

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018

1. Call to Order
 - a. Anne Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome and Rules for actions on agenda items
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
5. Special Presentations and Reports: City/State Reps Reports
 - a. 51st District Field Representative, Dani Wang, introduced herself.
 - b. Barbara Ringuette announced that she attended the Annual Budget Day at the LA Zoo at the Regional Auditorium. The event hosted an outdoor picnic where they discussed the LA city budget.
 - i. Barbara suggested looking for the next event on the website, because the information that comes from these events can be used to influence the city budget. If there are concerns about homelessness and housing, the discussion looks for solutions to the concerns, and the information is made available to city advocate communities.
 - ii. There will be a budget day for the entire city at City Hall in June 2018.

Anne Marie Johnson declared that the board had quorum at 7:09PM

6. Administrative
 - a. The election to fill a vacated At-Large Board Seat. When there is a vacancy on the Board, the Board will fill the vacancy by appointment. SLNC Bylaw Art. V, sec 6
 - i. Scott Plante asked if anyone wanted to run for the At-Large Board Seat. Multiple stakeholders announced themselves. They were each given 2 minutes to speak to the board.
 - A. David Valdez has lived in the 1600 block of Griffith Park Triangle for twelve years. He is the youngest of seven children in an immigrant family in East Los Angeles. He has worked for several non-profits and was appointed Arts Commissioner. He said that he is excited to continue to participate in civic engagement.
 - a. Betsy Isroelit asked David what his primary interests are when it comes to engaging in the community. David replied that he has spent many years in youth engagement programs and would like to continue working with young people.

- b. Barbara Ringuette asked David what he has been involved in within the Silver Lake community. David replied that his time in the Arts Commission served the larger Los Angeles community but he recently wanted to become engaged in the immediate community.
 - c. Jerome Courshon asked David for his opinion on the Rowena road diet. David replied that he is not very familiar with the road diet and he does not travel much that way on Rowena, but public access and public transportation need to be addressed. He said that if the road diet is creating access, he is in favor.
- B. Ed Duffy is an IT Consultant and has lived in Los Angeles for eight years, the Silver Lake neighborhood for five years, and Silver Lake proper for the last two years. He has a four-year-old son attending Ivanhoe Elementary School next year and he is excited to be a part of the community. Ed is involved in the Home Owners Association board in current community and feels that some of the newer residents have been unduly represented and seen as an invading force and would like to get to know everyone and become involved.
 - a. Doug Loewy asked Ed what the biggest challenge is in Silver Lake right now. Ed replied that there are a lot of homeless people in need and it would be good to see resources put toward them. He said that while the road diet creates issues while trying to improve access, Silver Lake could still do more to improve pedestrian access, such as on Waverly and Glendale. The housing issue is big as well.
- C. Darius said that it would be a big honor to represent fellow community members on the board. The Neighborhood Council is the purist form of government, with no super PAC, no lobbyists, no campaign contributions, just citizens working together. Darius is a lifelong Angelino, recent Silver Lake homeowner, and works for the Los Angeles Times. He said that he is heavily invested in this city and community. He chairs the Homelessness Committee which has accomplished many things, such as the hygiene kit drive, building a multi-neighborhood coalition, and homeless outreach, with fundraising through PATH.
 - a. Glenn Harrell stated that Darius has come to meetings and has been active with homelessness in the neighborhood. He asked Darius what his goals are and what he would like to achieve. Darius replied that the biggest thing is social justice. He grew up poor and has been fortunate in his career and knows the struggle. He would like to be known for starting low and working his way up and helping people.
 - b. Betsy Isroelit asked Darius what qualities he believes a good board member has. Darius replied that he believes a good board member is responsive. When he reaches out to the board it is an instant response, and he would make sure to respond immediately. Also, a good board member is involved in committees.

- c. Barbara Ringuette asked Darius if he will be able to adjust his schedule to be with the board every Wednesday. Darius said that he would.
 - d. Jerome Courshon stated that he appreciates the work Darius has done with the Homelessness Committee, because homelessness was one of the five issues the board wanted to tackle. Thanks to Darius the board has made a lot of progress.
 - e. Heather asked Darius if he would maintain his Co-Chair of the Homelessness Committee. Darius said that he would.
 - f. A resident encouraged the board to vote for Darius. She stated that a board needs people who were prepared and were willing to listen to people and not cave, and people who follow through on what they say they are going to do. He does all of these things.
 - g. Scott Plante read a resident letter in support of David Valdez. The letter stated that the residents have lived in Silver Lake since 1998 and have been David's neighbors for the past nine years. The letter stated that David was active in the neighborhood, always ready to help, and made the neighborhood a better place to live.
 - ii. Anne Marie Johnson encouraged all applicants to remain engaged with the council. She announced that the board would also be holding elections for those living in District 2. She suggested that applicants look at the website for committee meetings. She thanked the applicants for taking this risk.
 - A. The board voted:
 - a. Darius = 16 votes
 - b. David Valdez = 1 vote
 - c. Ed Duffy = 0 votes
 - B. Darius was appointed the next At-Large board member. Anne Marie asked if he had done the trainings. He replied that he has done the ethics but not the funding training.
- b. The election to fill a vacated Region 2 Board Seat. When there is a vacancy on the Board, the Board will fill the vacancy by appointment. SLNC Bylaw Art. V, sec 6.
 - i. Scott Plante asked if anyone was interested in the Region 2 seat. No volunteers announced themselves. Scott tabled the election until the March meeting.
- c. Report from Treasurer
 - i. Terrence Jackson announced that the entire monthly report was posted on the website from the City Clerk's office. The monthly report consisted of office, outreach, community improvement, neighborhood purpose grants.
 - ii. Terrence stated that the city just published a document on financial guidelines. \$31,000 remained at the end of December.
 - iii. He asked the City Clerk if the board could get a pre-clearance review, because if the City Clerk rejects anything, the rejection is sent to all the members of the board. Since it is a funding item it requires a roll call vote. Terrence stated

that the board could not vote on it at the current meeting because it was clarified the day before, so it will be moved to next month.

- d. Approval of January MER
 - i. Terrence Jackson called roll for the Approval of the December MER. The MER was approved unanimously, with Darius present, not voting.

Yes (17)	Anne Marie, Scott, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Doug, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Kate, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance
No (0)	
Present, Not Voting (1)	Darius

7. Consent: NONE

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

- a. (Green) Funding of \$400.00 for a bicycle stand for Thomas Starr King Middle School.
 - i. Bob Lisauskas moved to approve funding of \$400.00 for a bicycle stand for Thomas Starr King Middle School. Scott Plante seconded this motion.
 - A. Terrence Jackson complimented the Green Committee on the material submitted.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously, 17-0-0, with Darius present, not voting.
- b. (Green) The Silver Lake Green Committee recommends that the city ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides in the city.
 - i. Bob Lisauskas moved to support the Green Committee's recommendation. Doug Loewy seconded this motion.
 - A. Jerome Courshon recommended using both email and snail mail to send the letter.
 - B. Betsy Isroelit said that on the land LADWP owns, they use poisonous sprays even though it was banned in the community. She said that wildlife is being poisoned and she thanked the green committee.
 - C. Bob stated that Malibu had been doing this since 2014 and other communities are doing it as well.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously, 18-0-0.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment swore in Melissa Samuels, Lee Sherman, Kathleen Hudson, and Darius as At-Large Reps at 7:40PM

- c. (Jackson) The Region 7 representative recommends that the SLNC fund a \$500 sponsorship for the Taste of the Eastside 2018 fundraiser.
 - i. Terrence Jackson moved to fund a \$500 sponsorship table for the Taste of the Eastside 2018 fundraiser. Scott Plante seconded this motion.

- A. Stacey Boucher recused herself because she is a member of Rose Scharlin Cooperative Nursery School.
 - B. Johanna Breelan thanked the board for its support last year, and said that she was asking for support again. She stated that Taste of the Eastside is produced by Rose Scharlin and volunteers. It is the school's largest fundraiser, and as a cooperative, the school really depends on that fundraiser.
 - C. Jerome Courshon asked if it is a five hour event, and if the board could have five wristbands so five board members could staff. Johanna replied that the board could have five wristbands.
 - D. Glenn Harrell asked what percentage of the dollar amount raised would go toward charities. Johanna replied that 100% of the proceeds go to charities and as far as Pablove and FoLAR, it depends on the sales.
 - E. Barbara Ringuette stated that it was fun last year to talk to people, and as a fundraiser it was a great event, well put together, the food was incredible and she encouraged people to attend. Johanna said that so far there were ten participating Silver Lake restaurants.
 - F. Anne Marie Johnson clarified that Silver Lake is a Central Los Angeles area so the board is careful not to refer to Silver Lake as being an East Side neighborhood.
 - G. Terrence Jackson called roll to vote for \$500 to fund the table. The motion passed unanimously, 16-0-0 with Stacy Boucher recused and Darius present, not voting.
 - a. Jerome Courshon stated that he was a volunteer the previous year and it was fun. He told board members to let the Executive Committee or Betsy Isroelit know if they want to go. Melissa Samuels, Kate, and Darius stated their interest in volunteering. Taryn Poole volunteered last year also and loved it.
- d. (UDP) The SLNC UD&PAC Committee recommends support for Tartine's application for a CUP to allow the sale of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. Acoustical treatment for the outdoor patio is also recommended.
- i. Scott Plante moved to approve the SLNC UD&PAC Committee recommendation to support Tartine's application for a CUP to allow the sale of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and recommendation of acoustical treatment for the outdoor patio. Jerome Courshon seconded this motion.
 - A. Barbara Ringuette stated that there was a concern that there had been no neighborhood notification but it was put on the agenda for today. She asked if the neighborhood notification was done. Barbara also asked about the covenant for parking and what happens when the owner sells the property used for parking. Scott replied that the committee held a special meeting on January 29, 2018 where the developers provided proof of neighborhood notification.
 - B. Donna Sales with 360 was present to speak on the covenant for parking. She stated that the covenant will be on the land and will obligate any owner of the land to allow parking, including a valet agreement. The parking lot will be less than two blocks away from the proposed building and will provide thirty parking spaces to

employees and guests when they operate, which will be mostly during dinner hours. Donna said that parking is part of the by right development so it will be present whether or not there is alcohol sold at the site. The parking lot will also be used for another development and for the office space above the bakery.

- C. Taryn Poole asked how the alcohol permit would benefit Silver Lake. Josh Drew, a representative of the bakery, stated that Tartine is proposing to build an all day concept with the goal of transitioning the bakery to a full dining location at night, and alcohol it is meant to enhance the food experience.
- D. Terrence Jackson asked the bakery is associated with Tartine in San Francisco. Josh said that it is.
- E. Jerome Courshon requested to make an amendment including hours of operation in the motion. Donna Sales stated that even though the application stated that the hours would be 7:00AM to 2:00AM, the tenant has no intention of staying open for those extended hours. Additionally, the permit includes a set of standard operating conditions restricting entertainment, and nuisance-related activities such as noise reduction.
- F. Glenn Harrell asked how many employees would be present at the bakery. Josh Drew replied that the bakery would employ at maximum, 12-15 employees, and 7-10 normally.
- G. Glenn asked how many seats the restaurant would have. Donna replied that the restaurant would have the maximum potential for 71 indoor seats and 24 outdoor seats. The building would have two stories with the restaurant and patio space downstairs and the patio inset.
- H. Bob Lisauskas, as the Region 5 Representative, stated his support for the project and said that he thinks it would be a benefit to the neighborhood. The property is vacant and adding new building will make the area more pedestrian friendly. The area is protected by resident parking, so the project will not affect street parking.
- I. Nikki Berger stated that he is a neighbor of that area and is looking forward to the project. He has visited the bakery in San Francisco and is looking forward to grabbing a drink somewhere that is not a rowdy bar. The bakery will also be within walking distance of his residence.
- J. A resident stated that she lives across the street from the vacant lot. She said that she hopes the bakery will cater to people who live there. There are many low income people in that neighborhood. She is excited about having a bakery, because everyone loved Stella's. She said to make sure that Tartine's has a price point that serves the community.
- K. The motion passed 16-1-0 with Darius present, not voting

Yes (17)	Scott, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Doug, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Kate, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance
No (0)	Anne Marie
Present, Not Voting (1)	Darius

- e. (UDP) The SLNC UD&PAC Committee recommends support for Trader Joe’s renewal of a CUB to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.
 - i. Scott Plante moves to approve the SLNC UD&PAC Committee recommendation to support Trader Joe’s renewal of a CUB to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption. Hannah seconded this motion.
 - A. Scott stated that Trader Joe’s was requesting a renewal of their existing alcoholic beverage license after putting security wall around the storage area.
 - B. Barbara Ringuette stated that she is concerned about parking. She said there are still no signs next to the beauty salon and it makes it hard for cars to park, and when there are cars trying to enter the lot, they back up traffic on Hyperion for many blocks. She said that there should be an employee parking plan and she would like to see how providing employee parking could be mandated.
 - C. Anne Marie Johnson recommended creating a committee to address Trader Joe’s parking plan. She said that they were supposed to post No Parking signs by the optometrist office.
 - D. Scott stated that the committee will note in the letter that signage has not been provided. He said that traffic should be addressed at the Transportation Committee because it is a bigger neighborhood issue and could involve Gelson’s as well. Jerome Courshon suggested that it could be addressed in the road diet study.
 - E. Taryn stated that the backup on Hyperion has nothing to do with Gelson’s, and the Trader Joe’s backup is dangerous. It has to be seriously addressed.
 - F. Glenn Harrell stated that he is disappointed that this is a large corporation and has no one present to represent them. He wondered why the board is still waiting for Trader Joe’s to put up signs when other, smaller businesses are expected to put up signs.
 - G. Taryn stated that she would like Trader Joe’s to come before the board and explain their midnight construction practices.
 - H. Heather moved to table the item until Trader Joe’s appears before the board. Glenn Harrell seconded this motion.

Yes (17)	Anne Marie, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Doug, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Kate, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance Darius
No (1)	Scott

- f. (Executive Committee) SLNC presence at the Feb 10th South Dam Walking Path opening.
 - i. Anne Marie Johnson stated that the South Dam Walking Path would open on February 10 and there would be an event. All other elected officials have been invited to the event except for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. The Executive Committee agreed to have a table, banner, maps, and brochures adjacent to the event. Rec and Park will assist in placing the table

on their property. Anne Marie Johnson moved to approve the table. Scott Plante seconded this motion.

- A. Heather stated that the event would take place from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. She asked who had the power to invite participants to the event.
- B. Terrence Jackson stated that this event is an opportunity to make friends. This is a project with a lot of wonderful things and is an opportunity to represent how the SLNC board is about openness.
- C. Jerome Courshon stated that he hopes everyone can attend and represent the board.
- D. The motion passed unanimously, 18-0-0.

- g. Anne Marie Johnson requested permission with 2/3 vote to present another motion. Anne Marie said that, based on the diverse set of opinions regarding this path, she is hoping that Silver Lake will hold another community meeting regarding the path. It is imperative that the community have an opportunity to have a voice regarding the path. Needs a vote to allow this to be made as a motion.
 - i. Barbara Ringuette moved to to allow this to be made as a motion. The motion passed 17-1-0.

Yes (17)	Scott, Anne Marie, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Kate, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance, Darius
No (1)	Doug

- h. Anne Marie Johnson moved that the SLNC hold a community town hall meeting in partnership with Council District 4 to discuss the proposed path referred to as the Ivanhoe Path. The town hall would be held in the auditorium, hopefully on the last day in February, which is a Wednesday. No funding would be needed. Renderings of the path would be provided. Barbara Ringuette seconded this motion.
 - i. Darius asked if he could see the emails regarding the Ivanhoe Path. Anne Marie said that she would add him to the email group.
 - ii. Terrence Jackson said that they were going to put up a structure for the LADWP employees, which would be interesting to discuss. Anne Marie said that, since they included that in the flyer that was sent to the community, it would be discussed at the community town hall meeting.
 - iii. Jerome Courshon stated that the only caveat is that SLNC seeks to have this meeting as a partnership with CD 4 so that it can get the best outreach possible. Anne Marie suggested that the Executive Committee organize the meeting and do its best to have CD4 partner with the board.
 - iv. Betsy Isroelit stated that, in addition to the parking and structure they will build, it will also be a staging area for construction in the area.
 - v. The motion passed 17-1-0.

Yes (17)	Scott, Anne Marie, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Kate, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance, Darius
No (1)	Doug

- i. (Transpo & Neighborhood Safety) Funding of up to \$600.00 for traffic safety yard signs.
 - i. Doug Loewy moved to fund up to \$600 for “Slow Down” road signs. He said they want to make the signs nice and incorporate the Silver Lake look. Glenn Harrell seconded this motion and said they should incorporate Silver Lake colors.
 - A. Each board member would be given five signs to distribute throughout the neighborhood. The signs would include the city seal, logo, and the words, “Slow Down Silver Lake,” with the same colors used on SLNC flyers.
 - B. Taryn had a design comment. She asked if the signs could have a shadow depicting children, old people and pets, since the SLNC is trying to stop people from hitting them in particular. Anne Marie replied that the design will be discussed at Outreach. Jerome Courshon stated that Outreach will have Betsy Isroelit’s designer.
 - C. Kathleen Hudson asked if there has been research about the efficacy of the signs. Anne Marie replied that Atwater has noticed that even though it has not been researched scientifically, having signs have made people pay more attention. Betsy stated that signs also show some community support for those concerned about the issue.
 - D. The motion passed, 17-1-0, with Darius present, nonvoting

Yes (17)	Scott, Anne Marie, Jerome, Heather, Glenn, Antonio, Hannah, Doug, Barbara, Lee, Melissa, Bob, Betsy, Karen, Stacy, Terrance, Darius
No (1)	Kathleen
Present, Not Voting (1)	Darius

- j. (Dethrone & Demain) The creation of the SLNC Housing and Renters Rights Committee
 - i. Anne Marie Johnson moved to create the SLNC Housing and Renters Rights Committee. Jerome Courshon seconded this motion.
 - A. Jane Damian and Carol Citroen were present to request the committee’s formation. Jane and Carol live in Silver Lake and Eagle Rock. They have spoken with different representative organizations about this issue.
 - B. Jane and Carol stated that three Neighborhood Councils already have Housing or Tenants Rights Committees. Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council just voted to put it on its bylaws as part of its Social Justice Committee. They want to prevent homelessness.
 - C. Heather stated that this is a phenomenal idea. Carol is on the Urban Design Committee, and they have noticed that many people are not familiar with their rights.
 - D. Scott Plante agreed that Carol has been a member of the Urban Design Committee for four years and this is a detailed topic that could be addressed at committee.
 - E. Taryn commended Carol’s and Jane’s dedication for going around to all the Neighborhood Councils and discussing this issue.

- F. Darius stated that he supports what Carol is doing and many people on the Homelessness Committee have noticed the importance of this issue.
- G. The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment stated that if this is a new committee, it has to be changed in the bylaws. If this is an ad hoc committee, they last six months at the most.
 - a. Anne Marie recommended making this an ad hoc committee because it is too late to change the bylaws since they are due on April 15.
 - b. Heather said the current bylaws only list four committees and SLNC have many more that are not in the bylaws.
 - c. Ann Marie stated that SLNC has to notice it on the March agenda to be voted on in April.
 - d. Jerome said that the board can make this an ad hoc committee and change the bylaws for all of the standing committees at once.
- H. The motion passed, 18-0-0.
- k. (Homelessness) Letter from SLC in support of easily accessed walk-in centers.
 - i. Scott Plante moved to support a walk-in access center within the boundaries of the SLNC, offering services. Betsy Isroelit seconded this motion.
 - A. Darius stated that the Homelessness Committee has noticed a massive increase in the homeless population, and it was important to note that homeless neighbors in Los Angeles are not outsiders. 70% of homeless lived in Los Angeles before they were homeless. The people that the Homeless Committee outreaches to in Silver Lake are originally from Silver Lake. A much larger percentage of homeless are Latinos and women. These people do not have services locally that people can walk into and access. During this crisis, the Homeless Committee felt it was very important to be a model and allow homeless to be able to seek help whenever they need it.
 - B. A resident stated that the closest access center is on Beverly, three bus rides away. Silver Lake needs a place where people can access services. The city voted to have access centers, and the Homeless Committee is asking for things that the city voted on. People can access services, see case workers and help people get back into housing. Silver Lake neighbors should be included in city outreach services.
 - C. Terrence Jackson said that he and Taryn just finished CivicU 2.0 and one of the workshops was about how to access HHH funding, assemble information, make pitches and get the money.
 - D. Darius stated that he has been to different organizations and has found that this needs to be presented by council members. Silver Lake needs to come forward as a community to make sure that the money being spent is used on the Silver Lake neighbors
 - E. Heather asked if the committee is going to work to identify a location and find a way to move this process along. Darius replied that people who are experts at finding locations, once they have a letter, they will work together with the city and United Way to find locations. Anne Marie suggested working with Councilmembers O'Farrell and Ru.

- F. Taryn suggested that the Homelessness Committee reach out to Mark Johnson, since he authored the HHH bill and knows a lot about the subject.
- G. The motion passed unanimously, 18-0-0.

10. Approval of the January 2018 draft minutes.

- a. Anne Marie Johnson moved to approve the January 2018 draft minutes. Jerome Courshon seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously, 18-0-0.

11. Reports of Officers

- a. Anne Marie Johnson announced that the Friends of Animals Committee has been debunked, and suggested that the Reservoir Committee absorb it.
- b. Jerome Courshon announced that the speed hump program is becoming active again. Applications can be submitted online. Anne Marie said that the app, Wayz, does not direct cars to streets with humps.
- c. Heather updated the board on the library, which has hit a wall with Rec and Parks. She said there is no way to apply. She received an email from Laura English that only said, "They said no." Apparently, they were worried about vandalism.
 - i. Heather is thinking of other locations and wondered what would be the cutoff. Terrence Jackson stated that the last day for issuing funding is June 1. There have been cases in which a particular project has been able to carry over to the next year's budget. At the end of the period all funds return to the city. This program will have a lot of impact on the community so it may be able to carry over.
 - ii. Heather requested the board's input on other possible locations.

12. Agenda Items for next board meeting

- a. Town hall meeting updates

13. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM.