

**SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 28, 2017          6:30 pm**

**Silver Lake Recreation Center**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.  
Attendance – 6: John Wingler, Bob Lisauskas, Genelle LeVin, Rosa Max, Scott Plante, Yasser Marte  
Introductions: Yasser Marte is a political science major at Cal State, observing.
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items  
Bob shared a letter to SLNC from an anti-graffiti group regarding artists' painting the stairways. He noted that the stair adoption program did not create painting controls or address applications to paint. Bob will write a response to the group.  
Genelle stated that Corinne, who painted the Micheltorena Stairs, is going through the permit process now to obtain permission and protection for those stairs.
3. Special Presentation – Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones, Rosa Max  
Rosa described briefly the effort underway on the hillside across Silver Lake Boulevard from the library to create an urban agricultural zone. She was one of the first applicants for the incentive program, and her site is one half acre. She will be opening the space for classes, offering “ancient solutions” consulting services. Food could be shared with the homeless, thereby reinvesting in the community.

There is a city-wide recruitment underway to encourage owners of empty lots to devote them to raising food. The program allows waiving property taxes on participating programs for five years. Bob noted that the SLNC supported the outreach program and publicized it in recent on line newsletters.

4. Motions and Resolutions
  - A. Street Tree Planting  
Genelle and John presented a list of recommended locations around Silver Lake business streets where additional trees could be planted. The committee requested that a prioritized list, including where street cut-outs are needed, be prepared for a joint letter from SLIA and SLNC to be sent to the council district offices requesting additional trees.
  - B. Music Box Steps Day  
The Green Committee agreed to urge attendance and support of the event, but not to undertake a news release at this time. Bob will send an email to stairway adopters suggesting they attend the event.
  - C. Solar Trash Cans  
The committee is interested in the Solar cans as implemented in CD 1. John said the price per can seems to be \$3000+. Rosa stated that she may know some people who want to donate a can or cans. Genelle noted that any vendor would need to be approved by the city or the can could not be placed on city property. John was requested to contact Council Member Cedillo's office to inquire about the city's process for obtaining such cans.

- D. Recommend approval of NPG for King Middle School Bike Racks  
Bob had several questions about the request which he will address to Jennie Chamberlain, who submitted it on behalf of Friends of King. For example, who else is contributing, how many are needed, where will they be located. Also, this motion was improperly agendized and could not be voted on.
  - E. Recommend support of "OFF Fossil Fuels for a Better Future" bill  
It was reported that the bill, was introduced in congress in Washington on September 1, 2017 and is in committee. By unanimous vote, it was decided to recommend that the governing board support the bill, and John was requested to determine whether SLNC would be joining other neighborhood councils or would be writing a separate letter of support. He will inquire of Lisa Hart.
5. Administrative Items
- A. Review and approval of August 17, 2017 Meeting Minute  
The minutes were approved unanimously.
  - B. Items for next meeting
  - C. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.
6. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.