

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

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:03pm with 14 Board members present. (8 votes are needed to carry.)

### 2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne-Marie Johnson, Co-Chair  
Jerome Courshon, Vice Chair and Acting Co-Chair  
Scott Plante, Secretary  
Patty Jausoro, Treasurer  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell (arrived late)  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Adam Somilleda (Excused)  
Nicholas Somilleda (Excused)  
Caroline Pham (Excused)  
Antonio Stifano (Excused)  
Taryn Poole (Excused)

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

*Mitchell Schwartz, Mayoral Candidate, City of Los Angeles:*

The City Elections are in March, 3 months from today, he said. There are lots of problems in this City, including homelessness, dirty streets, rising violent crime (up 40%), and surging pension costs that are crowding out funds for services that we need.

We have a relatively good economy. That's allowed the City's budget to grow 22% over the past four years. Yet, neighborhood council budgets are down because the City doesn't want neighborhood councils.

There are also development issues. Mayor Eric Garcetti is responsible for this. This adds to homelessness. There is corruption at City Hall. He cited the Seabreeze corruption scandal.

If you want change, check me out at [www.schwartzformayor.com](http://www.schwartzformayor.com).

*Jessica Salans, Candidate for City Council, District 13 (CD13),  
[JessicaSalansCD13@gmail.com](mailto:JessicaSalansCD13@gmail.com), [www.Jessicasalans.com](http://www.Jessicasalans.com):*

She is running for City Council in District 13. She has received over 1000 verified signatures for her campaign. She is blown away by the amount of support. She had previously worked for the Bernie Sanders Presidential Campaign. Now she wants to get involved in politics at the local level.

She is concerned about the affordable housing crisis and the environment, especially with a President Elect who doesn't believe in climate change. She wants to get involved with LA/USC. We need public housing and health care, she said. Her campaign hosts meetings on Thursday nights in Echo Park. There will also be an Echo Park Town Hall next week.

*Dave Keitel, President of the Silver Lake Reservoir Conservancy, [Silverlakereservoir.org](http://Silverlakereservoir.org):*

The nonprofit organization has been around for 28 years. It helped craft and fund the Silver Lake Reservoir master plan. We reflect community desires about the use of the property.

Dr. Andrew Thomas is here to talk about the details. He said the group is interested in low impact high value projects for the property. He added that the group used to do the doggie waste stations.

*John Cho, actor:*

He said that he has a 3-year-old child in nursery school. The school has an outdoor campus leased from the Department of Water and Power (DWP), which is now spraying pesticides. This is affecting children. Gophers have found refuge at nursery school causing holes in the dirt and making the area hazardous for students walking. He noted that the school is using a service to catch gophers. However, he wants clarity about the City's intentions of nearby lands. He wants them to stop spraying pesticides.

*David Wheatley:*

He referred to the Safe Handbook of Social Psychology. This is the book that he's using to understand how his housing group operates.

In the book, it says that if the system is fair, the losers will accept the results.

He faults the discovery phase. This is a problem. Lots of questions were perfunctory. There should be more follow up questions to grill people. We shouldn't have the pressure to make a decision at one meeting.

*Andrew Thomas:*

His analytics company conducted a survey of 800 Silver Lake residents regarding potential uses of the reservoir. They attempted a random sampling of 3000 residents. The results reflected a good sample size and margin of error.

They found support for fishing but not swimming. There is information on their website.

(Note: Glenn Harrell arrived at 7:19pm. There are now 15 Board members here.)

*Teruse Mostel:*

He spoke about a worldwide junior spiritual empowerment program. This also takes place around Los Angeles. It aims to release the potential of this age group to improve themselves and their communities. It has a great positive impact on the community. This is a free program.

Rusty Millar asked a question about the survey. Where was the mailing list directed to? How many addresses were North and South of Sunset. Mostel said he didn't know.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson recommended that we set aside a special meeting, a community meeting, to have a full discussion.

As Rosa Max attempted to comment, Johnson said I don't tolerate people talking from the audience without being recognized. Johnson said she will talk to him offline to dedicate a meeting to this issue

#### **4. Special Presentations and Reports**

*Mary Rodriguez Field Representative, Council District 13:*

She gave her monthly report discussion. She said there is a new sidewalk near recreation center. This was just dirt before. This is a really great thing. There will be a thank you event on December 23.

There is a tree that needs to go but the sidewalk is a mess on Maltman. We have installed an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp at that intersection.

At the Sunset Triangle Plaza, the curb has been dangerous for fatalities by late night drivers. We have had requests to make that a safer curb. So we are adding lighting, raising the height of the curb, and removing the railing, among other measures. She hopes that these actions will make the area safer.

She wished the Board Happy holidays!

A Man asked about an upcoming meeting? Rodriguez said that it would probably happen in January or February at the Orthodox Church on Micheltorena.

Doug Loewy thanked Rodriguez for coming to the Public Works Committee meeting last night. She said she's already begun to work on the items. The traffic signal on Van House and Silver Lake is funded for the next fiscal year. She wants a sidewalk there up to the dog park. She received a letter from a resident in a wheelchair. She will submit it to Department of Disability to seek ADA funding.

Rusty Millar said that there is some filming thing on Sunset. Why do they block the bike lane? Rodriguez noted that this also happens with lots of road work too.

*Barbara Ringuette:*

The neighborhood council budget advocates have been very busy. We have been meeting with lots of departments. There are over 40 different entities to meet with. They

met with the Inspector General, who identifies revenue sources. They met with the LAPD, including their chief financial officers. She wants to know whether the City will be reimbursed by the Federal government for expenses related to demonstrations?

We're doing surveys once a month. See [www.ncbala.com](http://www.ncbala.com) for information. There are also 2-minute surveys there that you can take on a different topic every month. Homelessness is the current question.

For Plan Check, She mentioned that on Saturday at 10am there will be a speaker from the Mayor's Office about homelessness. See [www.plancheckncla.org](http://www.plancheckncla.org) for more information.

## **5. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **5.1. Approval of October 2016 Governing Board Minutes**

Patty Jausoro said that she'd asked about hillside development. In her correction she said that she asked was it a rule? The answer was no.

*Rusty Millar made the motion to adopt the corrected minutes. Patty Jausoro seconded.*

**VOTE for amended minutes.**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

### **5.2. Approval of November 2016 Governing Board Minutes**

Scott Plante, referring to comments from Barbara Ringuette, said that some things are missing. After the item 9.2 motion, who made that motion? I don't know. It's the same question for items 9.4, 9.5, and 9.7.

Plante said that Ringuette also noted that the wording for motions 9.1, 9.4, and 9.5 was missing. She also noted that there is a typographical error under item 9.4. It should be "RSO units".

*Rusty Millar made the motion. Scott Plante seconded.*

**VOTE with corrections**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

**5.3. Appointment of new Region 1 Board Member.** When there is a vacancy on the Board, the Board will fill the vacancy by appointment. In such a case, the Board will make a public announcement to solicit applicants. The Board will appoint a person to fill the vacancy from the list of solicited candidates in a timely fashion and in a process consistent with the Brown Act and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) guidelines. The appointee must qualify for the position under the provisions of Attachment B and will hold office only until the next election.

Nominees:

Steve Chivers  
Hanna Anderson  
Mark Duncan  
David Jurmain

Each nominee can speak for 3 minutes maximum

*Steve Chivers:*

He said that he'd been a resident for 31 years in Silver Lake. He's worked at UCLA. Then he'd spent 20 years as movie writer/producer. He's involved in the union. He also works on the board of a nonprofit related to ageism. He has a good understanding of changes within bureaucracy.

Our neighborhood looks homogenous from a distance but we're divided and becoming polarized. He hopes to change this. We're doing a good job of listening to people. But, he said he's not seeing a framework for follow-up. People are getting frustrated. There is not enough feedback. We must communicate underlying values and the rationale of our decisions.

He wants to be an advocate. He would be coming without an agenda. He wants to be a snow plow to clear things.

*Hannah Anderson:*

She said that she's lived in Silver Lake for 2 years but has lifelong ties through her aunt. She works in marketing. After the election she said that she wanted to get more involved and make a difference. Silver Lake feels like a close knit neighborhood.

The biggest issues are the reservoir and traffic. She wants to join the Outreach and Arts and Culture Committees. She has a background in freelance social media.

*Mark Duncan:*

He brought a written statement.

He is a new resident who'd just bought a house here. He'd previously spent 10 years in Los Feliz. He'd studied at UCLA. He runs around the reservoir. He finds Silver Lake to be a vibrant community. He is passionate about making a difference at the community level. He said that he works well with others but has strong opinions. It's all about working together to make things better for everyone, he concluded.

*David Jurmain:*

He grew up in Los Angeles. He has been a homeowner in Silver Lake for the past four years. He wants to focus on the future of Silver Lake and issues that include homelessness, traffic, and support for local business, among other things.

He has been an art appraiser for 10 years. He has also worked for a charter school.

Rusty Millar asked the candidates why haven't you been an active member of any neighborhood council committee?

Steve Chivers said I don't have a good answer for that. I wasn't aware of them. That's an issue of communication and outreach. No one reached out to me.

Hanna Anderson said I recently moved here. She said that she is finding her feet.

Mark Duncan said that he has been attending Urban Preservation and Design Committee and Silver Lake Conservancy meetings.

David Jurmain pleaded ignorance.

Jerome Courshon asked Mark Duncan whether he was a Board member for the Silver Lake Conservancy? Duncan replied no.

Barbara Ringuette asked the candidates about their commitment to attend Board meetings and toward active participation in committees?

Steve Chivers said that he was semi-retired. He said that he hopes to be active outside of meetings. With my union, I am active.

Hannah Anderson said I have plenty of time.

Mark Duncan said I'm very busy. He said that he is attending other committees.

David Jurmain said I run my own company from home so it's very easy.

Patty Jausoro asked would you be interested in helping out on other committees? All four candidates nodded yes.

Jerome Courshon asked the candidates their views toward refilling the reservoir or other options. All four said they favored refilling the reservoir.

Johnson thanked them for their interest. She suggested that they get involved with committees if they don't win.

Rusty Millar said that the winning candidate should complete training before the next Board meeting. Most of the candidates indicated that they have taken training already.

#### **VOTE**

**Hanna Anderson – 6 votes**

**Steve Chivers – 5**

**Mark Duncan – 4**

**David Jurmain – 0**

#### Votes for Hannah Anderson

Jerome Courshon  
Glenn Harrell  
Doug Loewy  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Betsy Israelit  
Stacey Boucher

#### Votes for Steve Chivers

Heather Carson  
Patti Jausoro  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elizabeth Torres  
Tracey Woolfolk

#### Votes for Mark Duncan

Scott Plante  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Terrence Jackson

Votes for David Jurmain

none

Johnson said we are now looking at the bylaws to see whether there needs to be a runoff so that winner has a majority of Board votes.

**THERE IS A FIVE MINUTE BREAK AS THE BOARD CONSULTS THE BYLAWS**

Johnson said that now we eliminate the lowest vote getter. However, David Jurmain had already left.

This has never come up before because we've never had more than two candidates, said Johnson. We are tabling this until we get advice from the City Attorney because our bylaws don't address this. We need clarification.

Heather Carson said we need a simple majority. Jerome Courshon asked why would this be different than any other election? Johnson said the bylaws are very clear. It's a question of plurality vs. simple majority.

*Steve Chivers withdrew his nomination.*

*Mark Duncan withdrew his nomination.*

Hanna Anderson is the winner.

Johnson said the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee will meet this month and this will be on agenda. She thanked the candidates for running.

Hanna Anderson said that she has done her ethics training but not her funding training. She now sits with the Board. There are now 16 voting board members, except for financial issues where she will be ineligible.

**5.4. Appointment of new Aging Liaison** - to work on the Mayoral Initiative - Purposeful Aging LA. Work with the Department on citywide outreach campaigns that will empower the local community, connect with the departments and agencies that are delivering city services and contribute to the success of the Mayoral Initiative.

*Stephanie Vendig:*

She said that she has lived in Silver Lake since 1966. She is heavily involved with seniors at the Griffith Park Community Center. She writes a column in the Los Feliz Ledger. She is active at Saint Barnabas.

The neighborhood council created a 50 plus Committee. Silver Lake is not just for the young. She wants to do consciousness raising across the Departments to make the city a better place for seniors. Jausoro created this committee. She asked me to be a co-chair. I agreed. *Jausoro should be the representative and I can provide backup.*

*Rusty Millar also nominated Jausoro, who accepted the nomination.*

**VOTE for Patty Jausoro**

**16-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:



Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

**5.5. Appointment of new Film Liaison** - to work on the Mayoral Initiative - Support for the Film Industry. Work with the Department on citywide outreach campaigns that will empower the local community, connect with the departments and agencies that are delivering city services and contribute to the success of the Mayoral Initiative.

*Millar nominated Johnson, who declined.*

*Mark Duncan nominated himself.*

**VOTE for Mark Duncan**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

**5.6. Designate 2 Board Members to attend Neighborhood Council Civic University** - collaboration between the Mayor's Office, the Pat Brown Institute, BONG and EmpowerLA on how the city works and where Neighborhood Councils fit in LA government. Takes place in downtown LA on January 17, 24 and 31, 2017.

*Heather Carson volunteered*  
*Rusty Millar volunteered*

**VOTE for Carson and Millar**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

## **6. FINANCE AND BUDGET**

### **6.1. (Treasurer): Approval of November 2016 MER**

Treasurer Jausoro said we have spent through November about \$5,000. Last month there were expenses for Smart and Final, AppleOne and various office supplies.

Terrence Jackson a question regarding the timing for dog bags. Jausoro said she's waiting.

Johnson said we have submitted an application to Jeff Brill at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) regarding office space. We have also reached out to the Holy Virgin Mary church about office space but there is none available.

The charge for this would be \$100.

Millar said that Jausoro has done a good job as Treasurer. She has a good handle on this.

*Ringuette made the motion to accept the Monthly Expense Report. Millar seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7.2. Discussion Only:** Update and final plans for SLNC's participation in the Echo Park Holiday Parade.

Johnson said that she will participate. However, she needs 3 assistants for Saturday. We will walk the 1.5-mile parade route with our banner. We will gather at 10am. The parade begins at 11am.

There were no volunteers.

Jerome Courshon said there are a lot of people on the Board doing a lot. Some Board members aren't doing that much, he added. Those people should join Johnson on Saturday.

Millar volunteered.

Heather Carson commented that we have a mandate to partner with other neighborhood councils. Someday we'll need them.

Glenn Harrell said that he supports this. He wants to get a replacement to walk for him but only Board members are allowed.

Johnson asked, with Board permission, can Harrell's representative join her and Millar? Any objections?

There were no objections.

**7.1. (Plante):** Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve an additional \$500 be paid to Craig Collins for completion of the Stair Map. **(up to \$500)**

Plante discussed the new map.

Carson said that Eric Brightwell doesn't mind some modifications. He did what he was asked to do. He assumed there would be circles and numbers. That was the intention. We'd already paid the artist and then Craig redid the whole thing at a higher price. I'm confused. Courshon said I'm confused.

Carson noted we can't change the artist's work without their permission, so just to be clear we are eliminating his original artwork?

Plante said no. The artwork is being included, but is not easily reproducible.

Jausoro asked would there be any legal ramifications?

Betsy Isroelit said I would be proud to distribute this. I think this represents us. She thanked Plante for his work.

Bob Lisauskas said we asked Craig to join us at the last meeting for an explanation. Plante said he doesn't know the legal ramifications. Isroelit said that unless there is a contract, there would be no legal grounds.

**VOTE**  
**13-2-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Heather Carson

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. **(Executive Committee)** A one page summary of the Ralph Brown Act is created and provided to members of defined membership committees

*Johnson made the motion. Loewy seconded.*

Plante said this is a good solution to getting everyone on board with the Brown Act.

**VOTE**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar

Terrence Jackson

Bob Lisauskas

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Glenn Harrell

Tracey Woolfolk

Stacey Boucher

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Hanna Anderson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.2. **(Executive Committee)** Comments can be posted on the SLNC Facebook page will on be viewed by those with administrative authority.

*Johnson made the motion. Jausoro seconded.*

Carson said I don't understand. She asked a question about approved comments. We should hear from people. We get lively comments, dialogue. It's manageable. This would have to be reworded per our policy. We have a good handle about keeping track of comments.

Courshon said that on Facebook we have two types of pages. There are regular pages where comments are not moderated. This motion is out of order so it's impossible to do. We can only delete comments.

Johnson commented so we already have a process to contain wildfires? She ruled this unnecessary. Courshon said that if this is an issue, the specific committee should create a motion for that committee.

*Glenn Harrell seconded Johnson's comments to render this item moot.*

**8.3. (Jausoro):** Move that the SLNC approve an NPG for up to \$1,000 to help fund Saturday matinees for up to 1 year. **(up to \$1,000)**

Jausoro said this was established in 1961. It was the first gay support center established. They have matinees, discussion groups. The funding is also for food. It's a universal stress free zone. It helps veterans, the homeless, the aged. This funding will allow the center to focus more on outreach. They have a reach of over 10,000.

Johnson noted that there is an error on motion. It should be a funding motion, not a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) motion. There is all the appropriate paperwork. She wants a substitute motion that this is from the General Fund instead being an NPG.

*Millar made the motion. Plante seconded.*

This is now a funding motion.

Corey, the representative, handed out flyers.

This is the first center in the nation. It is a community center for LGBT recovery. We have great views and free rooms. We are the largest recovery center for the LGBT community in Los Angeles. We see 1,000 people per month. Thousands have attended meetings.

Los Angeles is the Mecca for people thrown out of their homes from the entire country. We want to break down shame and stigma. We have a partner. Your logo would be widely distributed.

Millar told Corey that we're glad you're here. I'm in support of this. Carson also said I support this. She said that she is concerned about the rise in hate crimes following the Presidential election.

Johnson said this is life or death. Issues like this make a difference. I'm very excited.

Carson asked do we modify the motion to remove the NPG language?

**VOTE to change wording**

**15-0-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

Scott Plante

Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

**VOTE on amended motion**

**15-0-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

Carson asked an outreach question. Can your outreach include a paragraph about the neighborhood council? Corey said yes. He asked for the specific language. Stacey Boucher asked to be involved. Cory said the center is seeking board members.

Jerome Courshon said that if of our Board members wants to join their board, we will get a free meeting room once a month for free. Jausoro said this is hopefully the beginning of more collaboration.

8.4. **(Courshon/Johnson):** The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's plan to refill the Reservoirs and paint the banks if warranted.

Plante assumed the chair for this issue. *Courshon read the motion. Carson seconded.*

Jausoro said there is a question about recycled water. Courshon said recycled water is not an option now. The infrastructure is not yet built.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Hanna Anderson  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

(Note: Rusty Millar is out of the room and did not vote.)

8.5. **(Carson):** Move that the SLNC spend up to \$250 for an HP Chromebook 11 laptop computer to use at Board meetings to project the agenda and attached motions for stakeholders to follow along. **(up to \$250)**

*Carson made the motion. Plante seconded.*

Carson said they are really cheap. All files are saved on Google drive. This can be used in the office when we get an office. Plante asked can you use a flash drive and PDFs with it?

Millar said I thought we allocated funds for this years ago. We did buy something. Johnson said we cannot find it.



Courshon said we've reached out to Charlie. Someone took possession of the laptop. Where would we store this? What would this look like?

Johnson said I made a procedural mistake. She wants a man to speak on a motion.

The Man, Hugh, said he wants to support the motion regarding filling the reservoir. He likes the tiger stripes. Johnson explained that Hugh has done landscaping around the reservoir. He was applauded.

Millar said we received an email from someone. He asked DWP about this but they said the email was erroneous.

Johnson said we are now back to agenda item 8.5.

Carson said Chromebooks are made by Google. They are cheap.

Johnson said there is a requirement or custom that additional information is attached to a motion regarding spending. We're a loving Board. We want to forgive the error. None of the chairs caught error. Can we continue the discussion without the original information?

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

Carson said she wants model AT11.

Johnson said we can ask the library to hold on to the computer.

Jausoro said that assuming that I'm running the Chromebook, I can hold it. Johnson said accepted. Is everyone comfortable that the Treasurer will hold on to the computer?

Isroelit said I think it's a great idea. Some of us don't have internet.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Hanna Anderson

8.6. **(Carson)**: move to amend Standing Rule 39 by adding the following: ".03 Any Committee with a defined membership process shall also require its committee members to take the Ethics Training and sign the Code of Conduct and send proof of such to the SLNC Secretary. Failure to do so will mean losing voting privileges."

*Millar seconded Carson's motion.*

Carson said that this issue came up in the Urban Design Committee.

Urban design is one of most complicated committee. If someone wanted to sue the Board, it's likely to happen in that Committee. So, if you're on that Committee, it would be helpful to know the Brown Act and the Code of Conduct.

Plante said the person in question is no longer part of the Urban Design Committee. He expressed concern about the burden of this. He supports a modified motion. He prefers a one-page statement instead of formal ethics training. People won't take time to do all the training, he fears.

Millar asked will making people take ethics be necessary? Is it appropriate?

Courshon said I would support this. Ethics training is only 1.5 hours. I would like to see the one-page document be signed (Brown Act). That is important. It's difficult for committees to gain public participation. He suggests to modify this to a one-page Brown Act and Code of Conduct.

*Johnson asked, this is a substitute motion? Courshon said yes. Ringuette seconded Courshon's motion.*

Ringuette said that she supports this. DONE can't accommodate people other than Board members. Lisauskas suggests that people read the full 56-page brown act summary, not just a one-page summary. Carson said that conflict of interest is a big issue with the Urban Design Committee.

Courshon is now chairing the meeting.

Johnson said that it's difficult to get people to work on committees. She worries that that this could be turned into a discriminatory action. Lots of people don't have computers or internet access. This is an undue burden on stakeholders who may not have access to appropriate tools. She supports a substitute motion.

Courshon asked whether there was any objection to calling the question?

Courshon's Substitute Motion:

"Move to amend standing rule 39 by adding the following, 0.3 any committee with a defined membership process shall also require committee members to read and sign the code of conduct and the one-page summary of the Ralph Brown Act and send proof of such to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Secretary and the respective committee co-chairs. Failure to do so will mean losing voting privileges."

**VOTE**  
**16-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.7. **(Isroelit):** Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council appoint two Board Members to participate in the Silver Lake Recreation Center's Winter special event, The Grinchmas Snowy Wonderland, on Saturday, December 17th from 11-3 p.m. There is no charge to participate and the Rec Center will provide canopies, a table and chairs.

*Isroelit read the motion. Ringuette seconded.*

Isroelit said this is a terrific event. It's put on by the Recreation Center staff. There really will be snow in Silver Lake. They've been welcoming to us. This is a great opportunity for representatives from Region 1, people who want to get out in community6.

Johnson said that it's a terrific suggestion that the Region 1 representatives get involved. Volunteers?

*Hanna Anderson and Terrence Jackson volunteered.*

**VOTE for Anderson and Jackson**

**16-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

**9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**9.1. Co-Chairs**

Johnson said that Heather Carson has resigned as Co-Chair. We appreciate all the hard work that you've provided. The Co-Chair election will be in January.

## 9.2. Vice-Chair

Courshon said we're trying to find office space. If we can't find anything by January, we'll use a storage space.

## 9.4. Correspondence

Regarding correspondence, Isroelit mentioned ongoing emails supporting a reservoir motion. We have a policy that she answers the emails and then they can be sent to the appropriate committee. Thereafter, Isroelit would report on the results.

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: Johnson said she wants to set a meeting with Jessica Salans and her co-chair. She doesn't know his name.

Budget and Finance Committee: Isroelit said that the Committee met on Saturday to decide the use of the additional \$5,000 from DONE. We will schedule an issues meeting in January to allow the community to weigh in on their issues. Courshon said this will be addressed at Outreach next week. Johnson said Visions is an outreach tool.

She is keeping a log of motions involving money. She is also keeping tab, including what is committed but not yet spent. We have spent \$6,513. Committed items include DWP banners, gas leaf blowers, and cleanups.

Office rental: will be \$675 per month. However, we are awaiting legal counsel approval.

There have been no invoices from Ivanhoe Elementary yet. Storage space rentals not included. There is about \$14,900 for committed but not paid expenses. Motions to spend money must come by April at the latest.

Bylaws Committee: They will hold a meeting this month.

Education Committee: Johnson asked whether anyone would be interested to resuscitate this committee? This will be on the January agenda.

Arts Committee: Carson said that she'd help with that.

## 11. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Carson said we already passed a motion to move forward with business cards for new Board members so we don't need a new motion to order additional cards as there is a balance left.

Millar said there was an inventory of all items owned by the neighborhood council some time back. There should be an investigation with DONE and the City Attorney to find things. The History Collective has 2 video cameras. At some place, we should keep track of our purchases. Treasurers come and go.

Loewy discussed potholes. Doesn't the Council have something to address this? Johnson replied yes.

Jausoro said she'll investigate a structure for inventory.

Johnson told the Board, you have to get more involved. All committee co-chairs, we're a great neighborhood council but we need to do more. She said she's a bit disappointed.

We are an excellent neighborhood council. We are listening to our constituents, doing a good job, just have to be more patient with each other. Let's be patient with each other. Errors are unintentional.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Isroelit said many committee pages on website are out of date. Can all committees look at their pages and she'll update it?

Courshon said that there will be a Homeless Committee meeting tomorrow night at 7pm.

Jausoro said she is the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) liaison. She feels bad that she hasn't attended meets. Johnson said we will put it on the agenda for next month to replace you.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

*Johnson made a motion to adjourn.*

The meeting ended at 9:39pm.