

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
GOVERNING BOARD  
MEETING APPROVED Minutes  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
7:30 p.m.  
Ivanhoe Elementary School  
2828 Herkimer St  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02pm with 13 Board members present.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Scott Plante, Co-Chair  
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer  
Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary  
Lee Sherman (arrived late)  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez (arrived late)  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

Non-Attending Board Members:

Antonio Stifano, Sargeant-at-Arms  
Darius Derakshan, Vice Chair  
Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair  
Barbara Ringuette  
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary  
Rebecca Ruben

3. Welcome and rules of actions on agenda item.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(Note: Lee Sherman arrived at 7:04pm)

*Genelle Le Vin:*

The Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) appreciates the funding. Had it been on the agenda when it was submitted in September I would have been here. That seemed to be a question about funding for the event. I saw a note in the minutes about asking Council District 13 (CD13) for money. Cd13 has always supported the event. They have provided tables, chairs, portapotties, etc. If we had to rent those items it would cost \$1,000.

*Andrea Morgan, York Manor in Highland Park:*

This is an afterschool program providing financial education for ages 10-17. We are reaching out to Ivanhoe Elementary School.

It's critical to be teaching this to students. There is \$1.5 trillion in student debt now. Few states require financial training. California is the number one state for student debt. We don't want young people to live a life of debt. She has flyers.

We want to offer financial aid. We are seeking donations to sponsor kids. Sessions begin in January.

*Stephanie Hammond, Micheltorena Elementary School:*

She said that she wants to apply for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG). She wants to learn our grant application process. This is for a wrap around community program, a tool box. Former SLNC Board member Georgene Smith-Goodin recommended that she come to the neighborhood council meeting.

*Glen Harrell:*

He said that family deaths kept him away for the Board meetings that he's missed.

Regarding to the August Board meeting and agenda item 10.10, he said I misvoted on reunification of kids separated from parents. I was pre-occupied with the Trader Joe's incident. I was not together. This is the first time in 3 years that I voted on something incorrectly. I would never vote against any parent separated from their children.

Betsy Isroelit said we approved the August minutes. Can we correct them? Plante said we can look into it.

(Note: David Valdez arrived about 7:10pm.)

*A Woman:*

There is a proposed office building near the reservoir. This is not on the agenda. Neighbors are concerned about it. Isroelit said that it has been brought up at several meetings before. She noted that tonight we have a Department of Water and Power (DWP) representative here.

David Christenson, Technical Services Division, DWP, said that we are aware of issues of building offices at the Silver Lake Reservoir. We will discuss that at a later time.

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

There are several motions to reform tree policies. We had been dealing with the Urban Forestry Department regarding sidewalk repair and trees. We've lost too many trees. We want to preserve and grow canopies. She also spoke of a protective tree ordinance as well as staffing and tree replacement. These are initiatives (motions).

Separately, she said that the Rowena waiver has been approved. They have 90 days to respond. When we have that report we'll schedule a community meeting.

City Council has heard from the DWP about the August outages. Over the last 3 years the DWP has invested over a billion dollars in infrastructure. We will report on timelines, she said quoting the Council Member.

There will be a meeting regarding the community master plan for the Los Angeles River on November 13 at 6pm at the Friendship Auditorium. It will be conducted open house style. Fox said that sh will be there.

Plante asked what is the process for having a utility placed underground? Fox replied that she's not sure.

Jerome Courshon asked when does the 90 day approval period begin. Fox responded that it began yesterday.

Janis Purins asked whether she had information about the selection of a consultant for the reservoir complex. Fox said no.

*John Darnell, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):*

Yesterday was Election Day, he noted. He mentioned the upcoming neighborhood council elections which are happening next spring.

There will be a Town Hall on November 29 regarding transportation, housing, and other topics. This is being done with the Mayor's Office.

He mentioned senior centers and the Department of Ageing. These will become one stop shops for services such as Medicare, transit, home delivered meals, etc.

#### 6. LADWP Presentation: Glendale/ Fletcher Infrastructure Improvement Project

*Gabriel Vargas, Project Manager; Todd Lay, Construction Manager; Rafael; Michael, Media Relations; and an unidentified fifth representative, [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com):*

Gabriel Vargas said that he met with Silver Lake a month ago. You cannot live in Silver Lake without going through Fletcher.

He wants to discuss the Fletcher pump station suction line replacement. This won't impact the pump station. The pipeline will end there. They discovered four leaks in 2017 for the pipes that were installed in 1937. Things have deteriorated rapidly. The pipeline is on Fletcher. It runs east from Glendale.

There are three options to remedy the problem:

Option 1: replace the pipe on the South side of Fletcher. However, this would be most impactful for the community. It would require 9-10 months.

Option 2: replace the pipe in place. This would take longer. However, we can only shut down the Fletcher pump station for 2 months.

Option 3: Have most of replacement not on Fletcher. This is the best option. It is least impactful to community.

We're trying to move as fast as we can. Phase 1 of the project begins in January, it will last 3 months to install the pipeline.

During Phase 2 we will shut down the pump station. This is the most difficult phase. We must get this all done by June. The last 3 months will be impactful with traffic control between Glendale and Riverside.

You won't be able to turn right from Fletcher. There will only be one lane going left. From silver Ridge, you can only turn right. You won't be able to walk toward Glendale on the North side of Fletcher. There will be restricted turning and walking at Fletcher and Riverside. We are looking at having traffic control officers at Glendale and at Riverside at Fletcher.

Janis Purins asked have you spoken with the church representatives. Vargas is meeting with them November 15. We have spoken with them before, he added.

Glen Harrell said that on Fletcher turning left on Glendale the morning traffic is horrendous. It can be a real cluster mess. Vargas said there will be only one lane. There will be a traffic control officer. Harrell asked can Rowena be two way temporarily? Vargas said we can look into that. Harrell commented that this will impact business really badly. It can shut me out of business.

Bob Lisauskas said that on Fletcher tree removal was proposed before. Now that the pipeline is being rerouted, do you still need to remove trees?

Vargas said they are inserting a 48 inch diameter pipeline. It will be a really tight space. Some trees will have to be removed. We are using 10,000 pound pipes.

Heather Carson asked are trees affected in the new path? Vargas said that two additional trees are affected behind the church. Their removal won't be visible from the street. A Man suggested that you should include the tree aspect in your initial presentation.

Purins asked are all pipes in this area like this? Will this project be expanded? Vargas said that several pipes were replaced recently. You won't be seeing me around for the next 100 years.

He cautioned however that permitting can take longer than expected as the City may have other priorities. He said that he'd be happy to return to provide updates. Maybe in February or March when Phase 2 begins, which is more impactful.

Taryn Poole expressed concern about trees. Isroelit thanked the DWP representatives for being forthcoming.

## 7. Administrative

### 7.1. Treasurer's Report

Terrence Jackson said that John Darnell called me to begin a dialogue concerning funding issues. Our funding motions expire at end of each fiscal year, said the City. So, we are going to re-approve some issues from the previous fiscal year tonight. The City wants us to vote on these items, 7.4 to 7.7, all over again.

He added that while David Valdez was installed as the second signer, the City is opposed to this because they need a Board action form.

He noted that Monthly Expense Report (MER) for September is in your backup materials.

We've just started to spend money, about \$1,036. There will be about \$3,410 total spending by the end of September.

Our budget has alot of commitments coming up: the survey, the election, etc. Election costs will range from \$3,000-\$7,000. So, essentially we are broke. We don't have a lot of discretionary funds. We won't know how much we'll have until after election spending.

## 7.2. Approval of September MER

**VOTE for September MER**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

7.4. Re-Affirm Funding Motion: Payment of \$200.00 fee to licensed arborist Gary Knowlton

7.5. Re-Affirm Funding Motion: Payment of \$270.86 for printing of No Dogs Allowed signs.

7.6. Re-Affirm Funding Motion: Reimbursement payment of \$169.47 to Bob Lisauskas for refreshments.

Jackson said that he wants to bundle agenda items 7.4 to 7.7 for re-approval. This is 3 or 4<sup>th</sup> time to vote to reimburse Bob Lisauskas, he noted.

Carson asked about the cost of T-shirts. Jackson said up to \$300. Carson said the Bylaws allow spending of up to \$250. She re-read the Executive Committee rules about this. That is only for operations. It doesn't include outreach. We could be open to a grievance.

Jackson said there is no distinction about categories for this. Darnell said it's fine if they go up to \$250. Carson noted that this is a standing rule from 2004.

Jackson asked how about \$250? Carson said that that satisfies the Bylaws but not the Standing Rules.

Darnell noted that you already voted on this. It already went through the process. I think it's fine. Carson said it violates the standing rules.

Plante suggested to vote on agenda item 7.7 separately.

*Plante seconded Jackson's motion.*

**VOTE for 7.4 to 7.6**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez

Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

7.7. Re-Affirm Funding Motion: Reimbursement up to \$300.00 to Anne-Marie Johnson for SLNC T-Shirts

*Plante made a motion to amend the amount to \$250. David Valdez seconded.*

**VOTE**

**14-1-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

Heather Carson

Present, Not Voting:

None

7.3. Funding Motion: Hilltop School NPG request of \$314.00 for banners

Jackson said we wanted to ensure that we are reaching out South of Sunset Boulevard. They submitted all appropriate paperwork.

*Plante made the motion. Harrell seconded.*

Carson noted that there is no motion attached. We've never accepted a non-motion before. Taryn Poole added we need a logo on this. She suggested that the SLNC logo go onto the request.

*Plante said to table until next month for the logo and the motion.*

**VOTE to table**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

7.8 (Engelke) Challenge of Stakeholder Status of At-Large Board member Jerome Courshon.

(Note: The meeting was recorded by video equipment for Jerome Courshon.)

Co-Chair Scott Plante read the text of a motion made by stakeholder John Engelke.

“Whereas it has come to the attention of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board that at-large representative Jerome Courshon is no longer a resident of the Silver Lake neighborhood region for which he is charged to serve, nor did Mr. Courshon formally notify the SLNC upon obtaining domicile outside of Silver Lake.

Further, Mr. Courshon did not resign his position and it has been determined that Mr. Courshon does not retain any legitimate stakeholder status in the region as provided by Article 4 of the SLNC Bylaws (6 27 2002).

Whereas it is incumbent upon the SLNC Governing Board to fairly and faithfully represent the interests of all stakeholders and to execute in compliance with all local and state and Federal laws, all DONE guidelines and all applicable regulations, including Los Angeles governmental ethics ordinances.

It has become apparent that the SLNC Governing Board must enforce its bylaws (Article 5, Section 9.85, 9.86) to undertake the grave action of removing a member who no longer meets the required status of stakeholder.

The SLNC Governing Board therefore moves to remove at-large representative Jerome Courshon from the SLNC and revoke all rights, privileges, and responsibilities afforded such position effective immediately.”

Heather Carson noted that this is not the motion on the agenda. This is the motion that Engelke wrote.

John Darnell, representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), took issue with the language “removal” and said the City Attorney had not been consulted. He advised to talk to the City Attorney’s Office. He also noted the language is “challenge” in the written motion on the agenda, not “remove”. You must consult the City Attorney for removals. Table this now. Talk to city attorney first. He recommends not pursuing this. He added that DONE sent a denial about this.

Engelke asked why did DONE recommend not pursuing this? Darnell explained that the grievance was filed. DONE denied the grievance. To

remove an elected board member from their seat you have to consult the City Attorney. That was not done. Also, Jerome Courshon's seat is at-large. That can be almost anything according to your bylaws.

That residency requirement can be by attending church or school, have two receipts, or many other ways to approve that you're a stakeholder. Jerome Courshon can come to our Department to prove stakeholder status privately. There won't be a public release from the Department. There would be an official decision of yes or no.

Engelke said he had a copy of the grievance package that was reviewed by DONE and EmpowerLA.

Heather Carson reiterated that this motion was agendaized as a challenge. You have to go by the agenda.

Plante then read the written motion from the agenda: "I move to challenge the stakeholder status of at-large Board member Jerome Courshon"

*Bob Lisauskas seconded Engelke's motion.*

John Engelke said that he is a resident of Silver Lake. I've been getting more and more involved in local advocacy issues. It is with great concern that I became aware that Mr. Courshon is no longer a resident of the neighborhood. I am not the originator of the information. I am simply the author of the motion. I put together the complaint.

I'm a big advocate of representative democracy. Personally I find it egregious that there could even be a suggestion by anyone who represents democracy that it would be okay for someone to represent the region on the Board if they aren't a resident of the region. I understand that there are certain accommodations provided for various stakeholders. I do not believe that Jerome Courshon meets any of those standards.

Based on publicly available information on the internet, I discovered that Mr. Courshon is not living in this area anymore. He then read from his grievance seeking Board action and noting that DONE did not deny the grievance.

Jerome Courshon said that he wanted to speak. Plante said that he could speak for 2 minutes. Courshon said he had a right to more time. Plante said two minutes and then we move on to the next agenda item. Courshon said that we should move on to the next agenda item.

Courshon made a statement:

"I don't want to get personal here, I think that how you're handling this, Scott, is improper. This Motion should not have been agendized; we've just heard from DONE, it should not have been agendized this way. This Motion from the Stakeholder should be ruled out of order as it does three things: It already addresses an issue that DONE has dismissed, that's number one.

Number two -- you're shaking your head 'no,' why are you shaking your head 'no' Mr. Chair? Secondly, it is in violation of our Bylaws, it's a violation of Article 5, Section 9A(ii). Motions to remove a Board Member cannot be made by a Stakeholder, it can only be done by this body, by this elected body. So this is a violation -- even agendizing this is a violation of our Bylaws.

Thirdly, if a Stakeholder wants to remove a Board Member, they may do so through the recall process, Article 5, Section 9, Subsection B. So if Mr. John would like to remove me, he has an avenue in which to do it through the community. So, this should be ruled out of order, Scott.

I communicated to this Board my Stakeholdership. I have two forms of Stakeholdership. Everything that this gentleman said is incorrect. Not only that, he said "I believe" and he used the words "apparently." Whatever information he has is not correct. With all due respect, Sir, whatever information you've gotten is not correct. So, it should be ruled out of order, once again. And as we heard from John, our representative from DONE, this should not be heard at this Board."

Lee Sherman asked Darnell, is it your understanding that taking up this issue is discretionary for the Board? Darnell said it can address it but it is not a Board requirement. Anyone can change their stakeholder status at anytime.

Plante explained that we put this motion on the agenda tonight because it questions the legitimacy of the board and the bylaws. We have to figure out how to address this. We've never had anything like this before. Per recommendation of done we will table this and send what we have to the City Attorney and follow their recommendations.

Glen Harrell asked can I make a motion to dismiss this from the agenda tonight? Darnell responded if you want to pursue this and place this on agenda next month but the seat that he holds is an at large seat and that requirement can be fulfilled in various ways.

There was disagreement about this. Plante said we'll table this and discuss it with DONE and the City Attorney and properly vet this. We

want to end any question of the legitimacy of this body and not following our own bylaws. Let's do what Darnell recommends.

Heather Carson noted that there is a window before documents are shredded. However, if you run for office, your information is public. However, we as a body do not decide who a stakeholder is. I think that's his point. Darnell said the City Clerk decides stakeholder status.

Jerome Courshon responded:

"I've said this before, or maybe I said this at an Executive Committee meeting: I think all of us here on this Board want to finish out the term in a peaceful, unified, cohesive manner, without dissension that we've seen at the Board a few times over the past 6 months. I call upon the leadership -- and that is the Co-Chairs, specifically -- to do their utmost to that purpose. Both Co-Chairs know very well, very clear, what my Stakeholdership is. My residence in this neighborhood, and my Stakeholdership through a community organization. Scott knows it. Anne-Marie knows it. For them to agendize this -- without first speaking to the City Attorneys or even our DONE rep -- is egregious. So, I don't want to get personal here, but you guys, the Co-Chairs, need to step up to the plate, stop creating dissension or potential dissension, and let's get on with the business of the community for the rest of our term. Thank you."

Plante said this is a misrepresentation and cautioned that Courshon should be careful of what he says. There here been a lot of effort made to settle and discuss this issue. There are legitimate questions about your stakeholdership and they will be addressed by the City Attorney, continued Plante.

**VOTE to table the motion until the next meeting and to send the issue to the City Attorney for advice**

**Unanimous  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy

Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

## 8. Old Business

### 8.1. (Carson) Installation of three (3) Lending Libraries Pods on city owned property.

Jackson said we can't fund something before it's built, according to the City. We won't know how much will have left until after the April 6 election. We should also have clarity from the City Clerk about funding something that is going to be built.

Carson asked what do we have in NPGs? About \$1,700, replied Jackson.

*Plante made the motion. Bob Lisauskas seconded.*

Carson explained that there are several components. Some parts have to be fabricated. Can we vote on this in principal? Susan said there is the building part and the installing part. Fabrication is \$800 each.

Isroelit said the latest version had a letter on SLNC letterhead that is written to the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) that said that the Board would be responsible for maintenance. She expressed concern about approval for something that I'm responsible for maintaining. The Recreation Center may raise the same question, she added.

Carson explained that the SLIA is responsible for the Triangle Plaza. It's complicated to do a project with the City. This was first brought to the Board in 2016. We can't put something in the triangle and dump it on the SLIA. Everything is in the motion. Friends of the Silver Lake Library is extraordinarily excited. They are fully committed to keeping them clean. Board members won't be burdened.

Jackson said I'm reluctant to vote on something when we don't know if we have the funds. Isroelit added that it's vague. Should there be an extra budget for maintenance? She recalled problems with the notice board.

Valdez said I agree. He added that future board members will be responsible.

Poole said that it's a great concept. She wants a maintenance plan with reasonable people who know how to fix things. Purins asked can we commit to a limited period of time?

Plante recalled that trash cans that we committed to awhile ago were neglected. Carson commented that this is not too dissimilar from things that we've done before. This is a tremendous outreach tool. There is also tremendous interest from businesses that would also like to have them. We can put all kinds of literature in there.

If the next Board says they are horrible, they can remove them. They won't crack and fall apart. This has been really well vetted. I'm surprised to hear these concerns now, said Carson. She mentioned other things that the board bought that disappeared or broke.

Lisaukas asked can we have one as a test case? Maybe a business will maintain it? Then we can build more in the future. Maybe CD13 or CD4 can pitch in for others?

Jackson asked do we have Department of Transportation approval? Carson said yes and also from the Department of Recreation and Parks. However, the playground is concerned about placement. Jackson said that he likes Lisaukas' suggestion.

Courshon suggested how about 2 of them? Plante suggested how about we pay for one and businesses pay for another? Isroelit said I support Lisaukas' suggestion. I wasn't concerned about people ripping them down.

Kate Hudson said I like the idea of two. It would be a really interesting art installation. It could be really interesting and could become an attraction for Silver Lake. We want to get some really interesting things out there in our community. This could be a lost opportunity. We want to get people excited.

Purins asked is the price different for only one of these? Carson said there is no price change. If a business funds one, they may want their logo on it, she cautioned. We can curate special books around Halloween and other events, she added. There are really good opportunities. We co-sponsored the Bates Hotel that got painted white. That was an enormous outreach tool on Instagram.

Jackson asked can we have a substitute motion for two? Should we write a cheque to friends of Silver Lake, if city clerk approves it? We can try, giving money to a nonprofit.

Janice Workman, a Board member of Friends of the Silver Lake Library, said we'd agreed to act as an agent for this project. We are very enthusiastic. We recommend that you proceed with this project. We will do our part to make it a success.

Plante asked who will be in charge in Belleview Park? Carson said we've already addressed that.

Poole said I like the idea of two. We can establish these with a business. I'd be happy to share logos with them. Genelle Le Vin added that if there is graffiti, the City will take care of it. Isroelit said I'm not questioning the project. Something is going to happen and someone will have to fix it.

*Plante offered a substitute motion for two library pods. Lee Sherman seconded.*

Jackson discussed book marks.

**VOTE for substitute motion of a \$1,600 NPG for two library pods.**

**11-2-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell  
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

David Valdez  
Betsy Isroelit

Present, Not Voting:

Janis Purins

## 10. New Business

### 10.1. (Outreach Committee): Moves to establish an Instagram account for the SLNC and its committees.

*Isroelit made the motion. Doug Loewy seconded.*

Isroelit said there would be one SLNC page. Each committee can have a page. Purins asked will she do the actual posting as well? Isroelit said yes.

Carson noted that current outreach policy allows Board members to post on social media. I don't see that here. Committee members should be authorized to post. Isroelit said that people will submit to me and I will post.

*Isroelit offered a revised motion: "Outreach Committee representatives of the SLNC establish an Instagram account for the use of the SLNC and the SLNC committees. Committees will submit their posts as will members of the SLNC to Betsy Isroelit or Hannah Anderson for posting." David Valdez seconded.*

Carson asked what will be the criteria regarding Board member posting. Some things that I've submitted haven't been posted. She would prefer if the motion said that Board members could post. The policy is pretty strict.

*Plante offered a substitute motion: "The Outreach Committee recommends that the SLNC establish an Instagram account for the use of the SLNC and the SLNC committees. Committees can submit posts to Betsy Isroelit or Hannah Anderson for posting and Board members can post. Outreach acquires the account. Committee and Co-Chairs will be authorized to post images and content on Instagram community pages. All images will be subject to the guidelines of the SLNC's social media activity policy." Doug Loewy seconded this new substitute motion.*

Purins said that postings should be curated to avoid duplication. Isroelit said that the Outreach Committee should address that.

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

10.2. (Outreach Committee): Moves to approve the printing of SLNC 2019 Elections material.

Isroelit discussed designs for a brochure. They are lovely, to publicize candidacy. The motion is to approve printing of materials.

*Plante read the motion. Valdez seconded.*

Sherman said that he supports the funding. However, the Bylaws say that the Elections Committee runs elections. We haven't been allowed by the Co-Chairs to put forward motions for election promotion materials unless approved by the Outreach Committee.

It's a question of independence. There are restrictions on the membership of the Elections Committee. This measure defeats the purpose of this by forcing the Elections Committee to go through another committee. If something goes wrong and the Elections Committee is impaired in how it can do business, it may appear to be protecting Board members. He cited the Bylaws and added that he is not running so he has no skin in the game.

Carson said I have a problem with this as well. The Outreach Committee vets outreach materials. This is not a rule. How can we compel them? Also, there are typographical errors in the mailer. We should skip that vetting step and bring it to the Board. It's a burden.

Plante said the Board is not supposed to do the work of the committees. This should not be discussed endlessly at Board meetings. We are not trying to control the Elections Committee. We want to minimize disruptions at Board meetings about artwork. We're trying to minimize the work.

Courshon said I see both sides of this. He has concerns about funneling everything through Outreach. The Election Committee will be forced to do two steps before coming to the Board. That should not happen with funding. For materials being created, have a joint meeting. Have Outreach come to the Elections Committee. This is unfair to the Elections Committee. It becomes onerous.

Poole commented that the Outreach Committee serves to vet. Isroelit said I look at this as working together. It's all very positive. Poole commented that the Secret Stairs event was funneled through me.

Lisauskas said a much bigger deal is being made of this than necessary. Purins asked how are these things distributed?

Sherman said the issue is that the Elections Committee is supposed to be running the elections.

Plante said this should have been in reverse, the two motions. We'll skip 10.2.

10.3. (Elections Committee): Moves to fund up to \$225.00 for the printing of SLNC 2019 Elections material.

*Plante made the motion. Isroelit seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
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Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10.4. (Elections Committee): Moves to fund \$25.00 for refreshments for an upcoming Candidates Information Session.

*Sherman made the motion. Valdez seconded.*

Sherman said this should be in January as the candidacy period ends January 22. He is seeking a date like January 10 or 12. Perhaps we can have it at the Silver Lake Recreation Center or at the library, depending on availability? This is not expected to be a costly event. Some Board members should attend.

Isroelit said she wants to know what the meeting will discuss. Sherman responded that Board members will share their experiences of what it's like to be a Board member.

In continuing discussion about the independence of the Elections Committee, Sherman said he would still feel the same way even if Gandhi was running the Outreach Committee. It's a question of independence, the elections should be independent.

Plante said we advised the Elections Committee what they should do. Carson said a recommendation for an advisement is not a motion. Plante said we want to avoid discussions at meetings.

**VOTE for \$25**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels

David Valdez  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Bob Lisauskas  
Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

Courshon asked is agenda item 10.2 officially withdrawn? Scott made that motion again.

## 12. Officers Report

None

## 13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Carson said I had submitted a motion to chairs to allocate \$50 to the note taker to update the minutes. This was voted down. I submitted minutes in August. My corrections were not read into the minutes.

I went back and looked at prior corrections I'd made and then emailed to the Secretary. None of the corrections are in there. She mentioned several months worth of corrections that she'd made. There are still 8 draft minutes that have never been corrected back to 2016.

Carson said I want to have a motion to send \$50 for the note-taker to correct the minutes for next meeting so that they are corrected in a timely fashion. Courshon asked can the Co-Chairs agendize this motion for next month? Plante said we'll put it on the agenda.

The other issue is that my August changes were never read by the Secretary. Can we re-agendize the August minutes, asked Carson. Plante said we'll investigate that.

Purins asked can we look at how we call our regions? It gets confusing. Can there be a substitute word for “regions”? Plante said I believe that’s a DONE issue? Isroelit commented that that’s a good point.

11. Approval of October Board draft minutes

Lee Sherman said that page 15 should read: “we had healthy conversations with the community and that led to more Election Committee members”, not Board members.

Courshon said the word at the bottom of page 9 should be “route”, not ramp. On Page 11 he offered a correction to a correction regarding the July minutes. He’ll email Isroelit about this Everything below the thank you needs to be deleted. Also at the top of page 12, credit should go to “Eric”, not “Derrick”.

Isroelit said that minutes are not opportunities for people to make long speeches and opine.

*Courshon seconded Isroelit’s motion for the amended minutes.*

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Lee Sherman  
Melissa Samuels  
David Valdez  
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Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
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Kathleen Hudson  
Taryn Poole  
Heather Carson  
Glenn Harrell

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

#### 14. Announcements

Carson said she saw at least 20 yard signs on the parkway. That is not allowed, according to DONE. Should we remove them? We'll get in trouble. It's a liability for the City.

#### 15. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:17pm.