

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING (Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:01pm with 14 Board members present. Eight (8) votes will be required 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
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins (arrived late)
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

Non-Attending Board Members:

Antonio Stifano, Sargeant-at-Arms
Bob Lisauskas
Kathleen Hudson
Taryn Poole
Heather Carson
Glenn Harrell

3. Welcome and rules for actions on Agenda Items

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Hugh Kenny:

He mentioned the group Angelinos for Trees. This group is pretty effective. They stopped trees from being cut down on Cherokee. They got press there. He said that he'll attend an event in Hollywood. They can stop the City from killing trees. He already emailed fliers to the Board.

Ms. Barston and Melinda, Waverly Tenants Association.

Melinda said that we live on Waverly, between Herkimer and Avenil. She said that she has a daughter in elementary school.

In March the building where she lives was purchased. The most residents were there an average of 12 years. There are 36 units. About 20 units are now vacant after ongoing harassment. We received notices to vacate. This is non RSO building so these are no cause evictions. There are only a few of us left. We are fighting to stay. We reached out to Council Member Ryu's office for an update.

We are asking for a Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) letter to urge our new landlord to negotiate with us. We are lacking garbage pickup for 18 days. There have been 40-50 construction trucks. There is construction debris as they gut the units. Some 20 to 40 construction workers are on site these days.

We'll give your information to the Housing and Tenants Rights Committee, said Co-Chair Scott Plante.

Donna, Waverly Tenants Association (neighbor of Melinda):

We need help. We met with Council Member Ryu's Field Deputy Rachel Fox. We sent 10 letters. We need a letter of support because if you're not under rent control, the Housing Department doesn't help you. Other Council Members have issued letters of support for other buildings. She said that she is a cartoonist at the Los Angeles Daily News. She also has two blogs. She is a former Griffith Park Neighborhood Council member. We're dealing with a serial landlord with 44 properties. He's done this all over the City.

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson said this should be referred to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee as you've exhausted other Committees. They can send a letter. The Committee will have a meeting next Wednesday, said Plante, who is Co-Chair of that Committee.

Jerome Courshon added that that's great to refer this to Urban Design. Can the Board or Urban Design request that Rachel Fox at Council District 4 send the letter that they'd said that they'd send? Johnson said that it would have to be an action of the Board. It could come from Urban Design.

Lenny Davis, Senior Lead Officer, Los Angeles Police Department (26028@lapd.online, 213-793-0763) and Gina Paialii, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, Northeast Division, 333 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, California 90065, (323) 344-5701, (213) 793-0760 (mobile phone), 30347@lapd.lacity.org:

Lenny Davis said there had been scattered property crime. There are no real trends. There were two attempts to break into homes being fumigated last week. If you fumigate, let your neighbors and the LAPD know.

The LAPD's North East Division will have an open house on October 20. From 10am to 2pm. There are flyers. He added that the SLNC can set up a table there for outreach.

We are still doing a toy drive. We want to reach 1,000 kids this year, versus about 600 kids last year. We want to raise \$20,000 via GoFundMe.com for this.

In response to a question about where to find the information, Secretary Betsy Isroelit said I didn't put it on the website yet because it's a bit early to respond.

David Valdez asked should we bring a box to our next meeting? SLO Davis said yes. Johnson suggested to do that for next two meetings. Put it at end of the agenda. Courshon thanked the LAPD for coming to the meeting.

Isroelit noted that Hanukah is early this year. How do you deal with that, she asked. SLO Davis said we haven't considered that yet. I'm glad you brought that up.

Barbara Ringuette said there was a crash between a scooter and an automobile at Waverly and Glendale. What happened?

SLO Davis said the person on the scooter died of injuries. There were two people on the scooter. They wore no helmets. They were struck from behind and dragged down the street. We are following up on leads. I haven't heard yet about any arrests.

Janis Puris asked starting in January cars can't use dealer plates? SLO Davis said we'll get an update in November with the new laws. I hope it's true. That's a good question. Purins suggested having an ATM (automated teller machine) at the LAPD station. Johnson said that that's a good idea.

Regarding the toy drive, SLO Davis said that the toys will be given on December 15 at the police station. We are seeking volunteers for the party, he added. Isroelit said that would be something good for our Youth Committee.

5. Correspondence

6. Special Presentations and Reports from City and State representatives

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

Ringuette said that the Budget Advocates decided against changing the name of the group. They are beginning to meet with City departments. She suggests forwarding your concerns and issues to her. This where quality of life issues can be addressed. Yesterday she met with the Department of City Planning. She will soon meet with representatives of the library and the Department of General Services.

John Darnell, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):

Last night, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) met about reform proposals from Council Member Ryu. Most issues were tabled to the next meeting on October 15th. The deadline is October 7 for Council Member to review things.

Our department should set up better guidelines for elections. Stakeholders 16 years old or older should be able to vote. That is not official yet.

He said that on October 23 there will be an education summit. This may create a new alliance. This will be a meeting at City Hall to bridge the gap between neighborhood councils and schools.

He also said that the Homeless Alliance meeting will be October 29.

He thanked Lee Sherman for coming to the election meeting. You guys already do a great job. Separately, he said that new demographic breakdowns are available with education, income, race, etc. They were emailed to you recently. Finally, he said that April 6 is election date for the SLNC. Lee Sherman added that we booked a location.

Johnson said that for the past month, I've received emails from Board Members who can't log on to the funding portal. It directs them to YouTube and a blank page. You may want to take a look at that, she told Darnell.

Janis Purins said I had trouble with this. There were two hyper links. He noted however that the link works for the empowerla.org website. Johnson said the funding links don't work. The other links work beautifully. Darnell explained that we will have a new website. I'm glad that people are using it.

Johnson added we get conflicting guidance from City Clerk's Office about funding issues. We're pretty much at the end of this. It's holy hell dealing with them. It's not fair to us. One person says one thing. Then another individual contradicts that. People can't be paid in a timely manner. We're sick of it. They are the problem.

Treasurer Terrence Jackson said that if we need a cheque, the odds are probably 50% that it will be rejected 3-4 times and you never know why. There is a lack of clarity about using PayPal. He'd wanted a cheque for the arborist. They said they couldn't issue the cheque until we have the invoice, which is fine. But after the event he submitted the invoice and was told that that had been approved for the prior year so the process would require an entire new Board vote.

This has made me angrier than anything that I've dealt with for my entire professional life. Isroelit added they send emails that imply that we're not doing a great job. That's wrong.

Jackson added there's no clear guidance. I think they make it up as they go. I think they get a gold star every time they issue a denial. I can't get guidance or feedback regarding the issuance of cheques. It's not workable. A couple of neighborhood council treasurers have resigned because of this.

Johnson said if the City Council wants to wear us down, they are achieving their goal. This is a barrier for us. We need help. Purins added we're talking about small amounts, less than \$200 for each item. The entire Board receives these emails. Darnell asked Jackson to call him for a more in depth conversation.

7. Administrative: (Treasurer's Report)

1. Affidavit to approve the reimbursement of \$84.75 to Bob Lisauskas for purchase of portable coffee urns

Jackson said he sought reimbursement for a missing receipt. This was for coffee for an event. We have the credit card charge from Starbucks. They wanted an affidavit. This requires a roll call vote for \$84. He wants a roll call vote so that Bob Lisauskis can be reimbursed.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

2.Approval of July and August 2018 MER's

July and August Monthly Expense Reports (MERs)

Jackson said that in July we spent \$582.30. In August we spent about \$1029 and over \$3,000 for the first three months of the new fiscal year. He is now using QuickBooks for spending. This is more accurate because there have been Issues with the City website.

Isroelit seconded Jackson's motion.

VOTE for July and August MERs combined
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

3. Approve funding of remaining \$12,000.00 for final phase of SLNC/LMU Silver Lake Reservoir Open Space Study

Johnson explained that this contains a mistake. This should have been \$4,999. That is the charge for the next phase. The rest will be dealt with in November and December. It was an error. No substitute motion is necessary. Jackson added that we approve funding of up to \$12,000 to be paid in 3 installments. *David Valdez seconded Jackson's motion.*

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Jackson made the motion "to approve funding of up to \$12k for the final three phases of the SLNC Reservoir Open Space Study to be paid in 3 installments" Courshon seconded Jackson's motion.

Courshon asked do we need to do a first payment now? Jackson said I was thinking 3 payments of \$4,000. We don't need to speak about timing.

VOTE for amended motion
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10. New Business

10.5 (UDP) recommends support for a 16-unit condominium project to be located at 2919-2923 Waverly Drive.

Johnson said that she wants to do agenda item 10.5 next. There was no objection to moving the item up.

Plante read the motion. Darius Derakshan seconded.

Plante explained that this was a unanimous recommendation in Committee. There was one recusal.

Ron Mordoch, the developer, Integrated Development, integrated.la:

He said we wanted housing that creates a broad range of housing options that doesn't look massive from street. We wanted to avoid boxy-ness.

We spent a great deal of time to create a project that functions more like a cluster of homes. We've sunken the project into the hills to create a walk street, a pedestrian oriented approach.

As you move through the property in height, the building separates into a porous arrangement... -- He ran out of time.

Plante said we appreciated this project because of the parking underground. Also, the scale matches that of other buildings. The neighbors approved of this project. Finally, the project uses brick. Thus, it's a very high quality project. Plante noted that there are no neighbors here for this specific issue.

Jerome Courshon suggested hall ramps with a route towards Herkimer. He cited street curves and that it's difficult for vehicles to pass there. Explain that to the City, he urged. Regarding roofdecks, he encourages to pull them back further from the edge. He also mentioned the sidewalk that may be placed by City. This could be on the North side, which may affect design.

Terrence Jackson asked is this a condo? Will it follow condo rules? Mordoch replied yes. He added, in response to an earlier question, we don't have control over the actual route. The Bureau of Public Works determines that. We are happy to engage with you regarding safety issues. He added that the sidewalks are a public right of way that won't be determined by us.

Mordoch said that they want to plant trees on the front, pending input from the Bureau of Engineering.

Courshon said to let me know when the route issues come up and I'll help. Janis Purins asked how much guest parking will there be? Mordoch said 4 spaces. He wants to increase that if possible.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

8.Old Business: Approval of Board Draft Meeting Minutes of July and August 2018

1.July – link: http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/SLNC_MEETING-MINUTES_JULY-2018_DRAFT.pdf

Johnson said I sent an email to the Board. Write down corrections and send them to Isroelit before the meeting ends.

Courshon said that in my Public Comment of the July minutes, I said thank you. Somehow it was duplicated again. Delete that.

Lee Sherman noted that on page 20, the minutes reflect me changing my vote on the hotel. I didn't make the revision. I voted against that motion. it was done but not by me.

VOTE for July minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

2.August – link: http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/SLNC_GoverningBoardDraftMinutes8.1.18.pdf

Lee Sherman noted that on page 13 of the August minutes, he amended his statement. On page 21, the date is wrong. On page

26 it's a bylaws and standing rules issue. On page 32 there is an issue with the term "equitable".

Jerome Courshon noted that on page 21, the final paragraph says that "credit goes to Eric." It actually goes to Derrick.

VOTE for August minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.Consent Calendar

1.(Bylaws & Standing Rules) Revisions and updates to the SLNC Standing Rules.-
link:<http://silverlakenc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/07/SLNC-Bylaws-and-SR-Oct-2018-board-motions.pdf>

VOTE
unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

10.New Business – REVISITED

10.1 (Green) Fund up to \$200.00 with matching funds of \$200 from Council District 13, for arborist to advise the Clean Team to properly prune jacaranda trees in the Parkman Avenue public parklet.

Johnson said that she received a note.

Plante read the motion. Hannah Anderson seconded.

Barbara Ringuette said that she is recusing herself for agenda items 10.1 and 10.2 with an abundance of caution. The trees on Silver Lake Boulevard have not been maintained for years. Last Saturday and Sunday they were serviced and look beautiful. The trees are already trimmed.

Johnson said that with that in mind, I rule that motion out of order.

Courshon asked are they still expecting us to pitch in \$200? Plante said if it's already done, there's no point. Rebecca Ruben said I live on Parkman. She had a question about trees and a parklet which Plante answered.

Johnson said let's refer this back to the Green Committee so they can investigate.

Courshon made a motion to refer this back to the Green Committee for clarification as the job has been done and the money spent. Darius Derakshan seconded.

**VOTE to refer agenda item 10.1 back to Committee
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10.2 (Outreach) moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council sponsor and fund up to \$400.00 for printing and publicity materials for the 24th Annual Music Box Steps Day on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Laurel and Hardy Park.

Isroelit said they requested that the neighborhood council fund up to \$400 for printing and materials for the October 20 event. Doug Loewy seconded.

Johnson said we've funded this for several years. It's a wonderful event. I'm voting against this. The goal for funding projects is to support events and activities that benefit the greater good of Silver Lake. I feel that this is a lovely event but where is the bang for our

buck? I move that we reduce amount to up to \$150. This is a substitute motion. Jackson seconded.

Isroelit said I understand your desire to reduce funding but \$150 is not enough to help them do this. This event helps support the cultural significance of Silver Lake. This is kind of a flagship event. We should consider that impact and also the press.

Janis Purins said the residual effect puts Silver Lake and its uniqueness on the maps. It draws people into the neighborhood. I don't think that it's just an isolated thing. It may also be helpful to know how they came up to \$400.

Hannah Anderson asked are we printing materials of the neighborhood council or the steps? People said for the steps, said Isroelit. Jackson said we have many maps of the steps available so we can reduce the amount. A Facebook boost might be \$75 plus \$200 cash for printing, he reckons.

Isroelit explained that the funding was a combination of printing and Facebook, which is a much more arbitrary number. That led to \$400.

Courshon made a motion to fund for up to \$300. Jackson seconded.

Lee Sherman said that Rubin and I had healthy conversations about this. It has been beneficial and has led to new Board members. Rubin added that there is food. There is so much opportunity that has yet to be realized. This is an historical event. I will be promoting it on Facebook. We are trying to bring in more families. However, after this year, maybe consider Johnson's point.

Johnson asked has anyone reached out to Council District 13? Isroelit said they pay too. Plante added that I went last year and met Rubin's husband. There were quite a few people there. Isroelit said the more of us who attend these things, the better.

Derakshan added that I went last year and won a pizza. Courshon said I volunteered but didn't win a pizza. The substitution motion for \$300 would include Facebook. Isroelit said I don't know the printing costs.

Johnson said I'm very comfortable with the \$300 reduction. I will withdraw my motion.

**VOTE for up to \$300 for printing and publicity, an amendment
14-0-0-1
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Recusal:

Barbara Ringuette

**VOTE for amended motion
14-0-0-1
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins

Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Recusal:
Barbara Ringuette

10.3 (Mature Adults Advocates) moves the SLNC fund up to \$125.00 for a Thanksgiving meal for five isolated 65+ seniors in a social setting around Thanksgiving 2018.

Johnson made the motion. Derakshan seconded.

Nina Sorkin explained that we should try to provide a social setting for isolated seniors. This week we found out that the Department of Ageing has a list of isolated people. We want 5 volunteers who can socialize. The \$125 will cover cost of the seniors at a restaurant like Astro's or Bellevues. We want to recognize that some people don't have anyone to dine with during the holidays. The event would be from 1pm to 3pm in the afternoon.

David Valdez said this is the most humanitarian motion that I've seen. He commended her. Isroelit said that DONE's John Darnell may need to speak with people about the selection of seniors.

Nina Sorkin said we talked to the Exec Director of the Hollywood Free Clinic and the church near Micheltorena. We only want people who live alone. There are many opportunities. The Committee will look at who these people are. Age 75 was the original minimum limit. Now we feel that 65 and up is a good age.

Johnson said that Darnell will assist you. Darnell asked which non profit will this go through? Johnson said that's the problem. Sorkin said that Sherry Lindsey referred me. Johnson said that procedurally, entertain a substitute motion to attach a 501c3 organization. Jackson added that a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) proposal would require paperwork. Another option would be if we do this so that we would buy food (he wants to pay by credit card).

Johnson asked are neighborhood councils allowed to purchase food for selected individuals? This is not a public event. Jackson said we want to find a 501c3 to do this.

Johnson said to put it back on the agenda for next month as an NPG. Find a way with Darnell for selecting individuals.

Sorkin asked can we go through the Department of Ageing to identify individuals? Darnell said yes. There is already a meal delivery program. At Christmas the Department asks the Recreation Center to choose people to give gifts to. We have a community club that lots of people attend right now.

Janis Purins asked is that enough money if you include tax and tip? *Johnson said if the number is there, we can't increase it. We're going to postpone this until November.* Call another Committee meeting, she urged. In the interim we'll speak to John Darnell. We will probably have to go through a 501c3. This type of activity is what neighborhood councils are supposed to do, she added.

10.4. (Outreach) moves the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council purchase up to \$300.00 on nutritional snacks such as granola bars with SLNC logo label for annual 2017 Halloween Celebration at Bellevue Center.

Isroelit made the motion. Plante seconded.

Nina Sorkin said that Halloween is coming. At Bellevue, they have a Halloween village. It provides for up to 800 kids to walk around a cardboard village and receive treats. The kids are up to age 12. The theme is coco. There will be minimum of 800 people there from 4pm to 8pm on Halloween. You probably won't need to spend as much as \$300.

Derakshan questioned the total spending as the outreach is being done to kids who can't vote. Our target audience isn't really kids. Is the \$300 super necessary? Purins suggested could one of the doors that they knock on be an SLNC house? Johnson said that that is already done. Most of the kids bring their parents, said Isroelit. Rubin said I agree. We can do stickers and give money to Sorkin. The houses are adorable. This is an incredible event.

Jackson said if we provide granola bars, something must identify the neighborhood council.

Rubin offered a substitute motion for "up to \$300 in snacks for the event". Johnson said if we purchase snacks, we must place a

sticker or logo on the items to qualify for outreach. Lee Sherman asked can we give both a sticker and a granola bar? Johnson said I don't think so. Jackson said that placing stickers on snacks is not that labor intensive. It would take perhaps 2 hours.

VOTE for up to \$300 for snacks with the SLNC logo/label
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11. Approval of draft Board meeting minutes at link below:

http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/SLNC_GoverningBoardDraftMinutes9.5.18.pdf

Plante made the motion to approve the September minutes. Douglas Reed seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson
Scott Plante

Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

12. Committee Reports

Johnson said the committees are working really well. Plante and I are very proud. Some should meet more often. Purins noted that the Reservoir Committee hasn't met for a long time. Do we know when the survey will be rolled out? Isroelit said that LMU will confirm.

Johnson said that for committee co-chairs, you can still hold meetings if other co-chairs are not available. Governmental Affairs should also have a meeting.

Ringuette said the Governmental Affairs Committee met with the Community Planning Liaison at Echo Park. Johnson interrupted saying that this is an announcement. We will discuss it later.

13. Report from the Officers

Plante said that we have been informed that a grievance has been filed with DONE regarding the residency status of Jerome Courshon. Darnell gave us that guidance at 6:03pm. Darnell said anyone can file a grievance. There is a 14-day window. We get the grievance and check whether it's a grievanceable event.

Johnson noted that grievances are no longer handled by the Board. DONE does that now. We can't participate. We can only report. Darnell said we do it because it's more objective. Courshon asked if you decide

that it should go forward, then what happens? Darnell said there could be a grievance panel set up. Courshon asked to see the grievance. Darnell said he doesn't have it tonight but will share it. Johnson noted that a grievance is against the whole Board, not just an individual.

Transportation and Public Safety Committee: Co-Chair Paul Emmons said we met last Thursday. Andrew Warner and Jeremy Rubenstein spoke about road diet and a traffic study. We tabled approval of the minutes. There was a motion to change the group name but it was tabled after too many suggestions. There was also a presentation from LAPD SLO Lenny Davis.

We are postponing the November meeting because the library not available. However, there might be a planning meeting for the meeting on that date.

He added that there was a presentation from Lime scooters about their plans for LA. It is going forward with the City in January. There was also a DWP presentation about construction on Fletcher for about 6 minutes.

Johnson asked about minutes online. Emmons said there is a live link on the agenda so people can see them online. We won't approve the minutes until they are available online. Johnson added that corrections to the minutes must be transparent. Courshon said I made the motion to table approval of the minutes. I couldn't find them. Johnson said there is no obligation so long as draft minutes are posted.

Isroelit noted that the DWP presentation was really in depth. You can read about it in the newsletter. They want to make another presentation to the Board in November.

14.Future Agenda Items

None

15. Announcements

Barbara Ringuette said that yesterday evening I met with the City Planning Liaison. I wanted to know when the community planning process for us will begin. They said late 2019. Our plan includes Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Elysian Village. Other community plans will be put together earlier so we'll learn from them. This is a three year process. The approval is with the City Planning Commission, the Mayor, and the City Council

She added that October 13 will be Los Angeles River Day. There will be a free event at the Van de Kamp bakery. It would be really great if you would go. However, an rsvp is essential.

Rubin said that the DWP in late August started to offer reimbursements. They are refunding up to \$1 per square foot.

Derakshan said that Thursday, October 9, will be Homeless Connect Day. The event will feature several agencies, experts, etc. to help connect homeless people to housing and services. Let the homeless know about this.

Jackson had a question about the minutes and the Homeless Committee. Something is not in the minutes. Seamus Garrity, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, 43rd District, presented it and the Board voted on it. Johnson recalled that there was a roll call vote because of funding.

Rubin announced that on October 21, there will be a family friendly fund raising in support of immigrant communities at the Silver Lake Jewish Community Center from 3pm-5pm.

16.Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:49pm.