



Silver Lake Neighborhood Council History Collective Oral History Questionnaire

Note: These questions are intended to cover basic information as well as specific memories about Silver Lake and life here as experienced by the interviewee. These questions are intended as a starting point. The interviewer should feel free to ask additional questions and follow-up in more depth on any answers. Provide questionnaire to interview subjects prior to interview and request they bring photos and memorabilia relevant to the questions.

Interviewer: State date, location, your name, interviewee's name(s) and names of anyone else present.

Basic Information

1. What is your name (including maiden name if applicable)?
2. What is your current address?
3. How long have you lived in Silver Lake?
4. When and where were you born?
5. If you weren't born here, when did you move to Los Angeles and where did you live then?
6. What were your parent's names?
7. Where were they from and, if not from LA, when did they come here?
8. What was your father's job?
9. Did your mother work too?

Memories of Silver Lake

10. Where have you lived in Silver Lake?
11. What were your house, neighbors and neighborhood like?
12. What do you know about the history of Silver Lake?
13. What memorable events do you remember about Silver Lake (e.g., the Depression, pre- and post-war times, community activism, etc.)?
14. How has Silver Lake changed since you've lived here?
15. What do you think makes Silver Lake special?

Additional Personal Information

16. Did you go to school in Silver Lake?
17. If so, where and what do you remember best about your school and classmates?
18. Who were your friends growing up in Silver Lake?
19. What did you do for fun (games, sports, clubs, vacations, etc.)?
20. Where did your family shop and eat and what stores and restaurants do you remember?
21. How did you get around? Family car? Public transportation?
22. What neighborhood landmarks do you remember?
23. Did you know or see any famous local celebrities?