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GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday July 12, 2017 7:00pm-10:00pm

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1. Call to Order *
2. Roll Call *
3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*
5. Special Presentations: City/State Rep reports known at time of meeting
6. Administration:
 - 6.1: Treasurer: Approval of June 2017 MER
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 (Carson) Little Lending Libraries funding of \$2,500.00
 - 7.2 (50+) Silver Lake Picture Show "League of Their Own" funding \$1,500.00
8. Consent: NONE
9. New Business:
 - 9.1 (Isroelit & Johnson) Approval of new SLNC Office space
 - 9.2 (Isroelit & Johnson) Funding up to \$800.00 to purchase secure file cabinet and supplies for new SLNC office
 - 9.3(Isroelit & Johnson) Funding up to \$700.00 for Words Could Hurt series

9.4 (Urban Design) Recommendation for a one-year approval for the renewal of an existing CUP to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages as well as the expansion of an existing outdoor patio. Recommendation of parking requirement removal will be contingent on new data being reviewed at the Neighborhood Council meeting.

9.5 (Isroelit) Funding up to \$150.00 for name tags and cards for newly elected board members.

9.6 (Arts and Culture) Funding for \$3,000.00 NPG Independent Shakespeare Festival

9.7 (Urban Design) Recommendation of support for the City's proposed linkage fee to fund the provision of affordable housing.

10. Approval of June 2017 Minutes – posted for review at the link below:

http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/SLNC-Meeting-Minutes_June-2017_DRAFT.pdf

11. Officers Reports

12. Committee Reports

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment *

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Agenda Item 7.1

Name/Committee: Heather Carson

Text of Motion on the Agenda:

Move that the SLNC Governing Board fund up to \$2,500 for the creation and installation of 6-10 Little Lending Libraries to be installed throughout Silver Lake in all 7 regions and to print 1,000 bookmarks with our logo.

Describe the event/project in detail.

Little Free Libraries are springing up all over. Credited with building community, sparking creativity and inspiring readers, there are over 50,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide. Find out more here - <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

We would locate neighbors interested and excited about this project and we will make sure they are disbursed throughout all 7 regions. Our logo can be stenciled on the library and they can be painted blue and white to reflect the colors in our logo. We can also put in some of our history collective brochures, the stairway maps if we decide to print those, or any other info. We can also coordinate with the Outreach Committee to include a sheet on the inside back wall with info about what a Neighborhood Council is with a list of committees and how to get involved. We can also print bookmarks with our logo and info (approx \$60 for 1000 2x6 bookmarks).

The Little Free Library website offers several libraries for purchase. I've included the lowest priced here that are also unfinished so that we can paint them as we like. If purchased thru them they come with a Silver Aluminum Charter Sign (value \$42.45). Each one will also receive a unique charter number, an option to add the location to the world map, access to a private FB Group to swap stories and connect with others, as well as other benefits. Purchasing thru their website would allow us to get 6-7 libraries for the \$2,500. We can also investigate having them made locally to save the shipping costs and install 8-10 libraries, in which case we could also consider making them in different shapes or with different artwork to reflect Silver Lake with images of the Reservoir, the Great Blue Herons, the polka dot plaza, the stairways, mid-century modern architecture, etc., etc.

If the Board supports this idea in principle and wishes to allocate the funds, we can come back to the Board for approval on any of the specifics - types of libraries, locations, materials to include and signage, etc.

What is the total budget for the project? \$2,500

What is the timeline for the project? To be installed within 2-3 months once fully approved. From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? Community Improvement Projects

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? I will coordinate the project and follow through with the support of Board Members Jerome Courshon and Patty Jausoro and the Arts & Culture Committee.

Agenda Item 7.2

Name/Committee: 50+ committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda: The maker moves that the SLNC Governing Board provide funding of up to \$1500 to co-sponsor a screening of “A League of their Own” with the Silver Lake Picture Show, for summer of 2017.

Describe the event/project in detail:

The screening is open to the public and will be held at the Sunset Triangle and produced by the Silver Lake Picture Show. This event is ONE of the seven screenings planned for the summer of 2017.

As such, the 50+ committee is inviting as guest speakers, noted LA area women who broke barriers to sports participation. This event supports several of the 50+ Committee’s goals:

- Access to local, cultural events for ALL audiences with an evening suitable for all audiences.
- Celebrate the rich diversity of Silver Lake as we come together as a community.
- Support and preserve opportunities for members of the community to engage in arts and recreation.
- The event will also serve as a fundraiser to help support “Girls Play”, a part of the department of Parks and Rec.

The Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) program is focused on girls’ sports throughout the Department’s under-served communities. The program strives to get and keep girls involved in sports and living a healthy lifestyle, while making friends, building self-esteem and having fun. It has been demonstrated, that in many underserved communities, barriers to participation exist based on a belief that there are specific family gender roles or that income should be prioritized on male family members first. The GPLA program is subsidized so that all girls can participate, regardless of economic inequalities or cultural barriers. This event is put on by the Silver Lake Picture show. Information available at: <http://silverlakepictureshow.com>

What is the total budget for the project?

\$1500.

What is the timeline for the project?

June 2017

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Outreach

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The 50+ committee will secure speakers and work with LA Parks and Rec to solicit donations.

Agenda Item 9.1

Committee/Requestor: Anne-Marie Johnson, Betsy Isroelit

Text of Motion:

Establish Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) office space at the Silver Lake Recreation Center, 1850 W Silver Lake Drive Los Angeles, CA 90026. This will become the address of the SLNC.

Describe the event or project in detail:

The SLNC will establish an office at the Silver Lake Recreation Center Recreation Center, which is a City of Los Angeles property. The Rec Center is ADA compliant and there is no charge/rent for this office space. The office will be located in the Rec Center's arts and activity room and available for use by the SLNC two evenings a week, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45p.m. with Tuesday and Thursday the suggested dates. The room will also house a secured filing cabinet (to be purchased by the SLNC) where equipment (electrical timer, laptop, small banners, table cloths, paperwork, etc. can be stored. The Silver Lake Recreation Center address will serve as the SLNC address, eliminating the need for a post office box in Atwater.

The office will facilitate constituent outreach and establish the SLNC as a consistent presence in the community. Having a place to meet with residents and stakeholders on a regular basis will encourage dialogue and also provide space for smaller meetings, as needed. The SLNC will have the ability to reach the many people who are served by the Rec Center.

What is the timeline for the project?

Effective upon approval by SLNC Governing Board and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

After approval, Anne-Marie Johnson and Betsy Isroelit will finalize start date and arrangements with Recreation Facility Director Joe Harris,

The SLNC has been without an office for years. To finally have an actual address with a wonderful space to call "our office" and to hold small meetings will certainly increase our productivity and put on the same page with the majority of NC's. The advantages of the proposed space are that it will not cost the SLNC, it is within a city owned property, and it has the perfect historically built-in branding. As with the Silver Lake Library, it's imperative the SLNC create and build on relationships with fellow city entities. SL Rec Center Joe Harris is equally excited about this potential working relationship.

Agenda Item 9.2

Committee/Requestor: Anne-Marie Johnson, Betsy Isroelit

Text of Motion: The motion makers recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve spending up to \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to purchase a secured file cabinet and office materials for the proposed SLNC office space at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

Describe the event or project in detail:

The SLNC has proposed establishing an office at the Silver Lake Recreation Center Recreation Center, which is a City of Los Angeles property. The room will also house a secured filing cabinet (to be purchased by the SLNC) where equipment (electrical timer, laptop, small banners, table cloths, paperwork, office supplies, etc. can be stored. The Silver Lake Recreation Center address will serve as the SLNC address, eliminating the need for a post office box in Atwater. The \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) will also be used to purchase paper, pens, plastic containers, and other small office items.

If a committee submits the motion, describe how the motion supports the committee's mission and goals.

N/A

What is the timeline for the project?

Effective upon approval by SLNC Governing Board and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

What is the total budget for the project? If this is a funding motion, please submit a completed Funding Request Form to the Treasurer at least 3 days before the Governing Board Meeting.

\$800

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? If this is a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG), attach completed NPG forms and supporting documents.

Operations

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

After approval, Anne-Marie Johnson and Terry Jackson will finalize purchase of the file cabinet and any necessary supplies.

A secured file cabinet will allow the SLNC to store all of our electronic equipment and any office materials we will need. The fact that our property will also be stored in a secured and locked room is an added benefit.

Agenda Item 9.3

Committee/Requestor: Betsy Isroelit and Anne-Marie Johnson

Text of Motion:

Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council provide funding not to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for the Words Could Hurt series of panel discussions.

Committee Vote: Board Approved series

Describe the event or project in detail:

As approved by the SLNC board in May 2017, the SLNC Outreach Committee and the Silver Lake Library will develop a series of discussions regarding race, gender and gender identity, age, sexism, religion and ethnic issues in Silver Lake specifically and American generally. The series is tentatively titled, Words Could Hurt and is scheduled to begin in August. The request for up to seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) will be used to purchase FB ads, drinking water and goodies for SLNC-centric "Gift Bags" for the panelists.

What is the timeline for the project?

August 2017 thru March 2018

What is the total budget for the project? If this is a funding motion, please submit a completed Funding Request Form to the Treasurer at least 3 days before the Governing Board Meeting.

No to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00)

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Outreach

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

If the motion is supported by the SLNC, (INSERT ACTION HERE)

The Words Could Hurt series will be the first of its kind for the SLNC and will provide an informative, safe and kind arena to discuss sensitive issues as race, gender, and religion. Silver Lake has been a progressive community for decades but the goals of this series is to educate, enlighten, inform, and share. It is also important to solidify our ties with the Silver Lake Library, which is an incredible "home" of education in our community.

Agenda Item 9.4

Name/Committee: Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee
Case Number: Case Number ZA-2017-1574-CUB
Name/Location: Cliff's Edge
Text of Motion: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's UD&PAC Committee recommends a one-year approval for the renewal of an existing CUP to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages as well as the expansion of an existing outdoor patio. Recommendation of parking requirement removal will be contingent on new data being reviewed at the Neighborhood Council meeting.

Vote: PASSED 9 Y / 2 N

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? If the motion is supported by the SLNC, a letter in support will be forwarded to the Department of City Planning by the Chairs of the Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee.

Committee's discussion from the draft meeting minutes:

Dafne:

Asking for an increase of square footage for the patio. Cliff's is asking to correct a mistake from the past, wanting to include the patio in the new adjustments. The existing space is already there, with more seating. Cliff's Edge wants to change the hours for Sunday, 11a.m. to 8p.m, for the interior of the restaurant. Cliff's also wishes to extend patio hours for one extra hour at night. It is Cliff's goal to have hours more aligned with the rest of the week, so extending hours would bring more balance to those hours. There is also a prohibition on happy hour city wide and we would like that removed. As it stands Cliff's is not allowed to include alcohol on the outside menu or have happy hour specials. We want to have the ability to have our menu posted outside, with alcohol options listed. Cliff's main entrance is in the back, not the front, and having more freedom with what is able to be posted and advertised would bring more awareness to the entrance.

Dafne also addresses parking saying that in the year of 2000, the city's parking requirements and needs where different for off sight parking. They (Cliff's) don't want to stop valet, but instead wants the city to be a little less rigid on parking requirements. There are 16 stripe stalls at a dentist's lot across the street that closes at 7pm most nights, 4pm on Saturdays, and closed on Fridays and Sundays. It does not hold the required 52 stalls, but does feed the needy. Cliff's wants the required amount of spaces lowered. Dafne points out an argument for their case, remarking that parking needs have lowered since ridesharing has become so popular. Cliff's asks these issues be approved by committee: that the striped stall requirement be changed from the required 52 stalls, the allowance for an adjustment of their hours to coincide with other businesses and the times, and a ten year contract for next term limit.

Public/Committee Comments

Barbara: Where do the staff park?

Dafne/ Pierre: They bus, bike. They find parking where they can.

How many staff are working during the evening when are doing valet and want to extend these hours?

Owner (Pierre): 20 working, Maybe 10 are actually parking

Barbara: It may impact people who live in the city, having to accommodate those workers looking for parking in the neighborhood. People will want to avoid valet, and look for other parking.

Last week, maybe two weeks ago I saw a car pulling into Sawyer, and pulling into the lot for your restaurant. A couple weeks before that I saw a car parked on Sunset Boulevard and the valet took the keys to that parked car to their key box at Sawyer. I am concerned with staff parking on street. As large as Cliff's Edge is there should be parking incentives, bus fare, Lyft, a parking plan to try and get people from not parking on the street. One by one several areas are asking for parking permits for residents. That may create issues for people working.

Scott: Would you be willing if this gets approved to create a parking plan?

Dafne/ Pierre: Yes

Julie: Given the fact that they are out of compliance, I am not comfortable to renew it, for disregard of the process. I want to prevent the neighborhood from not being able to renew it for 10 years. Instead a motion that includes one year with conditions, allowing the extended hours and happy hour to be allowed.

Scott: So are you suggesting a substitute motion for the time?

Dafne: It is common that restaurants put in more seats within their spaces without telling anybody. We just want to be honest and say that what exists now is what we are asking for. We could have filed for approval

and lied about seats, but we didn't. The happy hour rule isn't really enforced in the city, we just want to be transparent with the community and given a little more flexibility.

David: You mentioned that parking needs have gone down in recent years and that a large percent of people use rideshare these days. I want to know what is that percent of people who use rideshare? I want more background on this.

Dafne: Does not have an exact percentage, but everyone she speaks to in the area talks about the decrease of parking and increase in rideshare.

Barbara: Reviewing material on restaurants within the area mentions there are 23 conditions, many partially compliant, almost all are about seating. So is this compliant (Referring now to Cliff's Edge)?

Dafne: Yes, I personally counted all the seats

Barbara: As it stands there should not be any discounted drinks, or happy hour. Do surrounding restaurants have it?

Group: Yes

David: So you want less parking stalls?

Barb: I do not agree with asking for less stalls as you are expanding, because you already have. 52 is really good, call it 50 or 45 if you want, but it shouldn't be open ended, especially if it is wildly popular restaurant.

Scott: So it sounds like what is being recommended is a one year time limit with a chance to revisit?

David seconds.

Main Motion: APPROVED 9 yes / 2 no

Substitute Motion: Not removing the required parking, bring in the hard data on percentages of those that use rideshare as compared to parking.

Agenda Item 9.5

Committee/Requestor: Betsy Isroelit

Text of Motion:

The motion maker recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) approves spending up to \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to fund production of name tags and business cards for new board members, as needed.

Describe the event or project in detail:

Produce name tags and business cards for new board members. Three cards/name tags need to be ordered now; approval of funds for future cards/tags will expedite ordering.

What is the timeline for the project?

Upon approval by SLNC Governing Board—will be used on an ongoing basis as needed.

What is the total budget for the project? If this is a funding motion, please submit a completed Funding Request Form to the Treasurer at least 3 days before the Governing Board Meeting.

Up to \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars)

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? If this is a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG), attach completed NPG forms and supporting documents.

Operations

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

After approval, Betsy Isroelit, secretary, will order tags/cards as needed.

All newly elected board members should have name tags and business cards as soon as possible to be consistent with other SLNC board members.

Agenda Item 9.6

Committee/Requestor: Arts and Culture

Text of Motion:

The Arts + Culture Committee of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council move to support Independent Shakespeare Company in mounting Shakespeare in the Park performances for 2017 summer season. We request \$3,000 in funds to assist with the production of this most excellent entertainment which is widely enjoyed by the Silver Lake community and drama lovers from throughout the city.

Describe the event or project in detail:

Further information not provided.

Agenda Item 9.7

Name/Committee: Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee

Text of Motion: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's UD&PAC Committee recommends support for the City's proposed linkage fee to fund the provision of affordable housing.

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUS

Most important item:

The provision of affordable housing in a city with a severe shortage of reasonable options.

How will Silver Lake benefit:

affordable housing is a key component of a thriving and well-balanced community. Residents may be able to find housing closer to family ties, jobs, and education.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

If the motion is supported by the SLNC, a CIS response will be filed.

Proposed CIS:

In order to address the growing housing crisis in Los Angeles, the City has proposed a permanent, new source of funding for affordable housing by establishing an affordable housing linkage fee. Collected revenue from this fee, levied on new development projects, would be directed to the Housing Impact Trust Fund. More than 150 cities in California currently require developers to help fund the building of affordable housing, including Pasadena, West Hollywood, San Francisco, and Oakland; Los Angeles does not.

The housing crisis and the homeless crisis are inextricably linked. Affordable housing is not only a proven and effective part of the city's homelessness prevention strategy, it will provide our lower-income neighbors the opportunity to live in decent homes and to make Los Angeles a more livable city. Since 2010, the city has lost 75% of its state and federal funding for affordable housing, and we applaud the authors of this motion to look to developers for a stable and dedicated source of local funding to build affordable homes in Los Angeles.

While we support an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee in concept, we feel key details are unspecified in the existing ordinance. The method of calculating fees needs to be better thought out. As the fee is based on net new floor area, developers who remove RSO units from the market and replace them with an equivalent amount of for sale floor area will not contribute to the fund. Preserving RSO units is a crucial component of solving our affordable housing crisis, and developers who remove these units from the market should be required to pay into the fund.

We would also like to see more specifics on how the fund would be utilized included in the ordinance.

For these reasons, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports Council File 17-0274 but we would appreciate our questions being answered.