

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING Minutes APPROVED
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 6:58 pm with 16 Board members present. Nine votes are needed for a motion to carry.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair
Scott Plante, Co-Chair
Darius Derakshan, Vice Chair
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer
Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Antonio Stifano, Sargeant-At-Arms
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben (arrived late)
Lee Sherman (arrived late)
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels (arrived late)
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Doug Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Janis Purins (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Glenn Harrell

3. Welcome and rules for actions on Agenda Items

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Pat Tasla:

She offered the neighborhood council a certificate of appreciation for its donation to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Live event. Council Member David Ryu and State Assemblymember Laura Friedman were in attendance. This was a great event, she said.

Earl House:

You're heard of the F-word and the S-word but you've all feared the C-word, which is cancer, said House. Cancer does not strike fear as it used to as there are cures. He offered thanks to the SLNC for helping to fund research.

Alisha Blyer:

The stakeholder, who lives at the intersection of Dooley and Middle Valley Terrace, said that her retaining wall has been hit 5 times. This has required \$10,000 in repair work. She wants a stop sign for traffic. However, she is on a big Citywide waiting list. She is banding together with residents concerned about traffic.

She is asking for the SLNC to ask the Department of Transportation (DOT) to come up with a traffic plan for all of Silver Lake. She would like to see the speed lowered to 16mph. Other recommendations include making Angus a one way street and having Stop sign enforcement on Griffith Park Boulevard.

She mentioned that she's lived in Silver Lake for 16 years. The level of music from cars is unbelievable, rude. She wants streets repaved to eliminate potholes. We want the City Council to pressure the DOT about these things, she added.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson said that she will contact the Co-Chairs of the Transportation Committee. This will go to their August meeting. Johnson also suggested having a town hall meeting about this. Blyer will be notified.

Marsha:

She commended the SLNC for being organized.

We presented at the Urban Design and Presentation Committee in November and presented to the Board in December. This 624-628 Coronado project got lots of positive feedback from your Board.

We have a hearing Tuesday at City Hall. She wants people to attend that session at 9am. We want your support for our zoning variance. If you can't attend can you provide a letter of support. She passed out flyers. If you write a letter, please let her know. Johnson said that the Committee and the Board have already supported this.

Max Isaacson, the project owner, said thanks for your support back in December. The property has gone through hell the past 5-6 years. There have been many bad owners. There is only one tenant left. We're adding a unit so that it becomes financially stable forever. There is a variable rate loan. That's the point of the project, to keep the building alive, stable, and functioning.

Nicolas Fox Robbins, Executive Director, Silver Lake Picture Show:

He said that the organization is dedicated to creating a sense of community where people can come together. We show three movies. We allow local short filmmakers to show their work for free.

He had filled out a motion request and applied for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) but the item is not on the agenda. He brought flyers.

He said that the group was honoring the Hollywood Free Clinic for 50 years of service.

We want to create an awesome neighborhood experience. This costs money. We are looking for neighborhood council support. Our NPG was for \$3,000. This is an opportunity for the neighborhood council to connect with the community.

Jerome Courshon: (full statement supplied by Courshon):

"Some of you know by now, the current formation & procedure of the workgroup to work with Loyola University regarding the reservoir survey, has been ruled by the City that it would be in violation of the Brown Act.

I believe this workgroup – though I understand now there are no such things as "workgroups" – but whatever it can legally be, should be fully

transparent, and any such meetings should be open to the public, as well as Board members who have not been chosen.

As I was the originator of the idea of doing a survey with our unspent money, back in December, my thoughts were about commissioning a survey that not only could be current, but also – hopefully – with a methodology that would be above reproach.

This would – or should – naturally include full transparency to the public, given this is a significant expenditure, AND, it is the public’s money.

Therefore, I would advocate that whatever meetings with Loyola take place, that they should happen under the auspices of either the Silver Lake Reservoir Committee, OR as Special Governing Board meetings.

My understanding is that there wouldn’t be many, so this might only entail 1 or 2 special meetings. If we all care about this issue, I think an extra few hours in the coming months shouldn’t be too horribly burdensome.

Another reason I would advocate for this, is because whatever needs to be discussed & approved by the Board – whether it be about the survey questions, or the survey deployment & methodology process... that for Board members to only have 2 minutes at the once-a-month Governing Board meetings to weigh in on such matters, is just not optimal for this particular issue, given the import of the iconic reservoir to the Silver Lake community.

Thank you.

5.Special Presentations and Reports from City and State representatives

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

She addressed the recent Silver Lake power outages. Some residents lost power for a couple of days. We are appreciative of the 15 hour shifts by the Department of Water and Power (DWP) but we wanted more communication from the DWP. We want people to have their power restored.

Regarding the recent Griffith Park fire, she said that some 25 acres burned. The cause of the fire is unknown but there was a rapid Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) response. We encourage the Board to look at the City’s new Emergency Preparedness Program. The video link is on the

website. Also, you can sign up for emergency updates at emergency.lacity.org. There, you can also receive alerts.

She spoke about the Los Angeles River Master Plan. On July 21 at 6pm there will be the first of many meetings. You can sign up on the website: larivermasterplan.org

Finally, she said that Council Council is on recess until the end of August. Please contact her for trash and weed issues. Also, the Council Member wants to encourage local art in the neighborhood.

Johnson asked her, where are we with Tenants of the Trees? Fox responded that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is supposed to go out there. We're not sure what CD4 will do regarding renewal of their liquor license.

Betsy Isroelit said that she's heard that CD4 is most supportive of street art. She thanked them.

Courshon asked does DWP have a budget for infrastructure upgrades? Fox said that upgrades are planned.

Douglas Reed commented that there is a Silver Lake power issue. Often his lights are off. He has been here for years.

Isroelit said that the Transportation Committee had two meetings with the DWP. We encourage people to attend those meetings. They come and give presentations but if only 3 people show up they don't take you seriously.

Danni Wang, Field Representative for Assemblymember Wendy Cabrillo, 51st District, (213) 483-5151, Danni.Wang@asm.ca.gov

She said that our budget priorities have been passed by the State legislature. They include: \$500,000 for park access; \$10mln for legal assistance, including aid for unaccompanied minors crossing the border, and \$6.5 mln for environmental issues. There is also funding for homeless issues.

Assemblymember Cabrillo is thinking of events with Silver Lake in mind, said Wang. Courshon said that he wants Cabrillo to support legislation that is about tenants' rights and affordability. There was an issue where she didn't vote. That upset many in the community.

Wang explained the Assemblymember Cabrillo didn't vote no. She abstained because the legislation gave more rights to landlords. Heather Carson asked did she show up for the vote? I understand that she was not present.

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

Referring to the previous topic, he said that the photo of the vote was incomplete. We asked them to take it down. He said that Assemblymember Friedman will host a giveaway. This will probably happen at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

We've invited the Board for July 24 for a kayak tour of the upper Los Angeles River. There is an incredible sanctuary in the valley. You cannot tell that you're in the city. We can have one of you but we must know as soon as possible.

Regarding fires, legislation AB2911 allows people to apply for permits to clear brush away from their property lines. There are several pieces of legislation in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Finally, he said that we'll host a coffee on July 29. He'll send invites. It will be in Los Feliz or Silver Lake. He also thanked the SLNC for its support of legislation AB2353. He also mentioned that \$500,000 has been provided for the Braille Institute.

Sochi Day, the SLNC's new Youth Representative:

Day said that she turns 16 today. There was applause for her birthday. She attends a girls school in Pasadena. She has lived in Silver Lake for most of her life. She said that she does lots of volunteer work. She thanked the SLNC for its amazing work. It makes me so happy, she said. There was applause.

Johnson complemented Day's outreach to the Board. Carson said I reached out to the Youth Committee. Four million young people will turn 18 by the November midterm election. She said that she wants to work with the Youth Committee on this issue.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Representative:

She said that Budget Day was a great success. We elected new Budget Advocates. We will have a retreat next Saturday. We may change the

group's name to include services. That's a major part of a budget advocate job. We want to emphasize this.

Susan:

She offered support for the current configuration of traffic on Rowena near Ivanhoe. She is very much in favor of walkable communities.

6. Administrative

6.1. Election to fill Region 7 vacancy

Co-Chair Scott Plante said that Stacey Boucher has resigned from the Board so we have to fill her seat.

Candidates:

Janis Purins

Paul Emmonds

Nicolas Robbins

Janis Purins:

He said that he's been a homeowner in Region 7 for 31 years. He attends SLNC meetings. He is familiar with how the neighborhood council works. His interests include the housing stock and commercial space, increasing population density, homelessness (he has volunteered on that issue), the Reservoir project, and lots of focus on traffic safety. He would like to find more agreement about this.

He sees issues with the quality of streets and sidewalks. He is also an advocate of transparency and due process. He has worked in administrative management.

Betsy Isroelit said that she knows Purins through meetings and community events. She said that she appreciates him.

Courshon said that the Rowena Road Diet study will be released this fall. An open house is coming. This will be a contentious issue as the study recommends many changes. We need to have open minds.

Ringuette asked Purins what's your level of participation? He replied that he's been an observer at reservoir and urban design meetings. He's also attended the SLNC's diversity meetings.

(Note: Rebecca Rubin arrived at about 7:40pm.)

Taryn Poole asked what's his interest in wildlife? Purins said that he grew up with it. He appreciates wildlife.

Paul Emmonds:

He said that he's a Los Angeles native who's lived in Silver Lake for more than 3 decades. He is serving his 3rd term as secretary of the Pasadena Fire Department. He is a medic. He has worked on political campaigns. He has won several awards. He has participated in Silver Lake and Los Feliz community meetings. He is interested in serving on the Public Safety Committee. He is very interested in more improvements for the reservoir and also traffic issues.

Ringuette asked him are our committees effective? Emmonds replied that they've been very effective. This is one of more professionally run neighborhood councils.

Nicolas Robbins, Executive Director, Silver Lake Picture Show:

The Executive Director of the Silver Lake Picture Show said that he's passionate about serving Silver Lake, passionate about it. He said that he has a strong track record of community organization relationships. He's integrated into the community. He wants to increase voter turnout for neighborhood council elections and wants to increase engagement between the neighborhood council and the community.

He is concerned about public access and the environment and public art, which helps us to process things as a community. He rides public transportation. He's a millennial. The Silver Lake Picture Show has served 50,000 people, about 20% of them from region 7. Robbins said that he is also a Silver Lake business owner.

Courshon questioned his residency. Does he live or have a business in Region 7? Lee Sherman read aloud the residency requirements from the Bylaws. Johnson asked Robbins does your business have a brick and mortar address in Region 7. Robbins said the address is not in Region 7.

Johnson asked whether his business has minutes and schedules as required under the Bylaws. Robbins said yes. Sherman asked what region is your address in? After he responded, Johnson informed him that his business address is in Region 5.

Sherman told him that we need people for Election Committee. He wants him to run for the Region 5 spot for the Elections Committee. Johnson told him that you can run for At-Large but not for Region 7.

There are now two candidates.

Votes for Janis Purins -- 10

Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Darius Derakshan
Antonio Stefano
Hannah Anderson
Doug Loewy
Douglas Reed
David Valdez
Betsy Isroelit
Taryn Poole

Votes for Paul Emmonds -- 7

Scott Plante
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Lee Sherman
Kate Hudson
Bob Lisauskas
Terrence Jackson

Present, Not Voting -- 2

Rebecca Rubin
Melissa Samuels

Janis Purins wins and now joins the Board. There are now 20 Board members present.

6.2. Election of Assistant to the Secretary

Taryn Poole nominated Hannah Anderson. Darius Derakshan seconded.

Hannah Anderson was re-elected without a vote.

6.3.Appointment of Board Liaisons

a. Department of Aging Liaison

That's already been taken care of, said Johnson.

b. Department of Resilience

Scott Plante nominated Bob Lisauskas. Isroelit seconded.

Lisauskas accepted the nomination. He is excited about this topic. We brought the Mayor's Office of Resiliency to speak with us. This works well with our committees here, including the Green Committee.

VOTE for Bob Lisauskas

20-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Darius Derakshan

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Antonio Stifano

Taryn Poole

Rebecca Ruben

Lee Sherman

Kathleen Hudson

Melissa Samuels

David Valdez

Douglas Reed

Doug Loewy

Bob Lisauskas

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Jerome Courshon

Janis Purins

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

6.4. Treasurer Report and MER

a.(Budget & Finance) Recommends board adoptions of annual SLNC budget of \$42,000 allocated by city of L.A.

Treasurer Terrence Jackson said we only get \$42,000 for the new fiscal year. That's it. Some \$24,000 is already committed. There is \$7,400 for elections. That leaves only \$10,000 for everything else. We are poor.

He must submit documents this month or our accounts will be suspended. If we change budget allocations, that will take need additional votes. We feel that this budget is achievable. The Loyola Marymount community survey is a big budget item, he noted.

Second Signer David Valdez said we'll support the Elections Committee. We will also launch an LMU Committee. Beyond that, our budget will be very tight.

Sherman thanked the Budget Committee for working through this. They've been very supportive of this budget. It will allow us to do more aggressive outreach to the entire community.

Eric Kissack, an Election Committee member, said that the budget really reflects lots of research. Sherman added that this is on par with what other neighborhood councils spend on elections.

Carson asked a question about meeting space costs and outreach events. Jackson gave the "Adopt-a-Stairwell program as an example of an outreach expenditure.

VOTE
19-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman

Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Doug Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Ineligible:
Janis Purins

b.(Budget & Finance)Motion to approve reimbursing the City of Los Angeles for charges erroneously posted to the SLNC Facebook account in the amount of \$70.00.

Jackson made the motion.

VOTE
19-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed

Doug Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Ineligible:
Janis Purins

7.Consent:

None

8.Old Business:

None

9.New Business

9.1. (DONE) Election “Stip” Sheet:This sheet is critical for NC to identify and secure the logistics for 2019

Sherman said that he’s looked at it but we don’t have a committee yet.

Johnson said that it’s due before our next Board meeting. We’ll sign off on it. Sherman asked should we select chairs? Johnson said let’s move to agenda item 9.6 for this.

9.6.(Elections Committee) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council may form an Elections Committee in accordance with its bylaws, Art X, sec 6.

Jerome Courshon nominated Lee Sherman. Scott Plante seconded.

Eric Kissack nominated himself.

Sherman also nominated Nicolas Fox Robbinss, who wants to know more about what the position is.

Sherman explained I was Vice Chair for the Election Committee for the last election. We do outreach. We want greater voter access. We did a post-mortem after the election to see how we can increase participation. Now in the bylaws you can vote by self affirmation.

We looked at other neighborhood council budgets and practices. We spend about 5-10 hours per week ahead of elections. We don't know the election date but it will probably be in April 2019 so we'll be busy January to April.

Robbins asked have all decisions been made? Will I be able to participate in the decision making process or will I be an errand boy? After Sherman answered, Robbins accepted his nomination.

Manuel Celedon also wants to join the Committee. He said that he is an assistant professor in the UCLA School of Medicine who has been a resident of Silver Lake for the past 3 years.

He's been looking for ways to get involved in local politics. He wants to address homelessness issues. The Elections Committee will be a good way to get my feet wet, he said. Sherman added that I spoke to Celedon before. He would be great for the Committee.

Eric Kissack said that he is a filmmaker living in Region 2. He was on the Elections Committee 2 years ago. It was a rewarding experience. I want to do it again. I think we can go it better.

Johnson said that with these nominations, we have representation for Regions 1,2, 3 and 5. We still need volunteers, particularly since we still need Regions 4,6, and 7.

Board members can participate so long as they aren't the majority of the Committee.

Carson asked is the Youth Representative still here? Melissa Samuels said that she left. It's her birthday.

Sherman said that Mary Anne Hattener wants to represent Region 7

VOTE by Acclamation for Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 for Mary Anne Hattener, Nicolas Fox Robbins, Eric Kissack, Manuel Celedon and Lee Sherman (in no particular region order)

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Sherman asked about the issue of who will chair the committee. Johnson said to handle that when you have your committee meeting.

Johnson said that she now wants to go to the Urban Design motion, agenda item 9.4, so that the guest can leave.

9.4. (UDP) Recommend support for a 5-lot small home project to be located at 904 Benton Way.

Plante made the motion with conditions.

Matt the project representative is here, along with Eric, along with Stephen, the project owner.

We work on small projects. We're excited that no tenants are being displaced, said Matt. This project is 3 stories with 5 units. Each unit will

have two parking spaces. We met all setback requirements. The only deviation is we want significantly more parking. We agree with all recommended changes.

Stephen said I've enjoyed working with Matt. He lives in Los Feliz. O believe in new things. I love all types of architecture.

Carson raised a point of information about a recusal for Douglas Reed. Reed asked a question about living within 500 feet of the project and the recusal process. After listening to Johnson's answer, he decided to recuse himself. He is now leaving the room.

Eric Kissack said that he is a northern neighbor. He appreciates the project and its ability to accommodate needs.

Taryn Poole asked about the roofdecks. What is the current status? Which way will they face? Is the size reduced?

Courshon asked what is the height allowable for this variance? All homes on that street are no higher than 2 stories so yours is much taller. He expressed concern that it may look totally out of scale with that area.

Carson said I'm not against growth but I can't support this project because of a systemic problem at the City level. Small lots were originally supposed to make housing affordable. Now they've become luxury homes. This will be a massive thing right on the corner of Marathon and Benton. The City has to get the message. It's not healthy. It's not sustainable. We're in a crisis.

Janis Purins asked about the wall. Is there a slope? Ringuette asked did they bring a diagram or photo to show how the building fits in with the craftsman homes in the neighborhood?

Matt, the representative, said that the City has a policy of 6 foot stone walls all around any new subdivisions. It doesn't make sense in a residential area but that is open to discretion. We need community support for a wood wall.

Plante explained that they are asking for reduction in street dedication. Matt clarified, saying that we're asking to not widen. I didn't realize that we needed diagrams, photos. This project is not historic. To us, we don't want something next to a craftsman house that doesn't fit.

Regarding height Matt said that the allowable maximum would be 56 feet for 5 stories. Our project is 3 stories maximum or 36 feet plus dog houses (roof access for staircases.) We're at the geographic center of the second most dense city in the US. There is a 21-unit property nearby. We're one story taller than most other nearby buildings.

Regarding roofdecks the project was submitted before small lot design guidelines were updated by the City. We have setbacks. Tenants will not be looking down into their neighbor's property.

Johnson said that she want a substitute motion. If the position of the Board is not to support, we won't send the letter. If the substitution motion fails, we'll send the letter to save the oak tree, widen the street, and reconfiguration of the fence. *Ruben seconded.*

Matt said the City has newer design guidelines about setbacks. The third story and the roofdecks do follow the City's updated guidelines, noted Matt. Sightlines do not look down into the neighbor's yard.

Johnson said to first deal with support or non-support of the project. If the vote is non-support, then go to the second half of the motion with the letter.

VOTE to Support
10-8-1-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Antonio Stifano
Hannah Anderson
Doug Loewy
Lee Sherman
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Isroelit
Terrence Jackson
Janis Purins

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Heather Carson
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Rubin
Melissa Samuels

Kate Hudson
David Valdez
Taryn Poole

Present, Not Voting:
Jerome Courshon

Recusals:
Douglas Reed

9.5. (UDP) Recommend support for a CUB at 4141 Santa Monica Blvd to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a motel and restaurant.

Plante made the motion.

Zackery from 360, representative for the project,

He said that they are seeking a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the restaurant and hotel. It's located just Southwest of Sunset Junction at 4141 Santa Monica Boulevard. This is an existing hotel built in the 1980s for the 1984 Olympics. There would be tenant improvements only. There are 54 guest rooms.

We are changing the use for the managers unit into a quality sit down restaurant with 18 indoor seats and 74 outdoor seats. There would be valet-only parking with 80 parking spaces and 12 bike spaces. Guests don't use hotel parking anymore, thanks to ride-sharing.

John, an owner of the Electric Bowery hotel project who lives in Silver Lake, said that he's very excited about the project. I know the needs of the neighborhood.

John Johnson, who lives in Silver Lake, spoke in favor of the hotel. Now he has to house visiting family downtown.

Valentine, a Silver Lake resident, said that this hotel is something that the neighborhood needs. I'm concerned about Air Bnb, he added.

Barrett Fuller offered his support for the hotel. It's great for visiting family members, he said.

A Man who said he's lived in Silver Lake for 3 years, said his dad recently visited but had to stay in Pasadena. His Mom had to stay in an Air BnB lodging. He supports the project.

Taryn Poole said I like the idea of a hotel in Silver Lake. Why do you need a full alcohol license with service until 2am nightly?

Ringuette asked about the number of employees and the valet parking hours?

Johnson said I did not support this. We do need a hotel in Silver Lake but she expressed concern about alcohol. Nevertheless, it's vital to have a nice upscale hotel in Silver Lake.

Melissa Samuels asked about a church near Sunset Junction, will that be a hotel? Johnson said we don't know but Cross Shattuck may be a hotel.

Rebecca Ruben said that she too is concerned about alcohol service until 2am. She offered her commendation for creating a hotel.

Plante said he's very happy to see a hotel in Silver Lake. He's happy that they accepted our concerns.

Carson commended them. This is the kind of growth that Silver Lake needs. That said, the exterior could have more "umph". It feels palm springs condo-y. Feel free to be more eclectic, she encouraged.

Bob Lisauskas said this section of Santa Monica Boulevard is not well cared for. This building will act as a gateway building. The hours support more eyes on the street and safety.

Courshon, concerned about the hours of the patio, said that he wants an amendment to give the patio different hours. It should close earlier. Poole seconded. This is substitute motion, said Johnson.

Douglas Reed said that some neighbors were upset at the meeting about the patio bar being open late at night. Jaris asked was there any study about sound?

A project representative, who's actually a planner, said that the bar may not stay open until 2am. However, that gives the restaurant the flexibility to keep the patio open. You can have a party that goes until late. However, this is not a nightclub, he stressed. There hasn't been a study on noise. The bar is enclosed. Seating at the bar is lower, recessed.

Courshon said we do need a hotel. This isn't about closing the interior. This is about the patio. Our precedent has been to close a patio by 10pm. I suggest a 10pm closure for the outdoor patio. You can return in a year and ask for longer hours.

However, Carson said they also have guests to worry about. There will be an incentive. Plante said that this is a unique situation. It's the first hotel that we've dealt with. They are addressing their guests' need for quiet.

However, Isroelit noted that indoor seating quite limited so if can't stay open later, you'll lose most of your seating.

Sherman said I want to support this project. Can we put a time on the motion? Midnight?

Johnson said that means there are now two substitute motions. Now we can only discuss the time for the patio.

Courshon withdrew his motion. There is now only Sherman's motion with midnight closure of the patio. Poole seconded.

Purins asked does the patio face Santa Monica Boulevard or neighbors? Matt said the patio is adjacent to commercial areas. There are retaining walls. The patio faces Santa Monica Boulevard.

Isroelit asked, if I don't object to longer hours, I vote no? Johnson said that is correct. Poole warned that sound travels up.

Courshon said the restaurant will be for the community. They will only be successful if they pull from everywhere. If we allow 2am, we can't reverse that later. We've been having problems with Tenants of the Trees for years. Sound bounces, he warned.

The Applicant said I can agree to a Sunday to Thursday close at midnight. Then Friday and Saturday we could be open until 2am. *Sherman said that he is changing his motion to allow the patio to remain open until midnight Sunday to Thursday and until 2am on Friday and Saturday. Isroelit seconded.*

**VOTE for amendment for 9.5
12-8-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Heather Carson
Darius Derakshan
Antonio Stifano
Hannah Anderson
Doug Loewy
Rebecca Ruben
Melissa Samuels
Kate Hudson
Betsy Isroelit
Terrence Jackson
Janis Purins

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas Reed
Lee Sherman
Bob Lisauskas
David Valdez
Taryn Poole

Present, Not Voting:

None

**VOTE for amended motion
17-3-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez

Doug Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Janis Purins

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas Reed

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.7. (Cetrone/Goodin) Recommend the SLNC send a letter to the new owner of El Cid mentioning the historic importance of the property.

The makers are not here so this is postponed, said Johnson.

9.8. (Isroelit/Johnson) To fund up to \$800.00 for additional “Slow Down Silver Lake” yard signs.

Johnson said that she wants the Elections Committee to meet and chose Co-Chairs. Then, we will call special meeting. I feel uncomfortable. So, we will postpone. Sherman said that he wants input from the Board about an election location.

Antonio Stifano suggested the Micheltorena Elementary School Johnson noted that that location has an ADA issue (Americans With Disabilities Act). Also, they would need access to the parking lot.

Purins also suggested the Micheltorena Elementary School. Courshon concurred, adding the church as an alternative location, though it may not be ADA compliant. He also noted that their religious symbols would be an issue for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

Sherman commented that the Micheltorena Elementary School is centrally located. There is the ADA issue and the flea market issue. When is the election?

Johnson said this is a big issue. Let’s call a special meeting after the Election Committee meetings. This issue is postponed.

Rebecca Ruben informed that the flea market has turned into a night market.

9.2. (DONE) Board Self Assessment Form: Self Assessment needs to be reviewed and approved by the Board

Johnson said that she wants to postpone this. The Secretary handles this. It can be done at the special meeting. Courshon seconded.

VOTE to postpone
20-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.3. (DONE) NC Inventory Report: NC's must submit a Board Vote Count approving the "Inventory Report".

Johnson asked can we get permission to add this to our special meeting? DONE representative John Darnell, said you can have an extra couple of days.

Courshon said I didn't know we had a camera package. Who has it?

VOTE for inventory list
20-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.8. (Isroelit/Johnson) To fund up to \$800.00 for additional "Slow Down Silver Lake" yard signs.

Johnson said we are inundated with requests. We gotta get this going. Betsy and I want to request funding of up to \$800. Now schools are asking for these signs. Courshon seconded

Jackson noted that this represents 60% of our printing budget for the year. Valdez said we have to be careful with these expenditures.

Kate Hudson commented that only speed bumps make people slow down. She's voting against it.

Isroelit felt the signs make people feel a sense of community, like they are doing something together. They may not slow cars but they build community.

Carson said this is a great project. However, it can be more Silver Lake-centric. We missed an opportunity. She prefers other signs that would be more Silver Lake-like. How many signs do we get? Johnson said more than 65.

Carson offered an amendment to \$400. Hudson seconded. A \$400 allotment would be gone in a month, said Isroelit. Concerned about the amendment for a smaller number of signs and where they are distributed, she said I kept really careful track of where the signs go. They are so popular that people are stealing them.

Pool said that she lives on a hairpin turn. People do slow down when I put out the sign. Ruben said I haven't really seen the signs in Region 3. I want them on Bellevue.

Ringuette said that she wants more signs but wants them more equitably distributed. We all have this problem. Johnson said she and Isroelit spent over four hours distributing the signs. They are in every single region of this area. We sent an email about this.

Carson said I'll put my amendment to \$800 if they are equitably distributed. I don't see them in Region 2. I see them everywhere in Region 7. Courshon seconded.

He recalled that the original plan was to distribute 5 signs per Board member but we lacked funds. If we spend \$800, give each Board member 2-3 signs. The rest can go to requests. Jackson said we have requests already.

Isroelit said the Board was given at least 3-4 opportunities to pick up signs. That didn't happen. From the newsletter there was demand. What does equitable mean? Plante said that he will help Isroelit go through requests by region. Isroelit said that she is happy to turn over the list to Plante.

Carson said we must take a bigger bird's eye view and ensure equitable distribution.

Johnson raised a point of clarification. She said that those who delivered the signs would best know how equitably they were distributed. She said we spent a considerable amount of time outside of Region 7 and Region 6. Maybe it's because you don't drive around those communities that you haven't seen those signs. I'm insulted at the insinuation that these signs only went to more popular wealthier areas of Silver Lake. That is patently untrue.

Carson stated a point of order that Johnson was hijacking her time. Plante sought to quiet the room. Carson said this was unbelievable that there was a different set of rules for Co-Chairs than for everyone else. Johnson said they would work with Plante to see which areas are missing the signs and go to Board members who represent those areas and ask them to distribute the signs.

VOTE to spend \$800, equitably.

17-2-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Douglas Reed
Doug Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon
Janis Purins

No Votes:

Kate Hudson

David Valdez

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Melissa Samuels left the meeting and didn't vote.)

10. Approval of draft June 2018 Board meeting minutes

Johnson made the motion. Courshon seconded.

VOTE

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Darius Derakshan

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Antonio Stifano

Taryn Poole

Rebecca Ruben

Lee Sherman

Kathleen Hudson

David Valdez

Douglas Reed

Doug Loewy

Bob Lisauskas

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Jerome Courshon

Janis Purins

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11. Report from the Officers

None

12.Future Agenda Items

None

13.Announcements

Ringuette made an announcement for the first meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee. It will happen at 2pm on Saturday at the Laguna Apartments.

14.Adjournment

The meeting ended at about 9:36pm.