

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

**Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:30 pm**

**Silver Lake Recreation Center**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.  
Attendance – 12: John Wingler, Bob Lisauskas, Genelle LeVin, Hugh Kenny, Lee Conger, Scott Plante, Ronald van Ammers, Charles Fleming, Barbara Calderon, John Van Cise, Elizabeth Prestel, Rosa Max (left at 6:45)
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items  
Bob reported that the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance is holding a conference on February 11. We are asked to supply our three top goals.  
Hugh repeated that there is a dirt of trashcans along Rowena east of Hyperion and that as a result the planters are being filled with trash.  
Lee reported on attending a workshop on the use of mushrooms to remediate pollution from a former auto repair shop.  
Lee noted that the Green Committee Facebook page has not been updated in some time. It was agreed that it should be reactivated.  
Rosa reported that her on-going efforts to implement an Urban Agriculture site in Silver Lake have reached an apparent impasse. She is facing eviction from the property where she has lived and maintained a small farm operation. She indicated that the landlord has relied on an ambiguous clause in the agreement which is being used to force her to leave, and she is concerned about what will become of her 4 sheep. (She had to leave immediately after making her public statement.)
3. Follow-up on past agenda items.
  - A. Status of Governing Board motion for bike racks at King Middle School. Motion was deferred due to a neighborhood council funding delay. Will be corrected and on February GB meeting agenda.
  - B. Status of Letter proposing additional street trees to CD4 and CD13.  
Governing Board approved letter unanimously. An article about the additional street trees appeared in the Los Feliz Ledger.
  - C. Solar trash cans, information from Mary Rodriguez, CD13.  
Mary wrote John saying that the solar trash cans had previously been tried in the district but that the trial was unsuccessful due to inability to service them properly. She says that they were removed and are in storage. She suggested John contact Marisol Rodriguez, District Director, which he has attempted.
  - D. Barn owl boxes test installation.  
Hugh reported on his installation at his home, and he provided photographs of various locations he has tried. Now we wait for owls to find and inhabit the box.
4. Motions and Resolutions
  - A. MOTION TO CEASE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT POISONS IN SILVER LAKE  
The motion was amended to include “and other city agencies”. The text follows:  
“The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges businesses in Silver Lake to no longer use or sell anticoagulant rodenticides, urges all property owners to cease purchasing or using anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties in Silver Lake, and urges the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power, Recreation and Parks, and other city

agencies to ban use of anticoagulant rodenticides as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.” PASSED 11-0-0

It was noted by Genelle that education on alternatives is required next.

5. New Business

A. Adopt-a-Stairway program

a. Request for adoption of Landa Street Stairways – Charles Fleming  
Mr. Fleming introduced himself; a Silver Lake resident since the 80s, author of “Secret Stairways”, leads monthly stairway walks, has supported the Adopt-a-Stair program from initiation. His request to adopt the Landa stairs approved unanimously.

b. Planning an Event for Stairway Adopters

Target is for a get together in March, preferably at a convenient stairway: Landa, Cove (Mattachine), Micheltorena. Possibly to include a stair walk and party. Genelle suggested combining with the Make Music LA, June 21, at the plaza where there will be music and a movie. Charles and John will meet to plan a possible March event.

6. Administrative Items

A. Review and approval of November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were APPROVED: 10-0-1

B. Items for next meeting

- Planning for Adopter party
- Support for Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance; February conference

C. Next meeting will be Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

7. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.