

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES
Wednesday, December 6, 2017,
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with 14 Board members present.

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
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette (arrived late)
Rebecca Ruben (arrived late)
Lee Sherman (arrived late)
Glenn Harrell (arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Caroline Pham
Elizabeth Torres
Stacey Boucher

(Note: Glenn Harrell and Rebecca Ruben arrived at 7:03pm)

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*

Emma Stephania, Youth Representative from Marshall High School:

I am your student liaison. I will give updates about school activities at Marshall. We also have a newsletter.

Terence Jackson asked her about date of the decathalon. She said she's not sure. The teacher who was in charge of that is no longer at the school.

She mentioned some good news for the school's football team and said that January 18 will be the date for the next Student Congress.

There is also a concert coming up. Marshall's orchestra is very good. Anne-Marie Johnson commented that she'd been a violinist in that orchestra.

Darit and Darius, Silver Lake Homeless Count:

Darit spoke about the Silver Lake Homelessness Count. The neighborhood is taking charge of the count, in conjunction with LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority). The annual event is happening during the last week of January all across the country. Volunteers count those experiencing homelessness by counting encampments, not by talking to people. These numbers are submitted to LAHSA.

Our homeless have been counted in other districts. Silver Lake homeless have been attributed to other neighborhoods like Echo Park. This is particularly true for areas around the 101 Freeway and around Sunset Boulevard. These numbers go to the Federal government and determine funding.

Silver Lake has no homeless services organization, noted Darit. We've been overlooked, added Darius. Join us Thursday, January 25, he urged. Your Board is invited to participate.

Can you also put this on your website, asked Darit. Can you also share information about hidden encampments too?

Jerome Courshon said that there is a holiday celebration tonight. You can also order food and drink separately.

(Note: Lee Sherman arrived at 7:13pm.)

5. Special Presentations and Reports: City/State Reps Reports

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

He spoke about the Party House ordinance, which is now working it's way through PLUM, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Hopefully, we'll be done before winter break. We want to handle the home sharing ordinance early next year.

He also spoke about security issues for libraries. There is a motion to see how secure it is in the libraries.

He mentioned artists because we're looking to beautify the area. The boxes look ugly. We can pay for paints.

Separately, he said that last week, someone stole the pedestrian walk button at Ivanhoe. It had to be replaced.

Regarding discretionary cash funds he said that off of Armstrong, we paid for the DWP (Department of Water and Power) to replace an irrigation system to water plants and trees. This will benefit everyone.

Miller added that Firewire warns people about smoking in a high fire area. Regarding the Stairwells in Silver Lake Vanessal, he said we will send teams to help with weeds.

Miller invited everyone to the Council District 4 holiday party. The event will be held at 6501 Fountain Avenue at our field office. There, we will unveil two new murals painted by kids.

He also mentioned www.daycountwillyou.org. We host 4 of these. They count, will you?

Johnson said that she's a big golfer. Can we prohibit smoking on the golf course? Miller said we can work on that. Johnson added that the golf course is very dry.

Betsy Isroelit asked how long does the art program last? Miller said there is no time limit but it's a streamlined process right now.

Doug Loewy asked about a study about repaving? How is it progressing? Miller said that it was done. Concrete is 3 times as expensive as asphalt. There is funding through Measure M. Now that the study is in and there is funding from Measure M, we can start repairing streets for the first time in 90 years.

Heather Carson asked can you liaise with the Arts Committee? Some boxes were commissioned. The Committee used to track that years ago. She expressed concern about damaged artwork.

Barbara Ringgit offered a Budget Advocate update:

We are asking the department about it's role and budget for addressing homelessness. We have a meeting in the Mayor's Office tomorrow. We are requesting timelines for implementation.

Regional Budget Day will be Saturday, January 13. We're asking for a great turnout to identify needs of neighborhoods.

Regarding training he said that there is a 39-page power point on budget processes on budget advocate website.

6. Administrative

6.1. Report from Treasurer

Treasurer Terence Jackson noted that we're on our third funding representative since I began as Treasurer in April. They review the items that we submit.

Of our annual budget, some \$35,000 remains unspent but there are also \$5,000 in items that have been processed. Remaining unallocated community improvement project funding allocations remain about \$2,700 for Community Improvement Projects and \$2,200 for NPGs for the remainder of the season.

Heather Carson said that she is still working on a location for the Living Library. There is a \$2,500 allocation for this. Regarding funds for the homeless issue, Jackson said we are under budget.

6.2. Approval of November MER

We need to vote to approve the MER (Monthly Express Report), said Treasurer Terence Jackson. Scott Plante seconded that motion. Note

that Melissa has not completed training so all of her financial votes are ineligible.

VOTE
17-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Melissa Samuels

7. Consent:

7.1 (UDP) Reaffirmation of Lyric Hyperion CUP Extended Hours Request

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8. Old Business: NONE

9. New Business:

9.13 (UDP) Recommend support for the variance application of 628 N. Coronado to construct an additional dwelling unit as part of the renovation of an existing single family residence.

Anne-Marie Johnson said that she wants to move this agenda item up because there are representatives here. Jerome Courshon seconded.

Owen Croak, a representative for the project, along with Mark Cedavalous, City Land Use, Marcia Davalos, principal at City Land Use and a representative of the project, Morgan Fount, assistant and Sonia, designer of the project:

Sonia said the project deals entirely with the rear building. It creates a new unit with a 4-vehicle car port. We are requesting a variance to accommodate the additional unit and less space on the side.

She explained that they made changes after the urban design committee meeting. This makes the most difficult corner more interesting. There is also additional articulation in the front. We are working on the wall. You also expressed concerns about the roof top.

Morgan emphasized that this is a family project. Her child attends school in Silver Lake. This property was inhabited. Natalie is a tenant. We want her to be able to stay there. This makes it financially possible to keep things as is. Her brother handles issues on the property.

Marcia Davalos said the owner really cares about the community. She knocked on doors. Most neighbors approved of project. From the street, you won't see the project unless you're standing in the driveway.

This is a great project that is beneficial to the community. Plante added that the Committee appreciated project and keeping 90 year old tenant in home.

Jerome asked about the roof deck. What is the width of the trees on the roof? Sonia said about 3 feet so the deck will be set back 3 feet from the edge.

Taryn Poole asked how many parking spaces were there before? Davalos said that all new parking will be onsite. We're not adding any additional on street parking. That was a concern of neighbors.

Heather Carson commented that this is an incredible creative solution. Perhaps it's a way to incentivize buyers?

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.1 (Bylaws & SR) Amend Art VIII sec 3 New language regarding DONE's posting requirement

Johnson mentioned the posting requirement at Sunset Plaza. It's never reflected in the bylaws that we have a physical posting place. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman

Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.2 (Bylaws & SR) Amend Art VI, sec 3 New language regarding board co-chair eligibility

Lee Sherman read the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.3 (Bylaws & SR) Amend Art XII. New language to include board appointed liaison to City Attorney

Lee Sherman read the motion. Johnson added that this is additional language to the bylaws. Plante seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

9.4 (Bylaws & SR) Amend Art XI regarding filing of a Grievance to reflect DONE's language

Johnson said this must be postponed. DONE has to approve the language. Our DONE representative John Darnell is on vacation.

9.5 (Outreach) Updated Website Access and Use Policy

9.6 (Outreach) Social Media Access and Use Policy

Johnson said we have to postpone this. We forgot to attach the documents. Courshon said we have two separate documents now: a website document and a policy document. The work group had 3-4 meetings. This was approved by the Outreach Committee. He said that he wants the co-chairs to forward documents to the Board in advance.

9.7 (Outreach) Funding up to \$100.00 for screening of The Cat Who Changed America

Jerome Courshon read the motion for up to \$100 for the delivery of audiovisual equipment. The screening will take place on December 13. Hannah Anderson seconded the motion. There are about \$500 in expenses. There are two co sponsors. There may be an extra expense. So, we are requesting \$100.

VOTE
17-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Melissa Samuels

9.8 (Arts & Culture) NPG Funding of \$5000.00. for the 3rd installation of King Middle School Fence Project

Plante said we didn't get the NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) so we will postpone it. We also don't have \$5,000. Johnson said I recommend that the Committee hold a special meeting for this so that It can be addressed at January meeting. We need appropriate documentation for an NPG.

Plante said he wants the NPG ASAP because of the holidays.

A Woman asked about when does the financial year begin. She said the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council gave \$5,000 for two different years. Courshon advised don't wait until the day that you need the funds. Don't wait until July. Take what the Board can offer now and come back, advised Courshon. Jackson recommended a look at the neighborhood council website for spending.

9.9 (Arts & Culture) Funding of \$700.00 for the Silver Lake Solstice Talent Show

Patty Jausaro seconded.

Kathy, the applicant, said the funding is for the solstice show on the afternoon of December 22. Auditions will be next week. The event will feature children, students, choreographers, etc.. Renee puts together the agenda. The event will be entertaining. The Silver Lake Improvement Association will have a table along with representatives of Council Member O'Farrell. So this will be an afternoon of Silver Lake talent.

Barbara Ringuette asked about the total budget. Will there be contributions from others? Kathy replied that we got \$300 from the neighborhood council last time. Jackson explained that when we funded the summer program, he made the cheque to the company handling sound.

Kathy said that the total amount is about \$1,000. We'll keep asking until we find the money. Courshon noted that this event is set for December 21 on a Thursday. Would it be better to have it on the weekend? Kathy said

it's done on the actual solstice. Courshon expressed concern about attendance.

Johnson offered a substitute motion with funding up to \$300 based on what she said last month. We have to become laser like with our funds. Funds must benefit the community and the neighborhood council. What are the benefits to the SLNC (the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council)? What comes out of this that can't be satisfied by others? What gap does this fill? Silver Lake is exceedingly well served in the arts. Johnson said that she wants us to be more prudent with funds. Bob Lisauskas seconded.

Jackson said that that is a general amount for items of this type. Kate Hudson had a question about the funding reduction for the hoe down from the last meeting. Jackson said it was \$300.

VOTE for \$300 substitute motion
17-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Melissa Samuels

VOTE for \$300 amended motion

17-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Jerome Courshon

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Bob Lisauskas

Heather Carson

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Taryn Poole

Kathleen Hudson

Antonio Stifano

Barbara Ringuette

Rebecca Ruben

Lee Sherman

Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Melissa Samuels

9.10 (Green) Funding up to \$400.00 for a bicycle rack for Thomas Starr King Middle School

Lisauskas said that the Green Committee recommends funding up to \$400 for bicycle racks at the middle school. Jackson seconded.

Daniel Timmerman, a representative of Friends of King Middle School, explained that the school had 2,100 students and 80 faculty. It has both

an Elementary and a Middle School. There are also old bike racks on campus. If we had sufficient number of bike racks on campus. We would use them.

Johnson asked whether this would be a Community Improvement Project. Jackson said if you're a 501c3 nonprofit organization, you have to do an NPG.

Johnson asked what is the time period? Timmerman said this is not urgent. Johnson said we will place this on a future agenda. We need to identify this as an NPG.

9.11 (Green) Recommend a letter of support to the Food & Water Watch endorsing the OFF Fossil Fuels Act, HR 3671.

Lisaukas made the motion. Courshon seconded. Lisaukas explained that this came from the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Green Committee felt this was a really good initiative in the current political environment.

VOTE
17-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisaukas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Melissa Samuels

9.12 (Green) Recommend a letter be sent to Council Members O'Farrell and Ryu requesting the planting of additional trees on major commercial boulevards in Silver Lake.

Lisauskas discussed the letter to Council Districts 4 and 13 to plant additional trees on major Silver Lake streets. Specific trees have been identified. Betsy Isroelit seconded.

Lee Sherman said that he wants to add trees on Hoover Street between 526 and 529 Hoover. Lisauskas said there are other requests. We are focusing on commercial zones now. He asked if Sherman's recommendation was commercial. Sherman said yes.

Courshon recommended to send a hard copy of the letter too. Emails get lost as there are so many of them. Ringgit said to add location for trees on Silver Lake Boulevard to South of the Sunset Overpass on both sides of street. Lisauskas said that's a great idea.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Jerome Courshon

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Bob Lisauskas

Heather Carson

Patty Jausoro

Douglas J. Loewy

Taryn Poole

Kathleen Hudson

Antonio Stifano

Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9.14 (UDP) Recommend letter be sent rejecting a city request a security guard be hired at the Lyric Hyperion Theater. Notification: Amend Bylaws Art V, sec's 8 & 9 regarding Censure and Removal

Plante explained that there were 165 letters of support for the removal request. People felt this was absurd, unprecedented. It could cause the closure of the Lyric Theatre. This came from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) based on one neighbor's complaint. Jausaro noted that that neighbor doesn't live next to the theatre.

Courshon said this is a request that the LAPD Sargeant wanted to implement. He's been in discussion with Council District 4 about this. Johnson commented that the Captain at the LAPD Northeast Division had no idea. Why no such condition for the troubled Tenants of the Trees bar?

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson

Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

10. Approval of the November 2017 draft minutes.

Courshon seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

11. Reports of Officers

Co-Chairs: Johnson spoke about the Board inventory. We've received emails and we'll report back to the Board in January. Regarding Civic University, Johnson said that Jackson has signed up for it. They also want a female to attend. Jackson said that it begins January 8 and continues until February.

Taryn Poole said that she is interested.

VOTE for Terry Jackson and Taryn Poole
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Patty Jausoro
Douglas J. Loewy
Taryn Poole
Kathleen Hudson
Antonio Stifano
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Glenn Harrell
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

12. Agenda Items for next board meeting

13. Announcements: The passing of Rusty Millar

Johnson said she had sad news to report. Board member Rusty Millar died on the first Saturday in November in Albuquerque. It was very quick. He was with a friend. We included an obituary in the Los Feliz ledger. He was a unique human being.

It's sad that we weren't able to communicate with the close friends and family of Rusty Millar. We send well wishes to his friends and loved ones. She expressed concern about the fate of his new dog. Johnson added that Millar originated the SLNC. He gave much of his life to public service. He loved Silver Lake.

14. Adjournment

The meeting ended 8:21pm.