

**SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
ANIMAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT  
Wednesday, May 23, 2017  
7:00 pm  
Silver Lake Library Community Room  
2411 Glendale Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90039**

**1. Call to Order 7:01pm**

Members attending:

Daria Linvill  
Len Kendall

In attendance:

Casey Rivken  
Betsy Isroelit  
Joe H  
Craig  
Taryn

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT on NON-AGENDA ITEMS 7:05pm**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items

Craig: Discussed a thread on Next Door regarding an aggressive coyote situation in the hills. There seem to be reports and confusion around the incidents. Craig reinforced the importance of people understanding coyote safety. Some folks have been feeding the animals and this should be avoided. Dogs should be kept on short leashes. Animal control will not necessarily be effective in controlling the population. Local coyotes are part of the eco-balance; ultimately food sources drive coyote populations. Coyotes should stay wild and afraid of people. There are a few sites that can be referenced for info about coyotes. There are also many presentations locally that can teach folks about coyote safety and we should consider scheduling a wildlife presentation once per year. Consider adding a page to the SLNC website about safety; could be a banner on the site.

**3. NEW BUSINESS 7:10pm**

- a. Casey Rivkin, President, Mom's Club of Silver Lake

Casey lives near the recreation center and also a dog owner. The Mom's Club has noticed that dogs frequently are brought into the rec center area/meadow illegally. Joe H. from the rec center also joined the discussion. While the law exists, there's no way to enforce. Research shows that signage is the cheapest and easiest way to enforce the rule. Quite a few lawn signs have been taken. The SLNC offered to help spread the word about rules and pay for signage including getting the message out via social media. Neighborhood Council logo can be added to banners as well as the municipal code specifically for Silver Lake. Twenty signs last ~4-6 months assuming there's no severe weather. Current signs in question are \$6 each (with a \$20 minimum) and banners cost

about \$90 each measuring 4x6 feet. Betsy explained the process for the council to make a recommendation for SLNC to pay for the signage. June 1 is the end of the budget year and June 7 will be the committee budget meeting. Craig presented past meadow signs 'No Dogs Bare Feet Welcome.'

Daria made a motion to recommend that the SLNC financially supports the creation of signage to help enforce the municipal code 63 44 B2 to ensure animals are not brought onto the Southern Meadow of the Silver Lake Reservoir.

Craig seconded the motion.

Everyone in attendance was unanimously in favor. Friends of the Animals Committee, with a suggestion by the Mom's Club of Silver Lake, recommends that the SLNC financially supports the production of signage.

b. Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary

The group recently formed and has a website and petition aiming to preserve wildlife (specifically birds) by protecting animals from potentially harmful interaction with individuals. Betsy: There's very little room in the neighborhood at this point for animals since it has been taken. A small bit of land between the fence and reservoir could be preserved. The Los Angeles Audubon Society has recommended it remains a sanctuary. Committee will commit research topic and potentially organize a speaker to help inform the public about options. Will explore reaching out to zoological professionals. Committee will consider inviting members from multiple organizations to share perspective. Craig: Wildlife that's fenced in is basically a zoo. Spoke about the herons and their nesting and feeding habits.

c. Pups and Trucks event

Discussed the idea of organizing an event for food trucks to park outside of the dog park on a recurring basis. Cost would be minimal; need to explore potential food truck partners and food truck representatives. Janelle Levin, President of the Silver Lake Improvement Foundation, is the contact for coordinating permits/legalities. Governmental affairs committee may help too. CD13 is the proper group to work with. Joe: Permit would need to be pulled to facilitate the event. Recently, the Healthy Spot did a tent pop-up within the park. Could be a way to fundraise for the dog park. Betsy: Suggestion to start with Leslie Richter from Recs and Parks. Explore getting volunteers to keep things tidy. Get extra temporary trash. Explore how to collect donations.

**4. MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:53pm**