

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING (Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:03 pm with 14 Board members. Thus, 8 votes are required for a motion 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
Antonio Stifano, Sergeant-At-Arms (arrived late)
Glen Harrell (arrived late)
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson (arrived late)
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman (arrived late)
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez (arrived late)
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

Non-Attending Board Members:

Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Stacey Boucher

3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson said that the group's next Board meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of July, July 11, because of the Independence Day holiday on Wednesday, July 4.

Betsy Isroelit said there is a story in the SLNC newsletter about signs available. Anne-Marie and I delivered about 50 of them. There are about 10 left. Johnson said about 65 signs were printed.

(Note: Antonio Stifano, Glen Harrell, and Heather Carson arrived by 7:07pm.)

Heather Carson said that she was late because the parking lot is locked. It may be the fourth time in the past year that this has happened. Every time I'm late, this is the reason. I will file an ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) complaint. Johnson said you have that right. However, the lot has been open for prior meetings. It would be unfortunate to penalize the Board and the school for this. People were moving trash cans and that was a concern for the school. So, we agreed to close the gate. Jerome Courshon asked whether going forward, should the Board put trash cans back outside?

David Wheatley, a member of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee, said that he wants to ensure that land use items come with the conditions assigned in Committee.

5. Special Presentations and Reports from City and State representatives.

John Darnell, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):

He handed out a fiscal year review from the Department of Public Works. He told Betsy Isroelit that the inventory deadline can be in mid-July.

For the next meeting, add a Resilience Officer. The City of Los Angeles is funding a resilience plan with its departments and the neighborhood councils. Every neighborhood council must have a resilience plan by 2019 to deal with drastic changes and emergencies like climate change.

(Note: Antonio Stifano arrived at 7:12pm.)

Los Angeles is one of about 100 cities in the world looking at this. The Rockefeller Foundation has encouraged this. The goal of the Ready Your Neighborhood program is to get a block ready for a disaster. Others will see that and follow suit, said Darnell.

Johnson asked when must the liaison position be placed on the agenda? Darnell said that there will be a town hall meeting in August so definitely by July. The Board Chairs will be the default liaisons.

Johnson said that some Board members need to do funding but there is no mechanical way to prove that a Board member took training. Darnell said to click on the link below the YouTube training video. Take the test and the certificate will be recorded, said Johnson. Darnell noted that for treasurers, second signers, and bank card holders you have to take the training in person.

(Note: Lee Sherman arrived at 7:16pm.)

Jerome Courshon asked whether the document that Darnell handed out can be delivered as a pdf so that it can be placed online? Darnell said that he'd email that to the Board. Courshon also asked how many affordable housing guidelines units are being built yearly? Darnell replied that two years there wasn't a complete list. He doesn't know whether they do yet. The City didn't really track that. But in 2016 the Mayor made housing a big initiative. That's something that's supposed to come out. You can call the housing department for information. Courshon said they don't know.

Darnell suggested to call Council Member David Ryu's office. He's Chair of that committee. Courshon said that that's a good idea.

Seamus Garrity, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, 43^d District:

He mentioned Proposition 68 and said that the Assemblywoman has achieved a major victory regarding funding of \$20mln for a bridge connecting Glendale's Flower Street to the Los Angeles River, creating a transit corridor from Glendale towards downtown Los Angeles. There is a media advisory coming. Separately, he said that there will be an updated legislative overview coming out once bills are signed.

Rebecca Rubin asked about legislation AB2925. Did she vote on this? Garrity said that the Assemblywoman was deciding but her vote wasn't logged in. Heather Carson asked can she make a clear statement?

Scott Plante asked about RSOs (Rent Stabilization Ordinance). He is concerned with the lack of a sound wall. Garrity said he will sit down with CalTrans and Metro on Monday to address that. A sound wall would cost \$10 mln. That's up to \$650,000 per person. It's a large amount of money. He'll find out why they were against it.

Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for Council Member David Ryu, Council District 4, Rachel.fox@lacity.org, (213) 473-7004, (323) 957-6415):

She spoke about an ordinance that limits loudspeakers for communities affected by tourism. We've been working on this for a long time. It will take about 4-6 weeks to take effect. Thereafter, we'll begin citing tour buses.

Separately, she said that a bridge housing project in Hollywood has been approved. We are seeking other temporary affordable housing units.

Additionally, she said that the sidewalk rebate program is about to end. You must apply by June 30. It's really easy. You can apply at the City's 311 website to get in the queue.

After the community meeting for the reservoir, people were concerned about expansion of the footprint of the DWP installing the modules. It's still in planning. The Council Member met with Marty of the Department of Water and Power (DWP) today. That's still on our plate.

Separately, the Council Member wants to change the neighborhood council system. She wants to strengthen it. She wants to identify City spaces that neighborhood councils can use. She wants to change name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). She wants you to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) about this.

Asking about a meeting with Council District 4 and the DWP, Johnson said that it would be great to be involved through our liaison. We receive the emails about this too. However, the last time that the DWP came here the reservoir project was presented as a done deal. We're surprised that it's not a done deal.

We've been getting lots of push back from the City, said Fox. There is concern about the impact on the neighborhood with additional vehicles coming in and out. The DWP is pushing forward with design for the modules. Betsy Isroelit said that it would be great if you can keep the

liaison informed. Jerome Courshon added that we didn't see the pushback until this week.

Isroelit said we had 3 major community meetings and suddenly this comes up and we don't know about it.

Lee Sherman asked about a CIS deadline. Rachel said it wouldn't be for at least 90 days. So the deadline would probably be by the end of the summer.

Courshon asked Fox how much money is allocated for neighborhood councils for next year? Darnell said same amount. Courshon also asked about reservoir modules. Isroelit said the Master Plan allows DWP to staff their own property as they like.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

She said that Budget Day will be Saturday June 23, We have RSVPs from the Mayor's office, City Council Member Krekorian, City Council President Wesson, DONE Administrator Gracie Liu, the BONC President and Ron Galprin, among others.

This will be a big event with a catered breakfast. There will be a plenary session with speakers including herself, then attendees will break up by region when you can discuss services and concerns. Everyone is invited but you must RSVP on our website or at www.ncbala.com, the budget advocate website.

6. Administrative: Elections of Officer Positions: Co-Chairs: Process for Election of Officers: Co-Chairs-Vice Chair-Treasurer- Secretary

Co-Chairs:

Courshon is leading this discussion.

Doug Loewy nominated Anne-Marie Johnson as Co-Chair. She accepted.

Johnson congratulated the Board. She said this is the best Board that she's had. She's been on the Board for years. It is the most functional and engaged Board. We've done so many events. We are not an embarrassment to whole neighborhood system. I'm excited to take this challenge for another year. This is hard work and we dedicate a lot to this. I'd be honored to do this again. There was applause.

**VOTE for Anne-Marie Johnson as Co-Chair:
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Darius Derakshan nominated Scott Plante. He accepted.

Plante said we had a good Board here the last couple of years. He said that he's been in the neighborhood council system since 2011. He is happy to serve.

**VOTE for Scott Plante as Co-Chair
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante

Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Israelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Johnson is now chairing the meeting.

Vice Chair:

Doug Loewy nominated Jerome Courshon as Vice Chair. Courshon declined. It's time for someone else to take a turn. I've been Vice Chair for two years. It is not a lot of work. The Co-Chairs do the majority of the work. The Vice Chair must handle the Executive Committee every month. There are things to be done, said Courshon.

Kate Hudson nominated Darius Derakshan. Taryn Poole seconded. Derakshan accepted.

Derakshan said that since I've joined the Board it's been really great so far. This is a great organization. Lots of concerns were sent my way when I was asked to join. All were unfounded. Budgets are statements of value. We're doing a really good job and I'll do my best to continue the good work.

Courshon said I think you'll be great at it. You're already great in the Homeless Committee.

VOTE for Darius Derakshan as Vice Chair
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Johnson said that she will be sad to see Courshon leave the Vice Chair position. However, she said that she is happy to see Darius Derakshan join us. Courshon took his responsibilities very seriously. There was applause for Courshon.

Secretary:

Scott Plante nominated Betsy Isroelit.

Isroelit said that as Secretary, it's all about communications. That's my reason for being on the Board as Secretary and as Liaison in Outreach.

I'm excited that the Committee's becoming strong. That's the secret to success. It's exciting to see people just do their thing and do it so well.

Terrence Jackson said she's done a great job. We have over 3,000 subscriptions. She handles all printing and design. There was applause.

Taryn Poole said I have a huge amount of respect for Isroelit. You do a lot of extraordinary work. I'm in awe of you. There was applause.

VOTE for Betsy Isroelit as Secretary
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Treasurer:

Kate Hudson nominated Terrence Jackson as Treasurer. Courshon seconded. Jackson accepted.

Rebecca Rubin said thank you for all that you are doing. Poole said the focus and expertise that you bring to this praised.

Jackson said I accept. It's about 150 hours a year dealing with the City. We made a lot of process. We're getting better and better.

Isroelit said that Jackson is a very senior experienced CPA with his own firm for many years. We're so lucky to have someone of his stature doing this for us.

VOTE for Terrence Jackson as Treasurer
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Second Signer, Assistant to the Secretary

Hanna Anderson has expressed great desire to return to this position but she is in Africa now. So, Johnson said that she wants to postpone that decision until July. Courshon seconded.

David Valdez wants to be second signer if the position open. Johnson asked can we table this decision to a time certain as Valdez will arrive late?

Johnson said that this Board actually handled the majority of its liaison in past two months. So I'd like to forego reassignments. However, there are liaison positions that need to be dealt with now: department of ageing, homeless, animal, and budget liaisons.

Regarding the Department of Ageing Liaison, there has been great interest from two stakeholders who can't attend this meeting. Can they be appointed when they aren't here? DONE representative Darnell said yes.

Nina Sorkin and Stephanie Vindig are nominated for the liaison position with the Department of Ageing Liaisons, said Plante. Courshon seconded.

**VOTE for Nina Sorkin and Stephanie Vindig as Department of Ageing Liaisons
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy

Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

For the Animal Liaison Melissa Samuels nominated Kate Hudson, who accepted. Also, Betsy Isroelit nominated Taryn Poole, who accepted.

VOTE for Taryn Poole and Kate Hudson as Animal Liaisons

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Taryn Poole, current liaison, said that I've been fixated on animals since I was small in Rhode Island. She had kittens, birds, etc. In Silver Lake she

brought a dog. I discovered that there were at least 21 starving cats around my house and not doing well. She spent about \$6,000 over two years to save those cats. She notes that there is a lack of information and education about wildlife around the Reservoir. She wants to bring focus into the new Reservoir plan.

Kate Hudson said that she's worked with lots of stray kittens in Silver Lake. She's from Anchorage, Alaska and has worked to rescue animals her entire life. I'm really excited to be a part of that and to be working with Taryn Poole. She wants to give animals a happy loving home. She has feral dogs and cats. She is honored by her nomination.

Budget Liaison;

Barbara Ringuette was nominated to be Budget Liaison. She accepted. Tony Michaels was also nominated by Plante. He accepted.

Ringuette said that this year I am Vice Chair for Administration for Budget Advocates. I arrange training. People fill a need but don't have much idea of what they are going to do. Thank you for the nomination. I am happy to continue to serve.

Tony Michaels said I've been doing it for a couple of years now. I've learned a lot from Ringuette. Being Budget Advocate is a good constructive position to try to effect change.

VOTE for Barbara Ringuette and Tony Michaels as Budget Advocates
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman

Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Liaison to Department of Homelessness:

Kate Hudson nominated Darius Derakshan. He accepted.

Johnson said your Co-Chair wants to be nominated. Hudson nominated Johnson. Isroelit seconded.

Isroelit asked could there be two positions for north and south of Sunset? Johnson said yes. Barbara Ringuette nominated herself.

Barbara Ringuette said it's really important to have a liaison with the south of Sunset area and with Council District 13 (CD13). I've done a lot regarding homelessness in that area.

Darius Derakshan said we're in critical juncture for our city. We're taking a very compassionate approach. We've never really dealt with homelessness as we do now. People in Skid Row were forced out. We're very poor in services that we can provide. We need to activate more services for the Silver Lake neighborhood.

VOTE for Anne-Marie Johnson and Darius Derakshan as Department of Homelessness Liaisons

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Second Signer:

DONE funding training will be required for this position.

David Valdez has arrived and has been nominated. Courshon seconded.

David Valdez asked why not? I'm happy to continue to grow with the SLNC and add to other responsibilities. I want to continue serving the community as best we can. He wants to offer support for neighborhood projects, community agencies, etc. He wants to streamline the process to be more efficient.

VOTE for David Valdez as Second Signer
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit

Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Johnson thanked Poole for being second signer for the past two years. This has not been an easy year. Poole said I was happy to jump in when I was asked by the previous Treasurer. I'm very excited for Valdez. This is a very important area.

Darnell asked did you guys appoint an Alternate Signer? Johnson replied that we can do so if we need it. We'll put it on the agenda. Darnell added that that person must also do funding training.

6. Treasurer Report and MER

Treasurer Jackson said 119 applications to date have been submitted. I look forward to working with Valdez. We have about \$1825 unspent. There is about \$1183 due to Appleone. We have two more payments to make. There is also the cost of the newsletter. There will be about \$68 unspent after all that to finish the fiscal year at the end of June.

By contrast, he noted that collectively 17% of all neighborhood councils' funds have not been spent to date. That's about \$705,000 unspent. About 33% of the dollar amount of all funding applications have been denied across the neighborhood council system. Everything I do in my firm, two people look at it. We will spend all our funds. There will be nothing left over.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

6.1 (Treasurer) Re-allocation of a total of \$7,024.25 from Community Improvements to Outreach and NPG.

Jackson explained that we haven't spent much on community improvement projects because these are actually considered as outreach by the City. *Courshon seconded.*

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

7. Consent:

7.1.(Johnson) DONE suggested revised language for previously board approved amendment to Art. V, sec 8 Censure.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

8. Old Business: NONE

9. New Business:

9.1.(Transpo & Neighborhood Safety) The Committee requests that a letter of support be drafted by SLNC Board Co-Chair, Anne-Marie Johnson to Councilman Ryu asking that the City Attorney consider filing a lawsuit to require that the WAZE App allow for exclusion of streets which have been shown to have a negative impact and a continual threat to the quality of life in Los Angeles neighborhoods

Plante explained that the Waze commuter transportation app allows for the exclusion of streets detrimental to life. Isroelit seconded.

Tony Michaels said that at the last community meeting, Council Member Ryu wants the City to do something on a legal basis. There is precedent for Waze to exclude certain streets because of public safety concerns. We want relief from the overflow of traffic into our neighborhood. It will be a long process but a good first step.

Heather Carson noted that the language of this motion was cut off on the short agenda. Will that get us into trouble? Darnell responded that that's a mistake. There is supplemental documentation. I think it's fine.

Courshon noted that there are some typographical errors. In the second paragraph it says thorough motorists. Also, Waverly is misspelled. He

also noted that the 3rd paragraph first sentence doesn't read right. Maybe remove the "a". Additionally, City Attorney Mike Feuer's name is misspelled, said Courshon. Johnson, who drafted the motion, apologized for the errors.

A Man asked should the idea be broadened to include Google Maps? This is a general problem for all of Los Angeles. He wants to add his street to the list. Johnson responded that the Google suggestion is fabulous. Isroelit suggested adding the language "among others" for streets. Carson asked can you submit a letter from the committee and then the Secretary can certify it?

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.2.(Transpo & Neighborhood Safety)SLNC submit a CIS in support of Council File 17-1311 to implement recommendations of the State of the Street Related Infrastructure Programs in Los Angeles Report

Plante made the motion. Courshon seconded.

Tony Michaels said that Lilia produced this 400 page report. It's very extensive. The City operates in a very decentralized way. She wants to bring the City into the modern age. The major recommendation is to fold transportation into the Department of Public Works.

Johnson said we don't believe this was received by the Board so we will postpone it for the July meeting. Lee Sherman said I couldn't access the link. *Johnson said we'll postpone the item to July.*

9.3.(Transpo & Neighborhood Safety)SLNC submit the a letter in support of banning mylar balloons.

Plante made the motion. Isroelit seconded.

Tony Michaels said that this came out of DWP meetings regarding power outages last summer. One outage was the result of a mylar balloon incident. They've caused thousands of outages throughout the state, along with fires. Now there are loose regulations. DWP has a fact sheet about mylar balloons. This is also a safety issue as mylar is metallic. There are a lot of issues. There was a state assembly bill that didn't get out of committee because of a balloon lobby.

Taryn Poole asked is there a way to get this information to the very active Mom's Club in neighborhood? That can help quite a bit Johnson added that if this approved, we'll promote the heck out of this.

Courshon commented that the second sentence doesn't make sense. Silver Lake did have a serious outage because of a mylar balloon.. We've had so many outages.

Carson asked Seamus Garrity can we tie in the environmental issue with this to get it passed? This is AB8709 from a couple of years ago, said Courshon.

Johnson said we can cc Assembly Member Friedman and seek her endorsement. Kate Hudson said don't just target moms, target everyone. Johnson said there is a very active Mom's Club in Silver Lake and this is something that they would like to take on.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.4 (Plante) Support AB 2263 (Designated historical resource: conversion or adaptation: required parking): This bill incentivizes historic preservation and adaptive reuse of existing structures by reducing parking requirements. AB 2263 requires a local agency to provide the following incentives for a development project where a designated historical resource is being converted or adapted. A local agency will provide no additional parking for residential located within ½ miles of major transit, and a 25% reduction in required parking for nonresidential. This does not supersede existing local historical preservation or adaptive reuse ordinances, and is modeled after parking incentives in LA and Glendale.

Plante made the motion. Derakshan seconded.

This is to support Assemblymember Friedman's bill. Many of these buildings are from the 1920s and 1930s. Parking for some of these buildings could be destructive.

Seamus Garrity explained that Assemblymember Friedman began her career in historical preservation societies. She wants to incentivize preservation of these architecturally rare buildings. If the ordinance requires parking at one of these buildings, this does not supercede that. This is her bill. The intention is to protect buildings that she feels are very important.

Johnson asked is there a way to prevent certain businesses for example, Olive Garden, that would cause lots of cars where parking would be required and would cause more congestion? Garrity said that in the bill now, it allows for cities to have their own ordinances.

Courshon commented that normally these things go through urban design committees first so I'm slightly confused. Have these properties been designed as historical? Garrity replied yes.

Plante noted that we had a very tight time frame for this. Garrity said that it's time sensitive because the next meeting is in July and the legislative deadline will be shortly thereafter. It's already passed the assembly.

Carson asked the CIS goes to the Council file for the State? Garrity said yes. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council has already done this. Johnson said the CIS would be on file with the City Council who would refer it to the State regarding assembly bills. Garrity said your letter would say that the SLNC supports this. Last year you wrote a letter, not a CIS.

Ringuette suggested that the actual motion read that a local agency will not require additional parking? Garrity said that September is the deadline to get a bill passed.

Johnson asked how can we make this happen so we can adjourn the meeting without ordering breakfast? Garrity said to support the bill. Johnson asked can the maker of the motion accept a friendly amendment with a simple sentence to attach to the CIS?

Courshon said we should write that sentence right now.

Plante read "The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports bill AB2263 which will work to incentivize historic preservation and adaptive reuse of

qualified existing historical structures by reducing parking requirements on historic structures.”

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Israelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.5.(UDP) Recommends support for a 7-unit small lot project to be built at 1754 Griffith Park Boulevard.

Plante said the applicant and his brother are preparing the property. They actually listened to our comments. The applicant said I brought boards if people want to see them.

Heather Carson said I want to memorialize in the minutes how many people were displaced? The applicant replied one person. The other had

left. We helped to relocate the remaining tenant down the street. My brother and I are real estate brokers.

VOTE
12-6-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Lee Sherman
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Douglas Reed
Rebecca Rubin
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Jerome Courshon did not vote.)

9.6 (UDP) Recommends support for a full line of alcohol sales with live entertainment for 33 Taps at 3725 W. Sunset.

Plante made the motion. Derakshan seconded.

There will be an amendment: The hours will end at 11pm during the week, Sundays to Thursdays and at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The speakers off at 10pm.

Gary Benjamin, the representative, is here along with Ryan Roy, the owner.

We hosted a community open house. We sent out mailers to everyone within 500 feet about 40 people attended the event. We continued door to door outreach. 14 people signed letters of support. There were also 88 letters from broader Silver Lake. Several neighbors spoke at the Committee meetings in support saying what the restaurant meant to them. The Committee agreed that the owner had put in the work.

Glen Harrell asked how many people attended the open house and weren't happy? Benjamin said none. No one opposed. A couple of them were ambivalent. Some 14 people signed letters of support from the open house and the Committee meeting. Plante added we didn't receive any letters of opposition.

Melissa Samuels asked why would the community support this? Benjamin responded that lots of people really like the restaurant. The extension of hours allows options for this type of restaurant with affordable quality food options that people appreciate. They were excited about that.

The owner Ryan Foy said we offer something unique to the neighborhood. There is beer, bingo, and Ru Paul events. Many people feel like this is their second home.

Courshon commented that there is an 11pm closing on patio during week. 12pm on midnight. Speakers off at 10pm. Poole asked which way do the speakers face? The owner said that the patio speakers face Sunset Boulevard and the parking lot.

Poole expressed concern about the use of a microphone. That can be extremely disruptive. Benjamin said we did go into lots of detail about that at the second Urban Design Committee meeting. There will be manual checks of sound levels at 50 feet into the parking lot. Live entertainment has been narrowed to a background dj with one microphone and trivia events and organizations that utilize that location. There will be no bands or DJs. You can't really hear sound for outside. Kate Hudson said I've been there. I can assure the Board that it's not loud or obtrusive.

VOTE
17-2-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Kathleen Hudson

No Votes:

Melissa Samuels
Anne Marie Johnson

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ringuette asked whether the letter would outline the conditions set forth by the Urban Design Committee? Plante said that that is correct.

9.7.(UDP) Recommends support for a full line of alcohol sales for All Day Baby, a restaurant at 3200 W. Sunset.

Plante made the motion. Rebecca Rubin seconded.

Kate Hudson said that she lives within 100 feet.

Plante said the hours would be 8am-11pm weekdays, 8am -12am Fridays and Saturdays.

Eddie Navarez is the representative. Lynn Kuvhenguhwa is the owner.

Kate Hudson said that parking is horrendous at that corner. How will you alleviate it? David Valdez and Hudson asked about music on the patio. Eddie Navarez said that it would be a home stereo. Nothing loud. A

picture is worth a thousand words. The focus is food, not a late night crowd.

Melissa Samuels asked what kind of restaurant is it? Lynn Kuvhenguwa said it will be a neighborhood restaurant with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The soul of this restaurant is that of a diner. We are bringing a finer dining sensibility. It's an all-day restaurant.

Regarding parking, Navarez said we heard the concerns. We talked to the owner of the adjacent property for a lease for 12 stalls. Plante asked can you explain employee parking? Navarez said there are 7 parking stalls onsite.

Ringuette asked Plante to review the conditions? Plante read them and recommended a covenant for parking. Valdez asked what do people who live above the restaurant think? Navarez replied that the neighbors from Descanco had more concerns. Hudson, a Descanco resident, asked, where are the 12 spots? Navarez said they are at the car wash.

Heather Carson asked you're creating 12 spots that never existed? Navarez replied that that's correct. We're also using a professional valet company.

VOTE
16-3-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Antonio Stifano
Glen Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

Terrence Jackson
Kathleen Hudson
Anne-Marie Johnson

Present, Not Voting:

None

Johnson advised that everyone come to Urban Design Committee meetings to learn about these things. Carson cautioned that we can't participate if there are more than 5 Board members there. Johnson said you can always attend meetings and observe. This stuff is deep and I don't like to take Board time for Committee work.

Darnell suggested that if you call it a Joint Board meeting, everyone can attend and participate for 2 minutes. Johnson replied that we've done that a couple of times.

10. Approval of May draft Board minutes

Courshon offered a correction on page 6 in the last paragraph where he speaks. Strike the last sentence because it sounds like I'm criticizing this. "We have a large Latino population in Silver Lake".

Lee Sherman offered corrections on pages 17-18 where he asked a question about how the survey was being funded. On page 20, he suggested publicizing on agenda for members for the Elections Committee.

Johnson asked Sherman will your committee meet before the next Board meeting?

Heather Carson noted that on page 6 it says I asked what is the definition of a stakeholder. We have a broader definition of stakeholders for mailings.

Barbara Ringuette noted that on page 7, paragraph 2, Barbara commented on how valuable Planning 101 really is. Insert after views "of Silver Lake residents".

VOTE for amended minutes

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
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Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11. Report from the Officers • Co-Chair report on newly formed SLNC/LMU Survey Workgroup

Plante said there are 7 members for the SLNC/LMU Survey Work Group. One for region 1, region 6, region 7, an at large member, the co-chairs and vice chairs will rotate. There will also be two stakeholders.

John Wingler, a stakeholder and Co-Chair of the Green Committee, said that we want to be available and want to be supportive. Johnson said work groups don't have to be announced by the Board. The first sit down with Loyola Marymount University will be later this month.

12. Future Agenda Items

Johnson mentioned the Elections Committee, the Assistant to the Secretary, and the Budget.

Barbara Ringuette offered a report about the Alliance of River Committees (ARC) meeting. The group is concerned with the LA River in Atwater Village and Elysian Park and the upcoming community plan. Other communities should do the same thing. The Echo Park Neighborhood Council is also considering this.

13. Announcements

She added that the DWP is offering aquaduct tours. We highly recommend this. It's overnight at Mammoth Lake and includes a nice dinner. You would be driving through Owens Lake. This is very enlightening. You would also visit Salty Lake and Mono Lake. The experience is beautiful and gorgeous. September 22, October 20, and November 3 are the tour dates.

Darnell said to please add a Resilience Officer to your next agenda.

14. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:13pm.