guys. They tried very hard to respond positively. I still have a few concerns regarding parking. Will they add a driveway? Will they need a curb cut that removes two parking spaces?

We don't know the size of the buildings. The picture looks really nice. Until we see a perspective of looking at this from different angles, it's difficult to make a decision.

Miles Griffith:

He said that he is a resident opposed to the project. There will be a shadow of the building on his bungalow apartment. While he is opposed, he noted that most developers won't make so many changes.

The neighborhood plan aims to promote development that is sensitive to the plan. He urged the community to think about the neighborhood plan. Many of you were elected to protect this, he said.

Yalena Hong:

With this project, there will be 27-54 people moving into our neighborhood. We already have parking problems on our street. 18 spaces for 54 people is not realistic.

Bob Lisauskas questioned the removal of a tree for parking space. Millar asked, the height will be 30 ft? Plante said it would be great if they could clarify height.

Carson observed that when I look at the renderings, the new drawings have lower heights. How accurate are they?

Courshon asked were there any other conditions that we have from urban design?

Jausoro asked would you be open to creating a 3D model of buildings next to each other so that people can see?

Taryn Poole asked a question about roof decks. Can there be more restrictions?

Betsy Isroelit mentioned that we received several letters. She also asked, what is a dog house?

Kristen Lonner, responding to the Board's questions, said the Oak tree will be removed because of parking. We can get two spaces in that spot. We'll replace that landscaping.

Regarding height, she noted that the project is on the hillside. The dog houses cover staircases and they rise to 8 ft. In response to concerns about the accuracy of the renderings, she showed other drawings. She said they are all accurate.

Her colleague Scott, one of the developers, also addressed the misrepresentation of height issue. We superimposed the actual model onto a photograph. We changed the viewpoint, which is from across the

street at ground level. This is how will it look when you are standing across the street. Our building is 2 ft higher but closer to the viewer.

Regarding a 3D model, he said that he can show this on a computer if anyone wants to make an appointment to view this.

Lonner said that the roof decks have been reduced to about 250 ft. and pushed to the interior. We have made these roof decks much smaller than they were before.

Regarding the dog houses, which are exterior coverings of stair cases leading up to the roof decks, she said we have agreed to remove them.

Johnson said we received over 25 emails plus a petition in opposition. These were all received before today's agreement. Ringuette said that she spoke with Miles and Joanne.

Stacey Boucher said that she found the project to be very attractive.

Plante said that we are lucky that they were willing to work with the community. There is project down the hill without public input. Other projects switched to apartments so that there could be no public comment involved.

Who buys these buildings? It's teachers, scientists, architects, filmmakers, people who are downsizing to stay in the neighborhood. These are at or below the median price of homes in Silver Lake, said Plante.

Carson said I feel that the rendering is misleading. It may be accurate. She expressed concern about losing a tree for parking. We are not an enforcement agency, she noted. However, people don't want it. We didn't receive any letters in support of the project so I won't support it.

Courshon said that he appreciated the developers willingness toward working with neighbors. He has two issues, including roof decks. I'd like to see that trend stop. In 10 years, we'll have complaint after complaint coming to the Board when people have parties. This will become a problem citywide. This is stylish. However, Los Angeles has a vacancy rate for luxury units of 12%. \$800,000 is the cost for these units. This project doesn't provide affordable housing. I can't support the project.

Jausoro said that she was seeing this for the first time. She lives next to another hillside development. She has height concerns. Roof top decks eliminate privacy. She added that she can't address height concerns without seeing a 3D model. There is no concern for infrastructure here.

She will vote no. She must support concerns about height. Only people with money can buy these.

Poole said she appreciates the attention to detail. She appreciates the concessions. Her major concern is the roof top decks. She would only be in favor if they disappear.

Harrell said it's stunning. It's impressive that you have the stone wall up. You have been true to the neighborhood. However, he said he won't vote for this. Most people spoke against this and he was elected to support the people.

This is a motion to support the project with new conditions that include, inter alia, removal of dog houses, removal of oak tree, develop tiling pattern on buildings, and a covenant against short term rentals.

VOTE
4-9-0-1
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Stacey Boucher
Bob Lisauskas
Rusty Millar
Scott Plante

No Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Taryn Poole
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell

Abstentions:

None

Recusals:

Barbara Ringuette

9.5. Motion (Bellevue Park Advisory Board): To provide funding in the amount of \$250.00 for Annual Halloween Celebration

Scott Plante made the motion. Heather Carson seconded.

Betsy Isroelit said this should have gone to the Outreach Committee. She made a motion, which Millar seconded.

Patty Jausoro said that nothing has changed. In the interests of getting this through, don't take it to Outreach.

Courshon said to move it to Outreach because I don't know who is doing what. We need details.

Harrell asked, if something happens with these bars, who will be responsible?

Carson explained the issue of coming straight to the Board is to get on printed materials. She suggested splitting the issues with a motion to vote on the money but to send to committee for other issues.

Carson made a motion to separate the money issue from the rest of the motion. Lisauskas seconded.

Isroelit asked, the money is just for bars? The mission of the new board is to have more clarity. She doesn't want the issues separated.

Carson said the stickers are a requirement by DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). The liability issue is covered by DONE.

Johnson said I need a sense of time. What is the deadline regarding printing? Jausoro said we have no idea because we may be starting from scratch.

Referring to the granola bar issue, Johnson recommends to remove the motion. Let the Outreach Committee guarantee to call a meeting within 72 hours to discuss this. Our October 5 Board meeting would allow enough time to print stickers.

Johnson said let's agree to sponsor the event. Have our logo and a table and banners. Have a presence instead of stickers, she recommended.

Carson said if we want to get credit as a sponsor, we want a presence on the website. The stickers are related to the granola bars.

Johnson said they have to send out flyers. Any other discussions about separating money from the rest of the motion?

Jausoro asked can we amend this to approve the money?

Motion to separate agenda item 9.5 into granting of \$250 for park advisory board for Halloween celebration.

VOTE to approve up to \$250

10-4-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Bob Lisauskas
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:

Glenn Harrell
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Betsy Isroelit

Abstentions:

none

Back to motion to refer to outreach

VOTE for 9.5 part A to refer the remainder of the motion to the Outreach Committee

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.6. Motion (Treasurer): Authorize a \$500.00 payment to Apple 1 regarding professional note taker.

Jausoro said we are spending more than we thought on AppleOne so shed like an increase from \$300 to \$500 for the two meetings per month.

Courshon said we spend \$6,000 a year for this anyway.

Rusty Millar made the motion. Betsy Isroelit seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

9.7. Motion (Treasurer): Authorize a June/July payment in the amount of \$473.53 to Apple 1 for professional note taker.

Jausoro made the motion. Millar seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.8. Motion (Johnson): To authorize up to \$500.00 for copies of the Gas Leaf Blower Bilingual Informational Flyer.

Johnson explained the history of this motion. Back in 2013, she proposed an educational program regarding gas leaf blowers which are illegal in Los Angeles County in residential areas. Any petrol powered leaf blowers are against the law. People violate this all the time.

She created a bilingual flyer to explain the ordinance which was created in 1998. Stakeholders would reach out to the Board and we would contact the offending homeowner. A fine up to \$500 is possible.

We created a flyer. She's made copies of these at her expense. I want the City to pay for these now. The flyer was very nice but changed by the prior Secretary. It had had the City logo on it so people took notice.

She wants friendly amendment to reduce amount to \$250.

Courshon said we can get them done at \$0.04 each.

Johnson then said I'd like to reduce it to \$100 plus tax. Each representative should have a supply of these. The 14 homes on my street no longer use these blowers. That's a victory.

Amendment to reduce the amount to \$100. She'll distribute flyers to the Board at a future meeting.

Courshon said I support this. The contact information should be for the City agency not the Neighborhood Council.

Johnson said when the Board is contacted and we talk to neighbors, that works. When it goes to the City, that's combative.

Courshon asked can the information for the Neighborhood Council and the agency be on the flyer? Johnson said sure.

Millar made a motion for \$125.

Carson said there used to be a link. This places a financial burden on the worker. There was a program to deal with that. Johnson said that program expired.

VOTE for \$125
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.9. Motion (Carson): Move that the Outreach Committee create guidelines and criteria for SLNC Newsletter submissions.

Carson made the motion. Jausoro seconded.

Johnson said it's not the habit of the Board to do committee work.
Courshon made the motion. Millar seconded to refer this to the Outreach Committee.

VOTE to refer to Outreach
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Scott Plante
Patty Jausoro
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Rusty Millar
Taryn Poole
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Stacey Boucher

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.10. Notification (Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee): Amendments to Article X to increase the age of eligibility to run and vote.

This will be discussed at the next meeting. It's a notification not a motion, explained Carson.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Courshon said Jausoro and he looked at a potential office space. We need to do the legwork. We are still looking.

11. Committee Reports

11.3. Elections

Lee Sherman, Vice Chair of the Elections Committee:

He offered suggestions to improve elections in the future. We achieved the 4th highest voter percentage in the City. Our election was cost efficient too. We had 51st highest budget of the 75 neighborhood councils that have reported so far. Our budget was \$4,000 versus the average of over \$7,000.

However, we saw 30% decline in voting from 2014 in part because of fewer candidates.

He mentioned that Committee Chair Ben has started law school at UCLA.

He noted that the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council did a direct mail campaign that cost \$4,000. They found it to be very effective.

A common thread for the neighborhood councils during the elections was having issues with DONE. We did too.

He recommends increasing outreach, planning earlier, and making bylaws recommendations regarding the definition of a stakeholder and related documentation requirements.

He also recommended to expand the hours of the polling places. Also, dove tail registration with LA County voter registration. And, discuss issues with DONE.

One issue is the Election Committee's standing. He wants a framework for the Election Committee to continue instead of being reformed every two years.

Courshon offered congratulations for the election results. Sherman clarified that Silver Lake had the fourth highest number of raw votes but ranked 7th highest in terms of percentage voter turnout.

Are you interested in continuing with the Committee for the next two years, a Board member asked Sherman. I'm interested in continuing for the time being, he replied.

Carson thanked him for time. She said he'd been really helpful. She said she was sorry about confusion. Do you remember when you had your first meetings, she asked. He said in December. He said that ideally have the Committee no longer be an Ad Hoc Committee.

12. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Plante spoke about an email policy that requires people to put down their addresses. Barbara Ringuette seconded that. Johnson said to maybe eliminate the form letter.

Harrell commented about last month's meeting. It was interesting. We elected a Sergeant-of-Arms this evening. He said he wants someone in uniform here for protection. He wants to be proactive rather than reactive.

Separately, he said that he is still having problems with Tenants Of The Trees, a bar next to his business. He also wants a motion regarding filming and FilmLA. It's out of control.

Johnson asked which Committee should this be referred to? Harrell said it affects the neighborhood. Because of the film crews, trailers are parked and traffic is altered. Send this to Government Affairs, suggested Johnson.

Jausoro asked about the Tokyo Flowers Building? It will become a Trader Joe's parking lot?

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Police Commission hearing about Tenants Of The Trees is September 21.

The Botanica café and market determination is still on hold.

There will be a DWP meeting at Marshall High School.

Noting the early hour at the end of the agenda, Johnson said this is how Carson and I want these meetings to go. We want them lean and mean

and have everyone out the door before 10pm. Prioritize your motions, she urged.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Lisauskas made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:16pm.