

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVENING BOARD APPROVED MINUTES
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Ivanhoe Elementary School Auditorium/ 2828 Herkimer Street. 90039

1. Call to Order* 7:00 p.m. Anne-Marie Johnson started meeting.
2. Roll Call*
Rita Byone (minute taker) performed roll call.

Region 1
Doug Loewy
Absent

Region 1
Hannah Anderson
Present

Region 2
Barbara Ringuette
Present

Region 2
Liz Torres
Absent

Region 3
Adam Somilleda
Absent

Region 3
Nic Somilleda
Absent

Region 4
Rusty Millar
Present

Region 4
Tracey Wollfolk
Present

Region 5
Bob Lisauskas
Present

Region 5
Caroline Pham
Absent

Region 6
Betsy Isroelit
Present

Region 6
Taryn Poole
Present

Region 7
Terry Jackson
Present

Region 7
Stacey Boucher
Present

At-Large:
Absent
Jerome Courshon

Present
Glenn Harrell

Antonio Stifano
Present

Patty Jausoro
Present

Heather Carson
Absent

Anne-Marie-Marie Johnson
Present

Scott Plante
Present

3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

Anne-Marie asked if anyone had items to be discussed, please fill out a card that is on the table.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*

Tim in the community is speaking of his property he owns and the degradation of the neighborhood near "Diablo Taco" and a pop-up pot party. He stated it is not "Diablo Taco" but the business above and he would like to revisit the liquor license for "Diablo Taco" as well.

Comments from Police Officers:

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This was written up and passed on to the narcotics division with the police department. Anne-Marie stated the board will follow through. Rusty questioned if ABC can do anything about this? The issue is stated with Edelman the building owner.
Tim stated that kids are smoking pot before school there as well.

Jorge Castaneda – Introduced himself: he is with the Coalition with Non-Profit, developing better collaboration with city officials. Txt 323-617-1606.

5. Special Presentations: City/State Representatives Reports known at time of meeting:
A representative from Laura Friedman's office, John Darnell, works with Neighborhood Empowerment and introduced himself. He is happy to help with any issues.
A new thing with the department called sub-division.

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Skid row did not pass(no council) Herman passed (new council)
Lastly, measure HHH, last event was 2nd event (unofficial) for housing and complex and what it would be in 5 years.

Jerome Courshon would like to know if the space that SLNC was trying to rent as an office could get approved for these meetings, by DUNN, approvals are held up. Anne-Marie stated that office space is not ADA compliant and with regards to Holy Virgin Mary, (church), office space, they are still trying to approve ADA compliancy.

A question on the Skid Row neighborhood council is still being contested, and there is a public meeting tonight for possible use of their own material.

Representative Blake Delanger from Laura Friedman's office, updates.

She is also going around to the elementary schools and met with the Superintendent with the Parks. Also, Saturday is first event in Burbank at the Cambridge Elementary Center from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Jerome asks if Laura was co-sponsoring the single payer bill.

Mark is in touch with Film LA to plan how it can be addressed for residents' concerns with filming and how filming can help out the community.

6. Old Business

1) Barbara Ringuette, met with five members of the City Council Budget & Finance Committee and felt welcome. She attended the Homeless Civic University, where LAPD and Sanitation presented. It was informative but basic– not much new coming out. She stated listening to a Los Angeles County webinar discussing 37 points, which was a great deal, but the presenters did seem to have a handle on the strategy.

2) She toured a renovation of the 28th St. YMCA, now a supportive housing program. When new supportive housing is built it can add to the community, a good thing. The SLNC Homeless Committee met on May 2 and discussed the homeless in Silver Lake. The recent clean up on Silver Lake Blvd. under the Sunset bridge was a big improvement.

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3) Plan Check last month had a retired Associate Zoning Administrator speak on how to organize and plan for hearings on zoning and planning matters. He offered to provide Planning 101 training so the Board can make educated decisions. Barbara asked how many on the Board would be interested. [9 agreed].

Rusty, addressed some of the walkways around the reservoir. LA water and power only handles costs. He was referred to Mitchell O'Farrell, 17-0330 for Dakota pipeline. Rusty says also last week he attended event celebrating return of water into the Ivanhoe reservoir, which was freezing, but a nice event. The community wants to know if there will be a meeting. Rusty stated there will be an open house May 13, CD13 will discuss and report.

1.1. (Arts & Culture) SLNC initiated an Instagram account in order to reach out further into the community for recruitment of members and volunteers.

Scott made a Motion 6.1 and has been 2nd by Rusty. [No objections passed unanimously]. 1.2.

(SNLC) Update on Tenants of the Trees

Varda – Sent an email regarding “Tenants of the Trees” right here last year. She stated they continue to have sleepless nights, noise, hours are unbearable, and driving on Hyperion at 1 am. People are drunk and the noise is unbearable. She cannot open windows or doors after 10:00 p.m. due to the rowdiness and noise. She has made complaints to police but after the police leave they start again. The new problem is with the Homeless Compound.

[Tracey excused at 7:38 p.m.]

Glenn Harrell is stating concerns for neighborhood in Silver Lake. “Tenants of the Trees” are tearing down the community, having to clean up after them and it is not the homeless. Potted plants are destroyed every week. “Tenants of the Trees” are doing filming. [Glenn excused self at 7:40 p.m.]

Taryn Poole lives up hill from “Tenants of the Trees” and is speaking as a private stakeholder. TOT is a business that is chaotic and needs to be handled promptly. Rven after calling the police noise does not cease.

An email read by Scott from the attorney representing “Tenants of the Trees”. Stated he cannot attend the meeting but wants to work with the owners regarding these issues or concerns of their businesses. He is reaching out to ask the help of the Silver Lake council.

Anne-Marie read the text of the motion. Motion states repeated meetings of issues Anne- Marie motioned to pass [All were in favor]. She stated “Tenants of the Trees” are a disgrace to the community. Anne-Marie believes a letter will be sent again, not to engage with the new owners of the “Tenants of the Trees”.

Betsy wanted to bring up the issue of younger women given narcotics (roffies) at this establishment “Tenants of the Trees” and mentioned one case of a woman who was given one recently but fortunately she was with her boyfriend who took her home. Lastly, she said the fact that the management of Trader Joes has also been expressing its concerns is very persuasive. Barbara Ringquette suggests contacting the Conditional Use-Beverage Section, staffed by the planning department, to see if anything can be done. Also, contacting the State Alcohol Beverage Commission.

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Rusty wants to know what the police can do about this. The officer attending the meeting stated he has not received one complaint and would like to get a call to discuss these problems.

Taryn, Tracey and Glenn have returned to the mtg. 7:50 pm

A community member (I did not get his name), represents The Pay it Forward Band, he recruits 7 of best performers and performs in nursing homes to people who are dying and ill. He would like a committee referred to him. He will forward the information to the chair to for that committee.

7. Consent

1.1 (UPD) Lyric Theatre Hyperion Café/Theatre. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's UD & PAC Committee recommends approval for the renewal of an existing CUP to allow the sale of beer and wine in conjunction with an existing 1, 889 sf. restaurant and 722 sf. outdoor patio. [Item passed unanimously].

8. Administrative:

1.1 SLNC Finance Report from Treasurer and Approval of MER

Terrance stated in month of March 2017 \$2014.00 was dispersed. In April monies were received from the city. The remaining balance is \$26,421.00 and there are no expenditures in the month of April. Also, now on 'Bill Pay'.

Funding control was a single sheet that was passed out and outlined all things that are currently approved. Total committed is \$23,943.00. Two (2) items on agenda tonight. Anne-Marie motioned to approve March MER. Terrence is taking roll call for approval. [All approved]. April MER. Roll call [All approved]. 2nd signature Taryn will sign.

Jerome states he loves that Terrence is confident everything will be spent but how can he be sure. Final funding motions are tonight and there is an early cut-off so Terrance is confident it will be done once there is case number approval.

9. New Business

1.1 (Gov't Affairs) Governmental Affairs Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File: 2017- 0600.

A motion was made (did not get who made the motion) and motion 2nd by Betsy. Barbara stated white paper copy includes report about how the neighborhood would like to see the monies spent. Priorities should be addressed. Testimony from the public at 9 a.m. how the budget is spent. [Motion passes unanimously].

1.2 (Jay Handal) Election of 2 Budget Representatives.

Barbara and Tony were nominated to be Budget Representatives. Both were unanimously approved.

Scott has question about the libraries uncommitted \$1200.00. Is it rolled back into the budget? A motion is on table for 9.2 by Anne-Marie and 2nd by Rusty Millar.

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1.3 (Green) Recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support a letter to May Garcetti, CD4, and CD13 urging the City of Los Angeles to defund banks investing in the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Motion by Bob Lisauskas and 2nd by Hannah. Would like to amend this motion and add to the existing council. Mitchel O'Farrell is involved, since the Wells Fargo Bank is supporting. Recommendations from the city as stated; not to violate consumers rights. Anne-Marie states the board will send an impact statement attached to the file. [None disagree. Motion passes].

1.4 (Green) Recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support a letter to LA Metro, CD4 and CD13 recommending the use of electric busses over traditional gas powered buses.

Bob Lisauskas, made a motion that SLNC support this letter and 2nd by Scott Plante. Questions about letter. Jerome states he would like following corrections "I am" concerned replaced with "We are" concerned, and "My taxes" to "Our taxes" on letter from Neighborhood Council. [No objections motion passes].

1.5 (Arts & Culture) Moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council co-sponsor for \$800.00 for the 3rd Annual Silver Lake Variety and Talent Show (the Show) to be held this year in conjunction with the Make Music LA (MMLA) festival on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. The cost is for the stage and sound.

Bob Lisauskas, made a Motion, and 2nd by Jerome Courshon for the funds of \$800.00. Anne-Marie states how would 'we' be recognized 'we' being Neighborhood Council. It was stated, Logos could be placed on banners by Anne-Marie. Bob Lisauskas questions publicizing the talent show event. It doesn't seem to get recognized. Terry says there is no "Arts and Culture" budget. Who will be paid? Make Music LA? Anne-Marie is concerned "Arts and Culture" is not concerned who we pay. She asked the treasure, Terry Jackson, if he is comfortable with making this payment. It is pending on the receipt of the proper information. If we make a time or date? Rusty Millar makes a motion for required information from payee by 5:00 p.m. Monday May 8, 2017. Betsy wants the motion to clarify what the Silver Lake Council will receive, with respect to Anne-Marie's question. All details for amount \$800.00. [All yays, no nays, no abstain (14)]. Motion passed. Terry Jackson will report back to board with an email on May 9.

1.6 (Outreach) Moves to partner with the Silver Lake Library to develop a series of discussions regarding race, gender and gender identity, age, sexism, and religion and ethic issues in Silver Lake specifically and American generally.

Anne-Marie made motion and 2nd by Rusty Millar. Anne-Marie states all concerns for gentrification with race and religion with the assistance of the library for seminars for each individual topics. Betsy says if the library can create a list of reading material before each seminar that could help. A committee will be chosen to be involved in this discussion. Saturday was picked so that it can include parents and children. [Motion passes, no objections].

1.7 (Bylaws & SR) Moves to revise SLNC Standing Rule #32 to eliminate the recording of abstain votes by board and/or committee members.

Anne-Marie states the roll has been done improperly. Abstain and not voting does not exist. Previous boards were counting abstains as no. This covers all committees. [Item passes unanimously. No objections].

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1.8 (Ringuette) The SLNC Budget Representative recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of \$500.00 or more.

Barbara Ringuette states budget advocates need money to run their programs. In the budget it must have a specific dollar amount. In order not to have funds going back to the city that is why she is putting this motion to the board. It is 2nd by Rusty Millar. Jerome says he thought SLNC already passed a motion where the funds will automatically go back into the Budget. It was stated that it was improper. Jerome is making a motion to amend this to \$400.00. Terry states there are still bills outstanding. Jerome made a motion to amend this motion and Stacy has 2nd it. Terrence states we should word it “use up” instead for any monies remaining. Jerome withdrew substitute motion and Rusty withdrew his 2nd. Anne-Marie wants to wait since there may be something on the Officers Report. Terry made Substitute motion to fund up to \$1000.00 2nd by Jerome. [Unanimous decision all Yay. (14) No nays].

10. Approval of the April Meeting Minutes. April 2017 draft minutes-posted on website at link below

1.1 <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/slnc-Board-Minutes-draf-april-5-2017.pdf>
A motion by Jerome, and 2nd by Terry. Taryn wants last sentence “push” changed to “Highlight” and “let girls play”. Also to please note that his absence was excused. Page 27 delete their chair and put in board member. Betsy on Page 7 comments. Barbara on page 2 to discuss. On Page 8 changing word expense to spend. [Minutes are approved unanimously]. All changes are to be sent to Christine via email.

11. Reports of Officers

Because of April 20th meeting SLNC will be asking the LADWP to bring the discussion to Ivanhoe to answer questions from the residents and no action will be taken at that meeting. Barbara wants to know will CD4 and CD13 be here for that meeting. Anne-Marie states that it is LADWP’s rendering, no action. Communication with LADWP for the program. Adamouncilmember Rue stated he and Councilman cannot attend and notification must be well in advance. Three weeks is not adequate for them on notification.

Before Adam Miller, field representative for Councilmember David Ryu, gave his update he wanted to congratulate Anne-Marie Johnson on her “Woman of the Year” award. Adam also gave update on APAN event that is coming up and “Fresh off the Boat” cast will be there. It is well received and it will be at City Hall, a free show.

to give exposure to this culture. VIP seating is offered to the board. It starts at 6:00 p.m. Adam will send a flyer out. Also, new lights are in on Rowena and all lights west of Hyperion are now up and running. It was repaired by contractor and City did not have to pay for it. They are still taking in recommendations for repaving of the streets. Silver lake Drive will not be repaved. The City does not work in concrete but asphalt. Rusty wants to know how repaving in asphalt could be a significant expense. Adam says it is used because it is cheaper than using cement. Pilot project was done to see who could do the road better and time effect and cost efficient. It brings us back to Measure M, which is the money that should go to repairing the roads. Asphalt does not adhere to concrete. It is budget season so they are collecting what the problem is and which streets. Not necessarily prioritized but these suggestions can go to Adam. Rusty Millar says that asphalt will crumble apart faster than concrete streets. Adam stated slurry sealing is every 2 to 3 years which is why they are continuing to redo streets.

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12. Committee Reports

1.1 Green

1.2 Bylaws and Standing Rules 1.3 Urban Design

13. Agenda items for Next Meeting

14. Announcements*

Glenn wanted to thank Ann-Marie for being there when he was ill and for the comfort she brought.

15. Adjournment Anne-Marie made motion to adjourn this meeting, Jerome Courshon 2nd it. Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.