

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
GOVERNING BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING Minutes - APPROVED  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Ivanhoe Elementary School  
2828 Herkimer St  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with 15 Board members present.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

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

Non-Attending Board Members:

Adam Somilleda  
Nicholas Somilleda

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Douglas, Former Note-Taker for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council:*

Referring to the October 2016 minutes, he said that he was disappointed. The recent approval of bylaws raised the age for Board member eligibility from 14 to 18. In the community it was suggested that serving would serve as a good testing ground for youth to get more involved. But you say your Board work is too important to be a testing ground. Your work is trivial, he said, citing examples of initiatives.

Citizens who had the right to participate on the Board had those rights taken away unanimously. The last time that Californians took away rights was with Proposition 81, he added.

*Mark Duncan:*

He said that he'd just moved here. The streets could be cleaner. How can that be done? It would be awesome if the City could power wash the sidewalks, particularly along Sunset Boulevard. He said that he is willing to volunteer on this issue.

(Note: Heather Carson arrived at 7:07pm.)

*Gregory Larson, teacher at Los Angeles City College:*

Lots of people don't know what Los Angeles City College (LACC) does so he's visiting neighborhood councils and other groups to explain. There is a non-credit department that offers free classes to the community. These are not for credit courses. There are also English as a Second Language (ESL) and Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) classes and citizenship classes. Free tutoring is included.

LACC is a little gem in the middle of our community, said Larson. Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson said we'd post the LACC link and add the information to the newsletter.

(Note: Glenn Harrell arrived at 7:09pm. You need 9 members for a vote to pass.)

Rusty Millar said that the neighborhood council's government affairs committee held a standing room only candidate forum for Council District 13 (CD13). It was a good success, said Millar, who moderated the forum with Patty Jausoro. He added that over 125 people participated. The Los Angeles Times was there. Millar added that on the first Saturday of each month he attends the neighborhood council Los Angeles Department of Water and Power oversight committee meeting. The speaker talked about the State's water projects. The Metropolitan Water District covers the Southwest corner of California, about 5% of the land space but 19 million people. They provide the water.

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Co-Chair Scott Plante thanked Millar for the successful candidate forum. There was applause.

#### 5. Special Presentations and Reports: City and state Representatives will be known at time of meeting

*Mark, Film Liaison:*

He said that last week was first Citywide meeting. Some 57 neighborhood council liaisons attended. It was a chance for people to get to know each other. The positions are a liaison between Film LA and residents to address parking, road closures, etc.

While Silver Lake had a lot of filming, that was great but not much of that money remains in Silver Lake. I want to get more filming but want some of the permit money for Silver Lake that is now going into the City General Fund.

*Barbara Ringuette, the Budget Advocate:*

She discussed the online survey for Budget Advocates. The latest survey is on homelessness. These reports go to public employees. So far Silver Lake is behind and Sylmar is ahead. How many people here will take the survey in the next 24 hours or have already taken the survey, she asked. Some hands went up.

Ringuette added that we met with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) last month. Connie Acosta wrote a related report that is coming out. It's interesting where money for the homeless comes from.

The report is about the meetings that Budget Advocates had with over 30 City departments. We are publishing the report. It will be out very quickly.

*Patty Jausoro, Liaison for Purposeful Aging:*

The mayor has an initiative to make the City the most age friendly City in the world. He wants to make sure that people can live full capable lives. The Kick off meeting was last night. We are the second neighborhood council to form such a committee so we were invited to speak.

There are three areas to focus on in our own community: projects, advocacy, and collaboration between the neighborhood council and City Services. We may have a Town Hall meeting about this. Stay tuned.

(Note: Bob Lisauskas arrived at 7:18pm. 10 votes are needed to carry.)

6. Election: Board election of SLNC Secretary.

Former Secretary Plante explained the position of Secretary.

*Taryn Poole nominated Betsy Isroelit. Jerome Courshon seconded that nomination.*

*Plante nominated Millar. Jausoro seconded.*

Both Isroelit and Millar accepted their nominations.

Betsy Isroelit said I've had opportunity to work with Plante as I'm Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee. There is lots of crossover between Outreach and the Secretary with gathering information and communicating that to the community. We use the information to get more people involved. Three months ago it would have seemed daunting but the Outreach Committee works well. She said that she wants to increase synergy and work more efficiently to do more for the community. I try my best to be timely and responsive to queries, she added.

Rusty Millar said that keeping records is something that I'm good at: Keeping the board apprised of things that come to the Board. He said that he already regularly forward things to you. He also mentioned organizing candidate forum. These are great outreach events. Plante discussed all of the job functions.

Jerome Courshon said to Millar that we all know that I do my best to be a team player. What if you're asked to do something? Can we rely on it getting done? He said that he'd asked Millar to be timekeeper and he refused. Can you address that?

Millar replied that we can go back a long time on that topic. However, Johnson interrupted, saying that I'm just happy that we have two nominees who are qualified. I'm relieved. She reminded Board members that we also have a new position with new Board member Hannah Anderson as our first Assistant to the Secretary.

Bob Lisauskas asked a time commitment question. Do you have the time commitment for this?

Heather Carson asked have you read the list of duties that we wrote a year ago? Lots of Secretary's job time is follow up. Can you do that yourself? The webmaster isn't supposed to do email stuff.

Isroelit said that having Anderson available to help is a huge part of my decision. If I say I'm going to do something, I do it.

Millar spoke about retrieving supplies that we have at the Micheltorena Elementary School. I got in touch with Empower LA about this. You can't give government property away. He received documents from Empower LA. He sent an email to the Board for assistance on Sunday to retrieve tables and chairs from Micheltorena Elementary School. I like to get out in front of things.

Plante said that Carson brought up a good point about emails. Are you both comfortable about this? Both candidates said yes.

Jerome Courshon said that he was removing his question to Millar. We can discuss it offline. He then apologized.

**VOTE for Secretary**  
**Betsy Isroelit -- 14**  
**Rusty Millar -- 4**

Votes for Betsy Isroelit:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Jerome Courshon

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell  
Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
Hanna Anderson  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

Votes for Rusty Millar:

Heather Carson  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Plante  
Rusty Millar

7. Old Business:

7.1. (Isroelit & Jackson): Spend up to \$1,200 for creation and printing of an updated SL Brochure AND the SL History Brochure

Terrence Jackson read the motion. There are two items and they are deciding between two brochures. There are samples. One is a history brochure with photos and notable items focusing on Los Angeles history. This has been cleared with the History Collective. The cost would be over \$500.

*Jerome Courshon seconded Jackson's motion.*

Betsy Isroelit said that a printout was included with tonight's agenda but it is hard to read. She mentioned a few tweaks to add more information about the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. There are also a few typographical errors. For people who are interested in the history of Silver Lake, this is a popular brochure.

(Note: Caroline Pham arrived at 7:35pm. 10 votes are now needed to carry.)

Isroelit continued saying that we don't have mock up of a brochure that's more specific about what the neighborhood council does.

Heather Carson asked whether procedurally this is coming from the committee or from individuals. She said that she was confused about that. The minutes are supposed to be attached. She expressed concern about colors. We voted on that. Has the History Committee seen this?

Glenn Harrell asked will these go to businesses as well? Isroelit said yes.

Taryn Poole asked about the size of the photographs. She wants them to be the same size.

Jerome Courshon commented that if someone has not heard of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, they won't discover what we do here. Isroelit said that when I presented it I said that would be included.

Patty Jausoro asked have legal clearances been obtained? Including the use of celebrity names?

Bob Lisauskas asked how many of these will \$1,200 print?

Answering those questions, Isroelit said that this is coming from us. Regarding color, she said I've never been given a pms color for the blue. She added that the History Collective really liked it and signed off on it. This will go to businesses. Regarding the sizing of photos, she said we are happy to make that change.

Regarding a paragraph discussing what the neighborhood council does Isroelit said that will be added.

Jackson commented about legal clearances, saying that they've all been dead for quite some time. Isroelit added that this was all cleared before except for a couple of photographs. One is a stock photo. For history, you can speak about a public figure. Johnson added that it's all public domain if you're not profiting.

Regarding the number of prints, for the history brochure, we can get 5,000 of them for over \$500.

Stacey Boucher asked about the Junction and Spaceland. Isroelit said those are good questions. They are not included in the original brochure. There is a History Collective meeting tomorrow night. Johnson commented that this is committee. You don't have to bring this back in March.

Isroelit added that there is also the question of the rich history of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans Sexual) movement.

Poole noted that she has an advertising background. She suggested graphics changes. Isroelit said that she'd be happy to discuss them.

Harrell asked a legal question. Are these unlimited usage times? Jackson said there are lots of royalty free sales. Jausoro cautioned that it might be different for estates of famous people like Laurel and Hardy.

Johnson asked were these photos taken from the History Collective brochures? Isroelit replied yes, all but a couple. Johnson asked her to do due diligence.

Carson made a motion to separate. Harrell seconded. Now we are only talking about what we just talked about. Carson said that we must remove the committee from the motion. The Outreach Committee wasn't involved.

*Courshon made that motion to strike the language. Plante seconded.*

**Motion: To spend up to \$600 for printing of the Silver Lake History Brochure.**

**VOTE for up to \$600  
19-0-0  
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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.1.a

*Plante made the motion for the information brochure with a cost of up to \$245. Harrell seconded.*

Jackson read the motion. Courshon commented that as a companion piece, it should be the same size but with a different color that is complementary.

Millar asked have you looked into a partnership arrangement with City agencies to get funding for publicity?

Caroline Pham commented that there is a list of committees but we're adding committees.

Poole concurred with Courshon that it should be a companion piece with complementary colors. He asked, once a mockup is done, can this come back to the Board for approval?

Lisauskas commented that someone at the Green Committee meeting last month expressed interested in joint action with the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Stacey Boucher said that she is a member of the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Carson commented that Millar raised good point about using the City seal. Do we want it on both brochures? Johnson added that that was something to consider.

**Motion: To spend up to \$600 for printing of the Silver Lake Informational Brochure.**

**VOTE for up to \$600 for agenda item 7.1.a**

**19-0-0**

**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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8. New Business:

Johnson said that she wants to move up agenda items 8.7 and 8.8 and 8.10 since there are spectators here for those issues.

8.7. (Urban Design): Approval of a CUB for Kombu Sushi for onsite sale of beer and wine and hours of operation. Version 12.2016

*Plante made the motion. Millar seconded.*

Plante said the representatives had family emergency so they can't attend the meeting tonight. However, the Urban Design and Preservation Committee recommends approval.

Harrell said if they aren't here, we should postpone this to next month. Plante added that it passed through the Urban Design committee with a 10-1 vote.

Carson asked can you explain the history of the property purchase? Plante read from the Committee minutes. Basically they found that there was no license after they bought it.

Harrell said I support what they are doing. However, how can you purchase a business without knowing whether there is a license?

*Harrell made a motion to postpone. Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

Carson commented that they aren't asking for anything new. They didn't know about the license until later. What would postponement achieve?

Courshon said this was almost unanimous. I don't think we should postpone. Jausoro asked they have been operating as if they have a license? They have not been serving alcohol, said Courshon.

Johnson then led an unrecorded voice vote where Board members simply said "ay" if they wanted to postpone the vote or not, similar to a straw poll. Various voices supported and opposed the postponement. Johnson declared that the postponement vote had failed.

**VOTE to postpone item (Straw Poll?)  
FAILED by "ay" voice votes**

No votes were recorded.

Harrell asked do we have evidence of this that they've been impacted by this? Plante said we don't have specific information but most restaurants can be affected by this.

Millar commented that he'd eaten at the previous restaurant many times. To Harrell's point, they should have done their due diligence. They did have a liquor license.

**Motion: To approve a CUB for Kombu Sushi for the onsite sale of beer and wine and hours of operation as follows: Daily from 10 a.m. – Midnight.**

**VOTE  
18-1-0  
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  
Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Abstentions:

None

8.8. (Urban Design): Approval of a CUB for Diablo Taco's for onsite sale of full line of alcohol and hours of operation.

*Plante made the motion. Jausoro seconded.*

The Diablo Taco owner said that regarding Friday hours we are not requesting to begin before 11am. They would begin at 9:30am on Saturdays and Sundays for brunch and sporting events.

Diablo Taco is a huge business for this corridor. Without the ability to sell alcohol, restaurants like this are at risk. It's a competitive disadvantage to not sell alcohol. We will to address concerns about the CUP (conditional use permit) being passed on to the owner of the building. We are happy to have the CUP stay with the operator, said a representative.

The applicant has years of experience here and is a good neighbor. If she wanted to apply for a bar/nightclub application, that would require new CUP. Her restaurant supports 23 employees. She is a good neighbor in the community, said the representative.

Plante suggested a friendly amendment to have the CUP stay with the operator, among other recommendations.

Boucher commented that that corner has changed since 2001. She spoke highly of the restaurant. They have milk and lemonade. Owner goes above and beyond other Silver Lake business owners. She is an awesome neighbor. She really looks out for everyone. Allow her to serve margaritas with tacos.

Ringuette asked about the California ABC website and the license for the coffee shop. Who is part of the group? What part of the business comes from Los Globos? Would you be willing adjust your hours to conform to those of other businesses? She also expressed concern about parking for my neighbors.

Summer Stearns, Owner of Diablo Tacos, said that it's very important to me to have your support. Thanks for having us on the agenda. She said that her husband Greg is a chef. She has an operations background. They used to have a third partner named Stacey.

We have other ideas for concepts, she added. Sinister Group is an umbrella to protect us if the restaurant ever goes down. Los Globos owns the building. I pay rent to a middleman. I have no relationship with Mr. Edelson. None of them are on my payroll. I am not on their payroll. There may be a preshow crowd that comes for dinner before the show.

Stearns time allotted to speak expired. However Britney Pollack allowed Stearns to use her allotted speaking time to continue. Stearns continued saying that we have a parking lot. Uber is how we encourage patrons to come on busier nights.

Her husband Greg the chef said that the business is allowed to operate until 2am though it closes at 11pm currently.

**Motion: To approve a CUB for Diablo Taco for the onsite sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages. CUB to stay with operator. Hours of operation as follows:**

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 11 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday-Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.</b>

**VOTE**  
**17-2-0**  
**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  
Hanna Anderson  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Heather Carson

Abstentions:

None

8.10. (Scott Plante): Move to approve the temporary closing of the sidewalk on Griffith Park Blvd. per Planning Dept. requirements.

*Johnson made the motion. Jausoro seconded.*

A representative named Brian discussed a 13 unit apartment project on Hyperion South of Gelson's and Trader Joe's. The site fronts both streets. We have all permits and we are getting ready to break ground. We want to make pedestrians safer.

Jausoro asked which corner are you closing?

Brian said the one at Tracy and Griffith Park. We're three properties down from there. Just the sidewalk in front of our property.

Courshon said that he was confused about signage. People won't want to cross the street. They will just walk in the street. We will have signs about the sidewalk closure ahead, said Brian.

Millar asked how long will it be closed? Brian said 15 months, maybe only 13 months. Apartments are very much in need in Silver Lake so it's a good thing.

Harrell asked what is the layout?

Carson asked about the hours? 7am to late afternoon, said Brian. Some days the sidewalk may be open, depending on what's happening.

Millar said I wish you had presented this to Urban Design. This is first time that the sidewalk closure came up. Johnson commented that they hadn't been asked for that back then.

**Motion: To approve the temporary closing of the sidewalk on Griffith Park Blvd. during construction.**

**VOTE**  
**18-1-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

Abstentions:

None

7.2. (Isroelit & Jackson): Approval of text and design of the magnet mailing card.

Plante read the motion. Johnson said that the Body must accept striking out "outreach".

*Courshon made the motion. Plante seconded.*

Jausoro asked whether you should you wait until after the March 7 City elections to replace Council Member O'Farrell? Courshon said we discussed this in Committee. Isroelit said Courshon wanted parentheses and the rest of us wanted dots. Plante asked this is Committee business?

Courshon made a point of information. Actually, this is not Committee business. There were 3 things for the Board to look at. All three should have been in this long form agenda.

Plante commented that they are all the same. Johnson said only one was printed. We assumed that there were three of the same. She couldn't tell the difference. We printed what was printable. Unless there are significant changes, we don't have to postpone.

Isroelit noted that one of them has the headline with "Important Silver Lake and City of Los Angeles information". Johnson asked the Board, is this difference significant enough to postpone this vote? Many said no.

Isroelit noted that Courshon wanted the phone number in parentheses. Johnson asked should we postpone this motion because of that? Most people said no. Johnson asked are there any objections to continue to discuss this?

Millar said this is blatantly wrong. The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Rampart Division is not in the right place. Johnson cautioned that we will not insult or belittle. She asked him to simply state his corrections.

Millar responded that I hope we don't spend government money on this. It would be useful if you had LAPD phone numbers instead of just LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) numbers. There is a good likelihood that the SLOs won't pick up.

Carson made a motion to postpone the issue until June after the election. Boucher seconded. There is no debate for this because of the time element, said Johnson. She asked, if there is no runoff, can we go to print earlier? Carson said yes.

Courshon asked at what point if there's no runoff? When can we print? Plante said March. Carson said once the results are certified.

**Motion: To postpone until after corrections are made and the March election.**

**VOTE to postpone  
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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8. New Business -- REVISITED:

8.1. (Executive Committee): SLNC and EPNC hold a CD13 candidates forum, between 2/17-3/7, with funding to up to \$700.00.

*Courshon read the motion. Have one date to be determined in late February. The budget is not to exceed \$700. Ringuette seconded.*

Courshon said that this is not to take away from the wonderful forum that already happened. This will be done with other neighborhood councils. The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has approved this. The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) has approved this. We have two neighborhood councils that want to do this with us. There may be a fourth neighborhood council but this is not on their agenda yet so I won't say the name.

This has never been done in Silver Lake before. It can get good media attention. There is a rumor that Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13, may not do debate formats anymore.

The EPNC will contribute up to \$600. Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has committed more but we will share equally.

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair of the EPNC, said we voted to co-approve this. It would be really great to get 3-4 neighborhood councils together to get more attention and more people. It's important to get constituents to get to know candidates, especially closer to the election as more voters begin to pay attention.

Millar commented that 125 people came to the last one, which cost less than \$200. The runoff will be important too, said Carson. Millar said that the Government Affairs Committee always preplans to do a runoff one.

Johnson said we're very excited about this. Someone presented this idea back in November. I was not aware of the Government affairs event until Ringuette told me. Mayberry Elementary School would love to have us there. It's on the border between Echo Park and Silver Lake. We can afford flyers, beverages and snacks.

Millar said if you do get Mayberry, try to get it for free as the SLNC gave them \$10,000 worth of computers.

Isroelit said I'm very excited that we're working with other neighborhood councils. That is absolutely the way to get things done. Jackson said that it's critical to work with other neighborhood councils.

Courshon said if Government Affairs wants to do a runoff, I would love for them to work with the governing Board and other neighborhood councils. It will give us more power with media and outreach.

**Motion: To approve a joint forum between SLNC and EPNC for a candidates forum, between 2/17-3/7, with funding up to \$700.**

**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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.2. (Executive Committee): Include instructions on motion form regarding the inclusion of salient points of information.

*Plante said we want to clarify motions for the newsletter. Jausoro seconded.*

**Motion: To include instructions on motion form regarding the inclusion of salient points of information.**

**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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.3. (Executive Committee): Submit CIS in support of Kerkorian City Council motion 15-1022-S2 re EmpowerLA and online voting

8.11 (Carson): Discussion: Empower LA Report on On-Line Voting and City council motion 15-1022-S2

This is to delay further use of online voting. We want to vet the efficacy of online voting with a detailed analysis of voter turnout.

Johnson asked did you all receive the letter from Grayce Liu, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), regarding online voting? There was a list of requests. That email was sent to all neighborhood councils in response to Council Member Paul Kerkorian's motion. He was concerned about complaints. Also, Council District 4 sent an email to our neighborhood council regarding our opinion about online voting. Kerkorian and his committee wants to suspend online voting until DONE does a study about the success of online voting. We want to add a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to this.

Carson noted that item 8.11 is the same subject as 8.3. There has been a report done. Did the Executive Committee read the report? Johnson said the report wasn't quite what Kerkorian asked for. Carson said the report is done. This makes no sense to me.

Millar asked are we talking about voting machines in schools? Several of my neighbors said they left without completing the vote because it was difficult to scan it and there was no one there to help them. They really wanted a paper ballot. Empower LA (DONE) was negligent for not helping people. The City Clerks' Office was a complete failure. He wanted Ringuette, the SLNC Budget Advocate, to tell people.

Courshon said I actually didn't read that report. The online system had so many problems. The rollout was before there had been thorough testing. It was ridiculous. Lots of people couldn't vote. The system should have been tested thoroughly. Grayce Liu should be fired.

Adam Miller, Neighborhood Advocate for Council Member David Ryu, Fourth District (CD4), said we were looking for general opinion about this. We are just gathering information. Of all of our 11 neighborhood councils, you are the only ones who chose online voting.

Ringuette said there had been even greater problems when online voting began, compared to the end of the voting period.

Courshon asked what is city council waiting for now? Miller said the report.

Ringuette said that online voting was more successful than I anticipated. She was pleasantly surprised. The problem was lack of resources devoted to develop the system in a timely manner.

**Motion: To submit a CIS in support of Kerkorian City Council motion 15-1022-S2 re EmpowerLA and online voting.**

**VOTE**  
**18-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
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  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Patty Jausoro

8.4. (Bylaws &SR's): Amendment to Bylaws Article V sec.9 regarding board member absence policy

*Johnson read the motion about five reasons for removal, including missing 3 meetings. Plante seconded.*

Caroline Pham asked what was the original absence language? Johnson said 4 unexcused absences. Pham said what I do for a living has me travelling and working late. I've missed

meetings because of work. She said that she wants committee work considered. I do want to be of service to the community. This change will impact me. It is highly feasible that I will miss more meetings.

Johnson said this is not retroactive. Pham said I understand the motion. I would support this for the next round of elections. It could jeopardize my position.

Johnson said if you miss 3 meetings, the co-chairs will call you in for a meeting, otherwise you are eliminated.

Carson commented that with the last board we had people missing several meetings. This is clunky. Why would a person go to the Executive? This feels clunky? When noticing, there is no discussion. According to bylaws, you must provide arguments.

Carson questioned attendance at Visions and Goals meetings? Johnson responded that the City Clerk said that's part of our governing Board meetings. Attendance is required. Carson said we've been lax with Visions and Goals.

Johnson asked why do you ask about special meetings? Carson responded why is it added? The clerk didn't specify special meetings.

Carson asked is anyone who is absent tonight is free and clear? Johnson replied according to the City Clerk.

Millar commented that you volunteer to run for neighborhood council Board and represent stakeholders. Attendance has been an issue since the neighborhood council began. One vice chair missed over 12 meetings in a row.

Harrell said I agree with Millar. We had some issues a year ago. Moving forward, something needs to be done so this doesn't continue to happen.

Ringuette commented about new language. Missing meetings needs to be better explained. We need to see that the neighborhood council is being served. The best work is done in committees. That is service. Suggestions in section 9 could be removal for reason of absences.

Jackson said this is fairly clear. If you cannot make the meetings, there is no pass. Courshon referred to standing rule 47. That speaks to visions and goals. It's not in our bylaws though. These meetings had been mandatory. He asked Carson whether it should be separated out in a different way. Most people here tonight have not had an issue.

Carson said I was chatting with another neighborhood council the other day, if you miss 3 consecutive meetings, you vacate your seat. We have to solve the loophole that we had from the previous board.

Johnson said if something happens in our lives so that we can't make these meetings, we're obligated to step aside for someone to take your place. Either show up or relinquish your seat. Region 3 is not being represented. That's not fair to constituents.

*Carson suggested adding a b section with automatic removal. Take out the part about the Executive Committee. There is language in the template from DONE. It's possible to be replaced for an interim period.*

*Johnson made the suggestion to add item 9b. Carson suggested to maybe having them come to board? Johnson explained that we chose the Executive Committee because the person's reason may be private.*

Ringuette commented, have b for removal for reason of absences. This is section 9, said Courshon. That is a correction. "Are authorized" becomes "shall contact board member". Under the removal paragraph. Go to a, if board member missed 3 meetings, the board shall contact the board member. Now 9b comes after 7. Removal for reason of absences. Item 5 goes under 9b.

Jackson asked, in case of a 4<sup>th</sup> absence, there is no vote? Johnson said it's automatic. Carson asked what about changing the motion to include extenuating circumstances. It would have to come to board. It's public.

Johnson said we need sense of compassion. The Executive Committee will present to the Board, not the individual.

Carson said she wants to amend the motion and add some language. Poole suggested 'could cause' instead of "would cause" in the first couple of lines. Carson said that would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> line down.

Courshon said that to remedy what you're saying, this must be in the actual language of the bylaws. Johnson suggested "may be removed", under letter c. Carson said then you don't need a d. That was what was confusing.

Harrell said if you have cancer wouldn't you come to the Board anyway?

Millar said we're all volunteers. Carson's seen many people who didn't show up regularly. Most high school students missed many meetings. Johnson made a motion to postpone and refer back to bylaws.

**Motion: To return motion to bylaws for refinement.**

**VOTE to return to bylaws**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
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Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
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Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9. Finance & Budget

Johnson said she'd now like to move to agenda item 9.1.

9.1 (Treasurer): Approval of January 2017 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

*Jausoro said that she can't put this on the overhead so she's happy to postpone approval of the MER to the next meeting.*

**VOTE to postpone**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Terrence Jackson  
Bob Lisauskas  
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Glenn Harrell  
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Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8.5. (Bylaws &SR's): Amend SR #1.02, reduction of speaking time for board replacement and board officer elections.

Now you get 3 minutes. People don't need that much time. It's a reduction of one minute. *Millar seconded.*

**Motion: To Amend SR #1.02, a reduction of speaking time for board replacement and board officer elections.**

**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  
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Taryn Poole

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

8.6. (Bylaws & SR's): Amend SR#46.04, reduction the board Q&A time allocated board replacement and officer elections.

*Johnson said that she want to reduce time from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. Millar seconded. He wants to leave it to the co-chairs for discretion. Johnson said the chairs can always ask this.*

**Motion: To amend SR#46.04, reduction the board Q&A time allocated board replacement and officer elections.**

**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  
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Tracey Woolfolk  
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Barbara Ringuette  
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Taryn Poole

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

8.9. (Urban Design): Approve Recommendations for Applicants and Developers and its posting on SLNC website.

*Plante said to post it to the website. Jausoro seconded.*

Courshon said I agree. This document was worked on by the Urban Design work group for 5 months. Let's just get this thing passed.

**Motion: To approve the UDP 'Recommendations for Applicants and Developers' and its posting on SLNC website.**

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**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  
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Tracey Woolfolk  
Stacey Boucher  
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Heather Carson  
Hanna Anderson  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10. Administrative:

10.1. Approval of the January 4, 2017 Board Minutes

*Johnson said that she wants to move to agenda item 10.1. Plante seconded.*

Plante said that Carson has corrections under absences on page 1. She sent emails with a few changes.

*Millar seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Scott Plante  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
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Caroline Pham  
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Taryn Poole

No Votes:  
None

Abstentions:  
None

#### 10.2. Current state and storage of SLNC tables and chairs

Millar said that he has retrieved 19 chairs and 3 tables from the Micheltorena Elementary School to place in storage. He wants to use Ringuette's oversized vehicles to move things. We will be ready to rock and roll when office space is ready.

#### 11. Report of Officers

##### a. Co-Chairs

Johnson said we now have new co-chairs for the Youth and Family Committee and for the Friends of Animals Committee. We're very excited about that. Jessica Salans is co-chair of Youth and Family. Len Kendall is co-chair for Friends of Animals along with Darius.

Millar said that he sent a map of where you can sleep in your cars.

##### b. Vice Chair: Visions and Goals

Courshon discussed Visions and Goals. The next meeting will be next Thursday, February 9 at the Holy Virgin Church. Cost of the venue will be \$100. We have that extra money be spent on food and drinks. (there is a \$200 allocation.) Bring in real food, not just granola bars. This will entice people to come. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

#### 12. Committee Reports

Johnson said that there are no reports.

#### 11. Report of Officers -- REVISITED

##### c. Treasurer

##### d. Secretary

Jausoro announced that she is stepping down as Treasurer. She said that she will continue to provide support on paperwork. Johnson praised her work and added that Isroelit is the new Secretary. There was applause.

#### 13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Millar asked when can we begin to meet at the church? Johnson responded that Jeff Brill must approve this. We are awaiting approval.

Adam Miller said that he will speak with Jeff Brill at DONE about this.

Courshon thanked everyone for being here.

#### 14. Announcements

Johnson said that for the next meeting, the room will be warmer and we will end by 9pm.

#### 15. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:44pm.