

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00pm with 13 Board members present. (7 votes are needed to carry.)

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne-Marie Johnson, Co-Chair

Scott Plante, Co-Chair

Jerome Courshon, Vice-Chair

Terrence Jackson, Treasurer

Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary

Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres (arrived late)

Rusty Millar

Bob Lisauskas

Glenn Harrell

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Caroline Pham (arrived late)

Antonio Stifano (arrived late)

Rebecca Ruben (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Lee Sherman (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Adam Somilleda

Nicholas Somilleda

Tracey Woolfolk

Stacey Boucher

Heather Carson

### 3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

Rusty Millar noted that Heather Carson has missed 3 consecutive meetings.

### 5. Special Presentations: City/State Representatives Reports known at time of meeting

*Inspector Perez, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), along with LAFD Inspectors Gabriel, Charles, and Don Smith:*

Inspector Gabriel wants to discuss brush clearance. There are 140,000 such inspections which are mandated by the State. After the Oakland Hills fire, the State said that local fire departments had to inspect areas for brush clearance. This is done during the May to July period so it's happening now.

There are 12 inspectors in this district. They also work with fire fighters. Over the last 2 years, there has been a transition to more technology with ipads. That slows us down a bit but it has GPS (global positioning system) to show exactly where we are.

What he means by brush clearance is a defensible space, not a denuded area. If we go into something that we can't defend, our lives will be at risk. They want the grass cut down to 3 inches to avoid a fire ladder whereby fire spreads from grass to bushes to trees.

Native shrubs stay green year round. They have oil that accelerates fire. We want it trimmed. Trees 18 ft or taller can't have branches close to the ground. That makes it easier for firemen to reach fires.

Their aggressive program helps to prevent major fires. The LAFD has one of the most aggressive programs in the nation.

As he offered more detail Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson asked is that information in the pamphlets? Inspector Gabriel said yes. There is also information on website, he added.

A Man named Kenny in the audience made comments about ugly pine trees that have been cut. Inspector Gabriel, who said that he is a certified

arborist, said we don't hack up trees. We want an urban interface where people live in a brush environment.

Another LAFD Inspector said that the big problem is grass. It grows back every year and can be a problem when the warm Santa Ana winds arrive in the autumn.

Rusty Millar offered condolences for the LAFD officer who died in an accident. Inspector Gabriel commented that the deceased left a young child. He was a newlywed. He had been climbing ladders with heavy equipment. It's a tragedy. Our whole fire department was devastated. Accidents happen.

Bob Lisauskas said this is a great program. What if your neighbors aren't respecting the program, he asked. One of his neighbors has 7 foot tall weeds. Can she be reported?

Inspector Gabriel said that code is a 200 ft clearance. You clear to your property line. That's what you are responsible for. We will do a more refined inspection. The neighbor is responsible if that person is in violation. The City will hire contractors to correct the situation and then charge the homeowner.

Taryn Poole thanked the LAFD for being proactive. Regarding their pamphlet, she asked did you mail that to residents? Inspector Gabriel said no. However, we have to notify the homeowners. Last time was in 2015. That was a big expense. Now they do an opt-out affidavit. We bring flyers along on inspections. The City decided because of budget to not do a mailing.

Co-Chair Johnson said we'll make sure that everyone gets the brochure.

(Note: Caroline Pham and Antonio Stifano arrived by 7:20pm. There are now 15 board members. 8 votes are required for a simple majority.)

#### 4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Kenny:*

He said that he was at a City Council meeting where Aura Vazquez, an environmentalist with the Department of Water and Power (DWP) spoke. She's a new commissioner who was appointed May 6. She would be a great contact to cultivate, he opined.

*Seamus Garrity, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, 43<sup>rd</sup> District:*

We are half way through the legislative calendar he said highlighting Friedman's co-sponsorship of Senate Bill SB562 for single payer healthcare. There is tons of awareness about this.

Friedman will host a Town Hall this Saturday at the Griffith Park Visitor Center Auditorium at 1pm about how California needs to take a leadership role in climate change. The cap and trade mechanism to contain air pollution will be among discussion topics. For more information: [Assemblymember.Friedman@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Friedman@asm.ca.gov) or <https://a43.asmdc.org>

*Adam Miller, Neighborhood Advocate for Council Member David Ryu, Fourth District (CD4) ([adam.miller@lacity.org](mailto:adam.miller@lacity.org) 323-957-6415, 213-473-7004):*

He spoke about trash cans along Rowena and Hyperion. We're getting 7 of them, he announced to applause from the audience. They will be maintained by the City's Sanitation Department, he explained.

Regarding the removal of a traffic light, he said that we are putting up a series of signs along Glendale near Rowena.

We are aware of two homeless people near Trader Joe's. Our outreach people are chatting with them. They are friendly without mental issues.

He gave an update regarding the DASH bus line, which runs between Silver Lake, Los Feliz and the Metro station. The routing, which will include all Silver Lake public schools, will be signed off and then sent to City Council for approval. Vice Chair Jerome Courshon asked do you need people to attend that City Council?

Taryn Poole asked about the two homeless people living in the Trader Joe's parking lot? Millar said that neither of them lives there. One of them lives near the LA River. There is no permanent encampment there. We want to provide outreach and encouragement to come inside.

Glenn Harrell asked about the DASH bus routing. Miller said that it will run from the Sunset and Vermont Metro Station up to Franklin then up Saint George Street to Rowena to Hyperion and then stop at schools and Trader Joe's and Harrell's cheese shop.

Rusty Millar commented that there was a discussion yesterday discussion about short term rentals. He said that he is concerned that Mayor Garcetti and the City Council will waive any requirements to allow the handicapped. What is Council Member David Ryu doing regarding this? Miller said that he doesn't know. We don't have a position on that. When he knows, he'll inform Millar.

*Elizabeth O'Keefe, LAFD, Battalion 11:*

She reported that CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) classes ended last night, report. She thanked the neighborhood council for providing emergency scholarships for attendees. She wants to encourage the neighborhood council to continue to hold classes.

The [www.lacert.com](http://www.lacert.com) website has a community training request area. Submit your requested date and time and location and they will get back to you. Johnson offered congratulations on the success of the classes.

Patty Jausoro mentioned that the class size is determined by the fire chief and not by us. Courshon said that in the future, we want to figure out how to deal with no shows. He suggests overbooking. People were trying to get into the class but it was full.

Jausoro said that the fire department said they expect drop outs. Lots of people RSVP for free things and then change their minds. The program is underfunded. We'll follow up through the 50-plus Committee.

*Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:*

She thanked the neighborhood council for its \$1,000 contribution. Budget Day is June 24 at City Hall. Everyone is invited. There is free parking. You can sign up at [www.ncbala.org](http://www.ncbala.org). It will be very entertaining and will feature a catered breakfast. Speakers will include City Council President Herb Wesson, City administrative officers and the keynote speaker will be a journalist and critic of the city budget from the Los Angeles Times.

The morning sessions are for the public. Afternoon sessions are for representatives. It will be a really good event. The budget is important for you and your community, concluded Ringuette.

*Jorge, Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles:*

He passed out flyers.

We were behind a campaign that lost. One component was the general plan. We learned that closed door meetings were taking place. We approached neighborhood councils, put a motion forward, and submitted a letter to Council Member Jose Huizar.

An open space element meeting opened to the public today at City Hall. Lots of people showed up. Community involvement was the centerpiece. People wanted transparency. There was progress today.

There are two workshops scheduled, including one on the Eastside at Casa 0101 on First Street. He said that he will send information to the Board. He will have an attorney to speak about how to file public information requests. This is an education process.

Because of the people who came out today, which included environmental groups, we made it clear that we're here and will keep going, he said regarding the Planning Committee.

Millar said that some misguided person in the State Senate wanted to white wash zoning restrictions in the City. He asked Jorge for more information about that. Jorge said that he was not very aware. However, he will endeavour to discover more information.

CD13 Field Representative Miller said that the legislation hasn't hit the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) yet. It's still in a draft stage. Homesharing is the subject.

*Mary, a new colleague of John Darnell at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):*

She said that a free tenant rights workshop is being prepared. Representatives from the Coalition of Economic Survival will speak. She wants a neighborhood council Board member there on June 28 at 6:30pm at the Silver Lake Library.

Secretary Betsy Isroelit asked whether a committee member who is not a Board member attend?

Johnson said that John came to us last month and asked what is important in Silver Lake? We do get emails from tenants who want to know their rights. It would be wonderful to have a representative there.

Isroelit asked can the co-chair of the Homeless in Silver Lake Committee attend? Johnson said that would be brilliant!

(Note: Elizabeth Torres arrived by 7:45pm. There are now 16 Board members present.)

6. Administrative:

6.1: (Johnson/Plante) Revise SR# 1.03 regarding process for internal board elections and replacements

Johnson clarified internal voting procedures for officer seats and replacements. The Bylaws Committee vetted this but didn't present it as a motion. The clarification is to revise internal rule 1.03.

A vote by a show of hands or by roll call will be taken once nominations close. If there are only 2 candidates, we'll use a simple majority. If there are more than 2 candidates then the one with a plurality of votes is elected. That is the motion. This streamlines and clarifies what we have been doing, explained Johnson.

Jausoro asked for the definition of plurality? Courshon said that it means whoever has the most votes among all candidates wins. You don't have to reach 50%.

**VOTE**  
**16-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

(Note: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council no longer has a vote category for abstentions. Board members not voting Yes or No are considered simply present but not voting.)

6.2: Election of SLNC Board Officers.

a. Co-Chairs

Courshon is chairing this election for co-chairs.

Johnson noted that we shortened the amount of time for candidates to speak to 2 minutes. That's a new standing rule.  
Chair positions.

Seat A nomination:

*Rusty Millar nominated Scott Plante, who accepted.*

*Glenn Harrell nominated Anne-Marie Johnson. She said that she'll bow out for Seat A.*

Plante is the sole nominee for Seat A. He said that he wants to continue what we've been doing. He wants to finish up the term.

**VOTE for Scott Plante as Co-Chair:**

**16-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Jerome Courshon

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar



Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:  
None

Seat B:

*Glenn Harrell nominated Anne-Marie Johnson, who accepted.*

She is the only candidate. Johnson said we're moving at really good clip. Scott and I work really well together. I appreciate this hardworking Board. I'm proud of this Board.

Millar said something was promised to this community and this Board. I'm disappointed as Johnson promised this so I won't vote for her, he said regarding the location of Board meetings at the South end of Silver Lake. He's had multiple conversations with Jeff Brill that Johnson didn't attend meetings. We'll be meeting here all the time and abandoning the South end (the Sunset Boulevard area near Micheltorena), which is mean. It's an assault on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

Johnson said I appreciate that. I had a meeting with Jeff Brill two weeks ago about the church. The City Attorney said the church bathroom is not ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant. If we hold meetings there, Plante and I can be sued. We can't move forward until Jeff Brill visits the site and makes that determination. I disagree with your description but I respect your opinion. Plante added that another neighborhood council did get sued for \$10,000.

Courshon said I hear what Millar is saying. We are supposed to split our meetings. This paperwork has been an issue with DONE. Micheltorena is also not ADA compliant. That's something we need to figure out. It should be done within the next month or two.

**VOTE for Anne-Marie Johnson as Co-Chair**  
**14-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Patty Jausoro  
Rusty Millar

Now that both Co-Chairs have been re-elected, Johnson is again chairing the meeting.

b. Vice Chair

Vice-Chair Nominations:

*Doug Loewy nominated Jerome Courshon, who accepted.*

Courshon said it's been a joy and a pleasure to work with this Board. I've not seen a cohesive Board in years. We'll keep rocking.

Jausoro said that there is a problem with civility. I have received emails asking me to step down from the Board. We all work hard and do the best that we can. It is difficult to receive harassing emails. How will that be handled, she asked.

Courshon said I apologize that you felt the emails were harassing. I don't recall asking you to step down. You expressed unhappiness. If there's a problem we need to bring it into the open for discussion. Statements were made that were damaging to the Board. I didn't get a response from you so I sent emails. If there are problems I'd like to be able to talk them out.

**VOTE for Jerome Courshon as Vice-Chair  
12-3  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Jerome Courshon  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:

Patty Jausoro  
Bob Lisauskas  
Rusty Millar

Caroline Pham was present but did not vote.

Courshon retains his position as Vice-Chair.

c. Treasurer

Treasurer Nominations:

*Assistant Secretary Hannah nominated current Treasurer Terrence Jackson, who accepted.*

Jackson said that as a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) he takes the responsibility very seriously. The City is a very complex agency to work with. It is a challenge.

Johnson said I've enjoyed your due diligence. It's a thankless job.

**VOTE for Terrence Jackson as Treasurer  
15-1  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

d. Secretary

Secretary Nominations

*Taryn Poole nominated current Secretary Betsy Isroelit, who accepted*

Isroelit thanked everyone for their support. People have been terrific, very helpful, she said. I'd like to thank Hannah for being the Assistant Secretary and answering questions and holding my hand.

**VOTE for Betsy Isroelit as Secretary:**

**15-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Jerome Courshon  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy

Elizabeth Torres  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:

Rusty Millar

e. Second Signer

*Jackson nominated Taryn Poole, who accepted.*

Poole said that this was a confusing time. She is happy to help. She's completed training online.

**VOTE for Taryn Poole as Second Signer**

**14-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Patty Jausoro  
Rusty Millar

f. Assistant to the Secretary

*Current Assistant Secretary Hannah Anderson accepted Courshon's nomination.*

Anderson said that Isroelit and I work well together. I'm happy to help.

**VOTE for Hannah Anderson as Assistant Secretary**

**16-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

6.3. Election: Region 3 vacated seats. Nominations are open to those who live, work, own property and/or have a significant and ongoing stakeholder interest in the Region 3 area of Silver Lake. Link to map of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council regional boundaries: <http://silverlakenc.org/map-boundaries/>

Candidates for Open Seats in Region 3 to Replace Adam Somilleda and Nicholas Somilleda:

Lee Sherman  
Rebecca Ruben

Rebecca Ruben said that she lives in Region 3. We visit local shops and we love our neighborhood. She's worked with contractors in the neighborhood about preservation. She works in schools in South Los Angeles. Silver Lake is the most welcoming community in Los Angeles, she said. It is home to first generation immigrants, the LGBTQ community and artists, she added.

There will be more developments in Region 3. 2829 Bellevue is vacant and is subject to graffiti and broken windows. She doesn't want empty store fronts. She comes from the nonprofit community. In response to a question, she said that she lives on Parkman.

Barbara Ringuette said that Ruben has been a member of our small group to meet with developers. I'm really impressed and delighted that she wants to join the Board. In response to a question from Millar, Ruben said that 651 Parkman is her address.

Isroelit said that it's great that you want to be involved with outreach. We need more people.

**VOTE for Rebecca Ruben**

**16-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

(Note: Rebecca Ruben now joins the Board. There are now 17 Board members.)

Lee Sherman said that he's lived in Silver Lake for 3 years. He's been involved with the neighborhood council for 2 years. He's coordinated the neighborhood council elections. After the elections, we did a post mortem and recommended changes to the Bylaws. We made changes to improve voter access. People won't have to provide documentation. That reflects the spirit of the community and the purpose of the neighborhood council. He wants to continue working on voter access and ways to advocate with DONE for inclusion.

He is interested in the Bylaws Committee. It's a unique opportunity for outreach. He said that he knows Rebecca Ruben well and will be honored to work with her. The Election Committee provides an outlet for outreach for people to do something constructive.

Jausoro said I appreciate your work on the Election Committee. Plante said I echo what patty said. What is the self-affirmation thing? Also, Region 3 is known for low representation. How can that be improved?

Lee highlighted self-affirmation. You have to sign a form under penalty of perjury. No documentation is needed. It's intended not to restrict access. You must still establish stakeholder status but won't be turned away for not having documentation. You can be a stakeholder without being a legal immigrant.

For improving participation in Region 3, he suggested making ourselves available at Café organic or going door-to-door. Ruben and I are active people.

Millar expressed concerns about self-affirmation. This neighborhood council has continually required some verification of where you're from because of concerns among a number of neighborhood councils that busload of people might come in. One idea that this neighborhood council had was that you need to have something to show that you work here.

Sherman said we presented on this issue in March. It was voted on unanimously. Your concern is based on the old definition of stakeholder. We Spoke with other neighborhood councils about this too.

**VOTE for Lee Sherman**



**17-0-0  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Jerome Courshon  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben

No Votes:

None

(Note: Lee Sherman now joins the Board. There are 18 voting members.)

**6.4. SLNC Finance Report from Treasurer and Approval of MER**

Treasurer Jackson said that we have spent \$10,508.

Regarding outstandings, the cut-off date for writing checks before the end of the fiscal year-end was today. We have 6 Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) that have been processed. At this point, our debit card is good through Sunday. There is an early cut off because of the transition from DONE responsibility to the City Clerk's Office for money-related issues.

There is a funding motion tonight. We need to reallocate our budget. We spent more on NPGs than anticipated. *Jackson said I propose that we reallocate funds from operations, outreach, and community improvement totalling \$4,550 to NPGs. Ringuette seconded.*

**VOTE**

**14-0-2  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:

None

Ineligible:

Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman

(Note: New Board members Ruben and Sherman have not taken the requisite financial training and cannot vote on financial issues. Also, Jerome Courshon has left the meeting. Doug Loewy is not in the room.)

We must approve the May Month Expense Report (MER), said Jackson.

Ringuette has a question about \$1,000. Jackson said that's in the June MER. This MER is for May.

**VOTE for May MER**

**14-0-2  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano

No Votes:

None

Ineligible:

Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman

(Note: Doug Loewy is back in the room but did not vote.)

7. Old Business: None

8. Consent

8.1 (Urban Design & Preservation) Approval of Myanmar CUP

Johnson said that she wants to pull this Consent Calendar item. Plante explained that it's a Conditional Use Permit for wine and beer. The Urban Design and Preservation voted 8-3 to approve it.

**VOTE**

**14-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas

Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben

No Votes:

Lee Sherman  
Caroline Pham

Patty Jausoro was present but did not vote.

9. New Business

9.1. (Millar) Move for approval of removal of excess SLNC furniture from Micheltorena Street School and returned to city.

*Millar made the motion regarding 5 Tables and 19 chairs. Jausoro seconded.*

Jausoro asked can we donate them? Millar replied no. They belong with the City of Los Angeles. They must go back to the City.

Jausoro asked you'd keep them at your house? Millar said you can move them around. Just know where they are. Caroline Pham asked a question about giving them back.

**VOTE**

**17-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman

No Votes:  
None

9.2. (Revkin/Kendall) Fund up to \$400.00 for production of signs and banners for the Meadows regarding LAMC 63.44.B2

A Woman from the Mom's Club of Silver Lake, which represents hundreds of moms with small children, spoke about the dog park. They wants \$400 for lawn signs and banners. The Department of Parks and Recreation will put them up and keep them clean.

Johnson added that our logo and the City seal would be added. Joe Harris, the Recreation Director of Silver Lake is onboard with this. Isroelit seconded.

Jausoro asked is it from the basketball area to the grass area but not the meadow? Millar asked what part of Recreation Center?

Regarding Joe Harris, Jausoro said that KC brought this to the Friends of Silver Lake Animals Committee. Harris strongly supported this. It's a sanitary and safety problem. The Meadow currently has signs but new signs would replace them to say "No Dogs Allowed". The signs would cover anywhere around the Recreation Center, the lawn between the play structures area and the basketball court.

Hugh Kenny said that on Sunday I went to Los Angeles State Park. It's 32 acres and there were no signs that he saw. However, they said there were a couple of them. We have 182 signs or banners. It's kind of a blight around our neighborhood. Artists use them for graffiti. I don't think it will stop people from coming though with their dogs. I like the idea of taking some signs away.

Caroline Pham asked is there a fine associated with dogs in the park? The Woman said there is but I don't know the amount.

*Jackson offered a friendly amendment to specify that "money coming from community improvement".*

**VOTE**  
**15-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

None

Ineligible:

Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman

9.3. (Johnson/Plante) Resolution to re-affirm, based on L.A. City Charter, working relationship between NC's, and other city agencies/departments

Johnson said they have a dismissive attitude toward neighborhood councils. Plante and I talked about it. We want to reaffirm with City agencies, the Board, and the community that we are partners in City Government and we won't be ignored.

DWP has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) where they have to work with the neighborhood councils. We are the only voice for the residents, stressed Johnson. That's what this resolution is all about.

*Isroelit seconded.* Ringuette noted a typographical error: "qualify" should be "quality".

**VOTE**  
**17-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
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Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

None

9.4. (Johnson/Plante) Letter in response to BONC's Policy Regarding Youth Participation in NC's

Johnson said we all signed a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding online voting. The City wanted a report back from Empower LA. City Council is considering not supporting online voting until errors are addressed.

Empower LA now has a resolution mandating age 14 and older for Board members. There is an agenda at City Hall that there must be a youth seat. Sometimes that's wonderful for some neighborhood councils.

This is not a community impact statement. It's a letter to be attached to a CIS. This is being forced on us.

*Millar seconded.*

Isroelit said I don't totally understand what they are saying. They're asking for something different than what we passed.

Poole asked in rejecting this, what recourse do we have. Johnson said the NCCC (Neighborhood Council Coordinating Committee) is also objecting.

Ringuette noted another typographical error: "October 2017" should be "October 2016".

Lee Sherman said I won't support this. When the decision was made, the Election Committee was not consulted. I understand there were problems in the last election. I don't see a problem with having one youth seat.

Millar said that he supports this. Youth involvement with this board has been abysmal.

Mary, the DONE representative, said to file directly to BONC (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners).

A Woman said that it's very important for youth to have a say in this.

Jausoro asked what if a position is there but unfilled? Johnson responded that then that seat remains vacant. She commented that it's a tight vote against BONC, which pushed Mayor Garcetti's agenda. She noted that BONC has no youth seats either.

Caroline Pham asked what is the issue with one youth seat?

Johnson said the problem is that BONC should not mandate a one size fits all directive for all 97 neighborhood councils. That should be up to each neighborhood council and how that board decide their Bylaws

Jausoro asked does that seat remove one of our 21 board seats?

Johnson said yes. Isroelit asked about "the board appoints", are they not elected?

Johnson said they are not certain. We have 21 Board members. This would include the mandated youth seat. This board changed its bylaws. It used to be 14 and up. Now it's 18 and up.

Sherman asked is there a timeline? Johnson said yes.



**VOTE**  
**14-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

Lee Sherman  
Caroline Pham

Patty Jausoro was present but did not vote.

9.5.(Courshon/Johnson) Combining Transportation Committee with Public Safety Committee

*Plante made the motion. Isroelit seconded.* Johnson read the motion. We're doing this to get more involvement. Public safety has been underserved. I tried to reach out to the Co-Chair of Public Safety but no response. Their needs do overlap with transportation. Courshon and I discussed this, explained Johnson.

Doug Loewy said the issue that I get on the Transportation Committee does overlap. There is definitely overlap. Transportation meeting attendance is low. It's good to get more people involved.

Millar said that Ringuette and I had Transportation Committee meetings month after month. Public Safety Committee meetings were also held month after month. I'm troubled by this. We had two very functioning committees that worked well. I can't support this.

Bob Lisauskas said I'm all for streamlining but I don't see the connection between these two committees. He thought the Transportation Committee meetings were great. Safety should go back to the police and having a safer Silver Lake.

Isroelit said Loewy's Transportation Committee is always responsive. I respectfully disagree. I think both committees are very related. I think it would be good. Poole said that she sees tight links between both committees.

Jausoro asked can the committees hold joint meetings when there are common topics? Is merger necessary? Plante said that's possible.

**VOTE**

**12-3**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Elizabeth Torres  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Antonio Stifano  
Lee Sherman  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

Patty Jausoro  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas

Caroline Pham and Rebecca Ruben were present but did not vote.

10. Approval Of The Meeting Minutes: May 2017 draft minutes – posted on website at link below [http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SLNC\\_GoverningBoardDraftMinute5.3.17SL-1.pdf](http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SLNC_GoverningBoardDraftMinute5.3.17SL-1.pdf)

*Plante made the motion. Hannah Anderson seconded.*

Johnson made the correction that Heather Carson was an excused absence at the May main meeting.

Ringuette noted that on page 3, the 1.2 update speaker was not me. At bottom, it doesn't make sense. She changed the wording about who she contacted.

She added that on Page 4, regarding Nominations for Ringuette and Antonio Stifano, move that to page 5.

She also noted that on page 6 in the last two paragraphs, Adam Miller's name is misspelled. On page 2 there are lots of missing words and it made no sense.

Poole noted various corrections throughout. Isroelit asked her to email those corrections to her.

**VOTE for May main minutes**

**17-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Patty Jausoro

Elizabeth Torres

Rusty Millar

Bob Lisauskas

Glenn Harrell

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Caroline Pham

Antonio Stifano

Rebecca Ruben

Lee Sherman

Doug Loewy

No Votes:

None

11. Approval Of The Meeting Minutes: May 2017 draft minutes – posted on website at link below [http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/170522\\_SLNC-GOVERNING-BOARD-TOWN-HALL-MTG.pdf](http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/170522_SLNC-GOVERNING-BOARD-TOWN-HALL-MTG.pdf)

May 22 Town Hall meeting minutes

Johnson noted that Courshon’s comment was about the Tesla Armstrong path, not the South Path around the Silver Lake Reservoir.

Jackson commented that his comment was truncated. The comment should have been “the golden rule”.

**VOTE for minutes of Town Hall**

**17-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

None

12. Reports of Officers

Johnson noted that the next neighborhood council meeting is scheduled for the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. This is unfair. She expressed concern about achieving quorum around the holiday period. She made a

motion to reschedule the next meeting to July 12. Elizabeth Torres seconded.

**VOTE to change next meeting date to July 12**

**17-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Patty Jausoro  
Elizabeth Torres  
Rusty Millar  
Bob Lisauskas  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Caroline Pham  
Antonio Stifano  
Rebecca Ruben  
Lee Sherman  
Doug Loewy

No Votes:

None

Johnson offered a shout out to Michael Matheson. Because of his due diligence, we encouraged the City to fix the granite path next to the basketball courts. It is now fixed.

15. Announcements

Johnson announced that the Silver Lake Reservoir Committee will meet tomorrow night at the Recreation Center. Wildlife specialists will make presentations. Dan Cooper will speak. Someone from the National Parks Service and also from Loyola University will also speak. Please come to this meeting at 6:30pm at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

16. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:19pm

