

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING (Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:03 pm with 15 Board members present. (8 votes are needed to carry.)

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
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell (arrived late)
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson (arrived late)
Taryn Poole

Non-Attending Board Members:

Adam Somilleda
Nicholas Somilleda
Caroline Pham
Antonio Stifano (Excused)
Hanna Anderson (Excused)

3. Public Comment On Non Agenda Items

Co-Chair Scott Plante said that we will try to be out of here by 9pm.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson reported that the Council District 13 Candidate Forum that was jointly held with the Echo Park, Atwater Village and Rampart Neighborhood Councils was held on Monday night with a standing room only crowd. It was a great event. All candidates except Council Member O'Farrell

participated. Johnson thanked the work group for their efforts. She will provide more information in the newsletter.

4. Special Presentations and Reports

Seamus Garrity, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, 43rd District:

The former Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Vice Chair introduced himself to the audience and discussed the Congresswoman's legislative agenda. Friedman was elected to State Assembly in December and replaces Mike Gatto.

Friedman has state bills that aim to strengthen the environment, including AB1400 which protects wildlife around the Silver Lake Reservoir. Others include AB762 which provides foster kids with living expenses while enrolled in college. She is also supporting Senator Ricardo Lara's single payer healthcare plan for California.

Mary Rodriguez, Field Deputy for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13), mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org, (213) 207-3015.

Rodriguez highlighted the CD13 Monthly report. However, there were two additions: there was a forum on February 27. We gave out free computers. It was a great event. She met with Darius regarding revival of the homeless committee. There will be a meeting about homelessness next month with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Administration, PATH, the Los Angeles Police Department and other government agencies.

She provided an update regarding the Silver Lake Reservoir. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) will schedule an update meeting in March. They will assist funding for a consultant for community workshops regarding a master plan.

Regarding Glendale Boulevard resurfacing, Rodriguez said there have been many requests. However, there are two DWP utility holes to refill the reservoir and replace a pipeline from the 1920s. This must happen first.

There was a lively discussion about traffic. A new safety valet program discussed.

On March 3 Council Member O'Farrell will meet with Micheltorena Elementary School parents. He is working to get a new crossing guard for the school.

The Sunset Boulevard pedestrian tunnel will close in late March or early April. There was a meeting on February 2 with Descanso Drive residents. The Bureau of Engineering presented designs. The timeline for construction is this summer.

Johnson said that Richard Harrison is the new DWP person in charge of the reservoir complex.

Doug Loewy asked a question about standing water in the reservoir? Is this a mosquito hazard? Rodriguez said that the DWP is already working on that issue.

Heather Carson said that she was disappointed that Council Member Mitch O'Farrell didn't show at the debate. We spent taxpayer dollars for that event. I don't understand. He had something better to do?

Johnson said he did communicate with the work group about a scheduling conflict that he was unable to rearrange. Carson asked what was the conflict? Rodriguez said there was a free computer giveaway that night.

Patty Jausoro said that on the neighborhood council's Facebook page, it said he didn't attend because of a conflict of interest.

Barbara Ringuette said that you and I met with Rose and Juliette about the underpass. Since then, things have gotten dramatically worse. Gentlemen have been drinking in the street. There is lots of stuff on the curb.

Rodriguez said there will be a March 6 cleanup date for that tunnel. This is the regular date. We are working with the LAPD about the underpass, she added.

(Note: Glenn Harrell arrived about 7:15pm)

5. Election: Board election of SLNC Treasurer

Betsy Isroelit nominated Terrence Jackson. Doug Loewy seconded. Jackson accepted the nomination.

Jackson said that he is a Certified Public Accountant. He is perfectly happy to do the work. He added that resigning Treasurer Patty Jausoro has done a great job. There was applause.

VOTE for Terrence Jackson as Treasurer

14-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
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
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

Abstentions:
None

Note that Jerome Courshon was out of the room and did not vote.

Jackson said that he has completed his training and is eligible to vote.

6. Old Business:

6.1 (Bylaws & SR's) Amendment to Bylaw Article V sec 9 regarding board member absence policy

Johnson said there was confusion. So this issue was brought back. The Bylaws Committee met again. We believe we've clarified the motion to eliminate confusion. There is new language in the agenda.

Scott Plante is now chairing the meeting.

Jerome Courshon had a question about the past language. Patty Jausoro said that's hard to track. Which month would be the beginning? Change the language to "within the first year of being seated or the second year" suggested Jausoro.

Carson said that it's uncomfortable at a Board meeting to vote someone out. It feels punitive. It's not about why. It's about the fact that there isn't someone here representing your community. There is suggested language from DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). If you know something is coming up, you can approach the Board for an alternate to represent you.

It's simpler to keep it clean. Miss four meetings and you are removed unless you contact the chairs. Otherwise, the change would be ineffective in long run. We won't be able to vote anyone out.

Johnson said we've had two Bylaws Committee meetings about this. In February Carson and Caroline Pham had specific concerns about this. We called a meeting about this. The adjustments made were supported unanimously.

Carson said this is vague. You just brought up a new change. Johnson said a person had a health issue and couldn't attend meetings. The Executive Committee was sympathetic.

Carson asked why have them come to a committee meeting instead of calling the Chair? If you're out of town or too sick to attend the Executive Committee meeting, you're out.

Jerome Courshon said that if someone is missing 3 meetings and doesn't contact Executive Committee, it's automatic that they are voted off at next meeting. This addresses previous concerns from the board. You're right. Most people don't want to vote off a colleague.

Rusty Millar said the intention is not to put the burden on the Board. It's intended to place the burden on the person who didn't show up. If you miss 4 meetings, you're gone. You have responsibility to those who elected you to show up. Period.

VOTE
15-1-0
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
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Heather Carson

Abstentions:

None

7. New Business

7.1 (UD&PAC) CUB request for the onsite sale of beer and wine at Trois Familia

Rusty Millar seconded Scott Plante's motion.

Council member O'Farrell is behind us, said the representative. Our hearing is on Tuesday. We would appreciate it if we could get the neighborhood council behind us as well.

This is our only restaurant without alcohol. We've never had issues or complaints with police or fire officials.

Vinnie and I have been in business for over a decade. We moved here from Florida.

We're only open now for brunch hours. Most of our customers come for a high-end restaurant experience. We're struggling there. We feel that this will be key

factor for our success. The restaurant is now open for \$38 prix-fixed meal without alcohol some nights. Some people are upset that they can't get beer and wine.

Jausoro asked about the Alegria? Didn't they have a liquor license for beer and wine? The representative said there was an exception for small restaurants with only one restroom. He added that it costs \$20,000-\$30,000 for expeditors.

VOTE
15-1-0
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
Taryn Poole
Heather Carson

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Abstentions:

None

7.2 (Bylaws & SR) Amendment to Bylaw Art. IV, stakeholder definition

Johnson made the motion. Loewy seconded.

Courshon asked was "may" changed to "is" in the first sentence near end at the committee meeting. (he's referring to the 4th line.)

Election Committee Co-Chair Lee Sherman said that nothing in this section would prohibit a parent or caregiver or legal guardian with a child attending school within boundaries from being identified as a stakeholder.

Jackson asked about children. What about those who care for grandparents? Is the caregiver a stakeholder? Johnson said no.

Carson said that for nonprofits, they may not have 4 meetings a year and may not have public minutes. Also, regarding "existing 12 months prior", there is no

requirement about how long you have to have been a member of an organization?

Johnson said I'm comfortable stating that the person would have had to be a member of the community organization for no less than 6 months.

Courshon said DONE may have an issue with that, in response to Sherman's comment regarding the definition of ongoing. We should not address ongoing. He expressed concern about ongoing.

Johnson said that in 2012 or 2014, the City Council had to define stakeholders and "substantial participation". That grew out of a situation in the Eagle Rock elections involving marijuana.

Carson suggested 'has been established 12 months prior to the Board election and any member of the organization who is voting must have been member for 6 months prior to an election.'

Sherman expressed concerns about a backdoor. DONE may have concerns. Anything we do to define that will help, he added.

Johnson said that she is receiving "must be a member for no less than 6 months." Courshon said that can't be in this paragraph where we are defining community organizations. It must be somewhere else. However, Sherman said where it's placed may not make a difference.

Johnson read Carson's language. Carson asked what about potlucks? Some community groups are less structured for quarterly meetings. Plante asked whether there were any objections to this?

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
Taryn Poole
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.3 (Bylaws & SR) Amendment to Bylaw Art. X., sec 4 regarding written self affirmation

Millar seconded Johnson's motion.

New language: voters will verify stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation..."

Ringuette asked what has changed? What's highlighted in red, said Johnson.

Jausoro questioned "verify"? You mean "evidence" or "display"? Loewy suggested "establish". Sherman said "establish" sounds better.

Carson cautioned that this loosens the requirement, instead of tightening it. Sherman said that it's important to increase access of people who can vote without adding a burden. We did our research. The Echo Park and Atwater Village Neighborhood Councils use self-affirmation. The City has a written self-affirmation form.

Sherman asked will someone commit perjury to vote? I don't think so. People will have to present documents to be able to vote in the neighborhood council election. This is an opportunity to make a stand.

In response to a question about affirmation forms from Ringuette, Sherman said we talked to the Echo Park about this. They instructed poll workers about this.

Taryn Poole asked about timing. Johnson said before the elections. The neighborhood council can provide lists to the City Clerk. Sherman said this doesn't change online voting.

Carson asked about self-affirmation. Do you have to prove your status? That doesn't make sense to me. Johnson said that the person self-affirming is doing so under oath.

VOTE

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Jerome Courshon

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.4 (Bylaws & SR) Amendment to Bylaw Art. X., sec 6 regarding composition of SLNC Elections Committee

Elections Committee Vice Chair Lee Sherman said that this is meant to help elections. There was ambiguity in the bylaws. This clarifies all of that. This limits chances for a Board member to be a member if they are running for office. It formalized that a Board member is required to be on the Elections Committee.

Johnson complemented Sherman. This is probably the most functioning Elections Committee in the 7 years that I've been on the board. I congratulate you and Eric. Sherman said that Eric did much of the outreach to other neighborhood councils.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.5 (Arts & Culture) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council initiate an Instagram account in order to reach out further into the community for recruitment of members and volunteers.

Plante read the motion. Jausoro seconded.

Johnson said I'd like to refer this to the Outreach Committee for vetting. Maybe Arts and Culture Committee members can attend?

Carson said that's not what we voted on. Johnson said we're going to postpone to clarify. Carson said we can amend the motion. Johnson said to make a substitute motion. Carson recommended that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council initiate an arts and culture Instagram account. Ringuette seconded.

Johnson cautioned don't make it too Draconian for committees to create Instagram accounts on their own. I like uniformity.

Isroelit asked may I ask another Board member a question? She asked Carson will you be involved in this? Carson said I have to go back and read social media policy. Technically, I shouldn't be involved. Instagram is image based. There is little text.

Johnson said it would be irresponsible for the Board not to have some guidelines coming out of the Outreach Committee. *She recommends to refer this to Outreach. Millar made the motion.*

Johnson said I don't want this board to fall into the habit of the previous Board where there was no guidance. We're working well to speak with one voice. There should be guidelines created by Outreach. Otherwise, it gets too messy. I'd really like Outreach to discuss the policies of Instagram and then bring it back to the Board. *She wants the motion postponed for this.*

Carson asked wouldn't Facebook guidelines apply? Johnson said no. There are differences. Carson said we don't get into specifics like that. Courshon said that Instagram is a different social media platform. Add to the social media policy about Instagram in the Outreach Committee then we are covered.

Millar made a motion to postpone. Carson warned that we've referred 3 separate items to Outreach that haven't come back over the past 6 months. Poole asked why are we referring this to outreach? Johnson said this must be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Outreach Committee. The Co-Chairs must attend that meeting.

VOTE to refer to Outreach

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.6 (Homelessness In Silver Lake) NPG Funding \$1,500 for PATH Homeless Outreach Grant in Silver Lake

Plante read the motion. Courshon seconded.

Darius Derakshan, Chairman of the Homelessness Committee, said that most of us in Silver Lake are in the privileged position of having nice homes yet there is homelessness.

PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) no longer does outreach. This grant would allow us to do outreach. It's important ahead of the March 6 clean-up, said Plante.

Isroelit said this is a terrific use of funds. We should double it. Carson said that she is surprised that the operating budget is \$37 million. Most of that goes to salaries. She would prefer to do something more hands on and direct.

Derakshan said that most of the operating budget goes to housing. Carson responded not according to this. Johnson intervened.

Ringuette said that having met with LAHSA (the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority), the distribution source, I'm quite aware of what requirements are. The major program is outreach to gain the trust of homeless persons. She sent email to the homeless committee of the City Council.

These people have some skills. This is exactly the type of program that may move people from under the bridge back into society, said Ringuette. Isroelit commented that we are not qualified to be social workers and psychologists. At the CD13 Candidates Forum, every candidate spoke in support of PATH.

Poole said the use of \$1,500 is very vague. Johnson asked about the use of \$1,500. Derakshan responded that they work for 3 consecutive days, 8 hours a day. These people have worked in the community for years. Regarding salary, they are consistently commended for their work. He talks with them almost daily. We want to create our own database. We will use it for outreach.

Isroelit said why not double the amount? Jausoro asked is there something down the road and actually in Silver Lake. Derakshan said they are based in Silver Lake.

Carson said the second signatory needs to be the Secretary.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.7 (Silver Lake Improvement Association) NPG for \$880 for maintenance and cleanup of the medians under the 101 freeway and Silver Lake Blvd.

Plante said that this is postponed until next month for corrections.

Ringuette said I understand from a DONE report that came out today that two Board members haven't taken their ethics training. Glenn Harrell responded that he took ethics. Elizabeth Torres responded that she has taken ethics.

Johnson said it's no good to be in touch with DONE. I'd love it if we never had to communicate with DONE ever. She said let's move to agenda item 7.9 because the person is here.

7.9 (Jackson) Funding of \$500 to have a table at the Taste of the Eastside event on April 30th, 2017.

Plante made the motion. Courshon seconded.

(Stacey Boucher recused herself because she is a Board member of Rose Scharlin and has a child attending that school.)

A Rose Scharlin School representative said we're a 501c3 organization. We share proceeds with Friends of the LA River and a group that helps kids with cancer.

We have upcoming challenges that we haven't had in years past. We provide scholarship opportunities. Your sponsorship gets you a table and a mention in all of our fundraising efforts.

Over 1000 people are set to attend. The event gets lots of press. It's located at the LA River Center, an historic and beautiful place.

Jausoro said that Rose Scharlin charges tuition maintenance. We have other preschools in the neighborhood too. We make it hard for public schools to receive funding.

Courshon said they provide scholarships for students. This is not a lot of money. This school doesn't cater to the wealthy of Silver Lake. I suggest that we support this.

Jackson said this is an outreach program. This also supports Friends of the LA River and other groups.

Millar said that he is troubled by this. This clearly goes against what DONE representative Jay Handal told us. This isn't outreach. We are not part of the Eastside. I can't support this at all.

Carson said I'm all for supporting Rose Scharlin. However, when we were there, we saw very few people from Silver Lake. It may not be valuable for Silver Lake.

Courshon asked how many people are allowed with our table? Loewy said I disagree with Carson. There were lots of Silver Lake people there. This is a great outreach event.

Johnson asked about scholarships. The representative replied that they go to about 3-4 people. When we lost our Conditional Use Permit (CUP), we lost our

ability to have one of our fundraisers, she explained. This is the oldest school in the City of Los Angeles.

Johnson asked about diversity for the student body? The representative said she didn't know offhand. Johnson asked how many tickets will we get? The representative responded you'll have 5 passes with this. You'll get two VIP passes for the event.

VOTE
12-3-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Elizabeth Torres
Terrence Jackson
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Glenn Harrell
Tracey Woolfolk
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Rusty Millar

Abstentions:

None

Recusals:

Stacey Boucher

7.8 (Plante) Funding of \$200 for Dog Waste Bags for the SL Dog Park

Plante read the motion. Millar seconded.

Johnson explained, remember in October 2016 a similar motion came to the body. Ultimately we would not fund this again. It should be funded by a City agency with deeper pockets. I don't know if this is out of order. Or whether we should postpone.

Plante said I thought it was matching funding. Johnson asked can someone pull up those meeting minutes? We will table this for that.

7.10 (Jausoro) Move \$4,000 from operations budget to outreach budget per current expenditures. Revise "new" budget approved 12-4 to reflect that information.

Jausoro read the motion. We have a shortfall in outreach. We have a lot in operations that we are not projected to spend. It's just moving \$4,000 from one to the other. *Isroelit seconded the motion.*

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Note that Doug Loewy was out of the room and did not vote.

Johnson said we forgot to put the Monthly Expense Report (MER) on the agenda. We made an error.

Jausoro spoke about the January and February MERs. Courshon had a clarification for office supplies for February.

Regarding Facebook charges, Courshon said that he didn't get to it last night. Some \$305 was spent for the February Candidate forum on Facebook.

Fees to use the Ivanhoe Elementary School auditorium was paid off in February. Jausoro said that she will re-up that. Johnson said that she and Jausoro have been dogging DONE contracts administrator Jeff Brill regarding approval of the Holy Virgin Mary as our second meeting place. Millar also did outreach.

Adam Miller, the Neighborhood Advocate for Council Member David Ryu in Council District 4 (CD4) has also done outreach, said Johnson. Adam Miller said that Jeff Brill has 29 other contracts on his desk. He will deal with ours tomorrow.

Jausoro said that a Copymat receipt was too faded. What was that? Courshon responded that it was for the printing of flyers for the candidate forum meeting.

Johnson said of the Bell and Mayberry school questions that the principal may not be familiar with them.

Courshon asked \$10,163 is unallocated? Jausoro replied yes. We spent \$2,240 so far. That total should be \$3,700. In outreach, there is \$10,000 for outreach but when you look at motions, amounts are different, higher allocations. The \$10,000 left (before this meeting) includes everything that we've voted on so far.

Carson questioned \$350 for Facebook? Courshon responded \$305 for Facebook. In January, there was \$157 for the candidate forum, asked Carson. Jausoro said the January MER is on the bottom. That was a Visions and Goals meeting, not the Candidate Forum. She is correcting that mistake.

VOTE for January MER (not on agenda)
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne-Marie Johnson

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

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

VOTE for February MER (not on agenda)
Unanimous
PASSED

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

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

7.11 (Green Committee) Reinstatement of the Silver Lake Adopt-A-Stair Program.

Bob Lisauskas said several residents sent emails about this. This is a great time to reinstate the adopt-a-stair. There must be quarterly maintenance. To place artwork or to make other changes, those requests you must come to the Green Committee meeting. This is a great program to promote the steps. He mentioned the Micheltorena Street stairs. The homeless are gone. The graffiti is gone. Overall, it's a win-win for the entire community. The next step would be reaching out to the 28 people who sent emails. We should place guidelines on the website.

Carson said we already voted to reinstate this. The program will now be in the Office of Community Beautification. CD4's Miller said this program was acceptable for us. It's a local grass roots event.

Ringuette said there are certain advantages. There is a question about insurance. The committee should have a discussion. For eligibility, Courshon said people should contact the SLNC and the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA).

Johnson asked can a business advertise this? Lisauskas said the SLIA wanted to partner with us about this. It's a great idea that the Green Committee would reach out yearly.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.12 (Plante) Eliminate the Visions and Goals meetings and that we reserve the first hour of two board meetings per year to discuss NC goals

Plante made the motion. Loewy seconded.

Courshon said I don't know that. I spoke with someone before the meeting began. Doing it twice a year isn't a good idea. If you do it once a year, you get community participation and get more people to support it. *Ringuette seconded Courshon's substitute motion.*

It's very important that we continue with visions and goals, said Ringuette. She thanked Courshon for agendas. I believe it should be a separate meeting. Jausoro said it was really a great meeting. The First Visions and goals meeting will be in July.

Jackson asked does DONE require two Visions and Goals meetings? Johnson said no. It's under the standing rules. Isroelit said I think it was a good meeting. It's important to follow up afterwards.

Millar said we should have a separate meeting for stakeholders. We must listen instead of coming in with an agenda. Poole asked an attendance question. She doubts that restaurants could host this. Courshon said this should happen in July or August. That makes sense. Plante said nobody will come in July and August.

Courshon made a substitute motion and said we should refer this to the Executive Committee. Millar seconded.

7.13 (Courshon) Hold funding up to \$600.00, a Council District 13 Run-Off Debate the for Council District 13 seat, in partnership with other Neighborhood Councils, if there is a run-off

Johnson wants to postpone this.

7.14 (Courshon) SLNC create ad-hoc workgroups from the recent successful "Visions & Goals" community meeting.

Isroelit seconded Courshon's motion.

Courshon said we had about 40 stakeholders at the meeting. He said he wants to empower people to continue doing work. Johnson offered a substitute motion: the issues that were dealt with at Visions and Goals be referred to the appropriate committee. It's onerous on board to oversee 7-10 work groups after 15 committees.

Isroelit said I support it. We should support our committees. We really have to move on these things quickly and committees are the place to do it. Jausoro asked we have email addresses for everyone?

Courshon said I don't mind the substitute motion. We've already got a lot on our plates. Johnson said the Executive Committee can go through the list and refer things to the appropriate committee. This is an addition to the substitute motion.

New motion: issues and contact information collected at the last visions and goals meeting will be handled by the Executive Committee who will handle referrals to other committees.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7.13 (Courshon) Hold funding up to \$600.00, a Council District 13 Run-Off Debate the for Council District 13 seat, in partnership with other Neighborhood Councils, if there is a run-off

Jausoro seconded Courshon's motion.

The candidate forum was so successful. We attribute this to participation of four neighborhood councils, said Courshon.

Courshon said we'll spend the money and the incumbent Council Member O'Farrell won't show up again.

Millar said that the Government Affairs Committee has already scheduled a debate for runoff. I don't give a rat's ass about what happens with other neighborhood councils. I won't support this motion. The Outreach Committee request was a complete no show, said Millar.

Carson pointed out that it's part of our mission statement to partner with other neighborhood councils.

Johnson said if there is a runoff, the Government Affairs and Outreach Committees will make sure that their dates don't conflict. Courshon asked can Millar's Committee event be joined with the Board's event? Johnson said that is not part of your motion. Can we vote?

Poole noted the \$600 budget. Can that be used for Facebook ads? Courshon responded that we took responsibility for creating flyers. This wouldn't be Facebook money. If we have 10 neighborhood councils involved, we may not spend \$600.

Carson asked can the chairs follow up with the City Attorney and DONE about having the different meetings? Johnson said it has nothing to do with this motion. Carson replied it does because he brought it up.

Johnson said I'm ruling your comment out of order. Carson said I don't understand the point. They advertise it on our letterhead. Johnson said I suggest that we cross that bridge when necessary. Now let's focus on Courshon's motion.

VOTE
15-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

Abstentions:

None

8. Administrative

8.1 Approval of February Board Draft Minutes

Plante made the motion. Carson seconded.

Boucher had a question on agenda item 7.1 regarding membership.

Carson said that motions are paraphrased on short version of minutes. This will be confusing. Johnson said to have the secretary place the full text of each motion in the minutes. Isroelit said motions change and can be confusing. Johnson said that Carson wants the full text of the motion there.

Jausoro commented on purposeful ageing comments in agenda item. She said it should read that there are three areas to focus on: Projects, advocacy and collaboration.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
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Glenn Harrell
Tracey Woolfolk
Stacey Boucher
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9. Reports of Officers

none

10. Committee Reports

Jausoro said that the 50-Plus Committee has a schedule. It begins May 2 for 6 Tuesday nights. It will be here. Stephanie and I asked to speak at Glassell Park.

Ringuette said that the Budget Advocates' white paper report is on the website.

12. Announcements

Carson said that the Arts and Culture Committee finally met. The third Thursday of each month will be the regular meeting date.

Courshon thanked CD4's Miller for light bulbs.

13. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:48pm.