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GOVERNING BOARD  
Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 7, 2004 7:00 PM  
Micheltorena Street Elementary School  
1511 Micheltorena Street

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TIMES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. ITEMS MAY BE ADDRESSED OUT OF THE ORDER LISTED.  
ALL ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON WHETHER SPECIFICALLY LISTED FOR ACTION OR NOT.

1. Call to Order 7:00
  2. Roll Call 7:01
  3. Minutes 7:03
  4. Correspondence 7:05
  5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 7:15
  6. Special Presentations and Reports 7:25
    - .01 Address from DOT Hollywood-Wilshire District Senior Transportation Engineer Robert Camou
    - .02 Address from DOT Senior Transportation Engineer Brian Gallagher on Parking Meters
  7. Reports of Officers 8:25
    - .01 Treasurer's report (Wiggington)
    - .02 Discussion & possible action: with regard to purchasing 7 tables and 21 chairs for board meetings, tables \$47 chairs \$17 (Millar)
    - .03 Request for volunteers to serve on the 2004 SLNC Election Committee (Lyon)
- Action Items
8. Consent Agenda: 8:35
    - .01 **MOTION (Exec. Comm.)** to adopt funding/event questionnaire
    - .02 **MOTION (Millar)** to appoint Rusty Millar as the SLNC rep to work with DWP on MOU with NCs
    - .03 **MOTION (Millar)**: All SLNC sub-committees shall adhere to the same operating guidelines as regular standing committees. (see supplement "subcmte.pdf")
    - .04 **MOTION (UD&PAC)**: The SLNC adopts the UD&PAC guidelines for Developers and SFR/Duplexes as written (See supplement "guidelines.pdf")
    - .05 **RESOLUTION (Choi)**: WHEREAS a written agenda Motion is the result of the time taken by and hard work of the Presenter/Maker of the Motion; And  
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      - 1a. If the Presenter of the Motion is not in attendance or unavailable, then the presiding Chair shall read the Motion with full due respect and precision. (see supplement "choi.pdf")
    - .06 **MOTION (Beautification)** to approve the NMF grant application for the Adopt-a-Trashcan program (See supplement "BC-APP1.pdf")
    - .07 **MOTION (Beautification)** to approve the NMF grant application for the Triangle Park fountain rehab (See supplement "BC-APP2.pdf")
    - .08 **MOTION (Governmental Affairs)** to approve letter to City Council's Education & Neighborhoods committee, et al. regarding legal status of NCs (See supplement "ENC.pdf")
    - .09 **MOTION (Millar)**: Secretary shall in the minutes make notice of those councilmembers who arrive late.
    - .10 **MOTION (Haraldson, Lopez, Ruiz)**: Per the recommendation of the SLNC Latino Caucus, and in recognition of the need to increase access and participation by Spanish speaking stakeholders in the SLNC, the SLNC Board shall request DONE's

assistance in translating monthly SLNC board agendas into Spanish.

9. New Business 8:40
- .01 **MOTION (Millar):** The SLNC respects the diversity of spiritual beliefs in our community and therefore affirms Its commitment to maintaining the separation of church and state. As a governmental body, the SLNC does not base Its decisions or activities on theological principles. Further, the SLNC shall not fund the activities of religious organizations, nor engage in the distribution of materials affiliated with, or derived from, any religious philosophy. (See supplement “millar.pdf”)
  - .02 **MOTION (B. Dakin):** to write a letter in support of Nicky D’s Wood-Fired Pizza Restaurant being granted a beer and wine license/conditional use permit by the City of LA Office of Zoning and Administration. (See supplement “NickyD.pdf”)
  - .03 **MOTION (UD&PAC):** to advise the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission with regard to the SLNC Governing Board decision to support the Zoning Administration’s approval for senior affordable housing development, subject to 10 conditions being imposed on the project’s design and operations. (See supplement “Myra.pdf”)

Non-Action Items

10. Committee Reports 9:30
- .01 Community Liaison (Willis)
  - .02 Beautification (Blanchard)
  - .03 Arts & Culture(Choi)
  - .04 Public Safety & Disaster Prevention (B. Dakin)
11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting 9:45
12. Announcements 9:50
13. Adjournment 10:00

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**Minutes**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jason Lyon

**Roll Call** In attendance: Marian Aguilar, Michael Locke, Robin Dakin, Rusty Millar, Robert Brooks, Garry Willis, Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov, Peter Choi, Martin Hittelman, Jason Lyon, Jane Renahan, Salvador Sanchez, Charles Wiggington, Roberto Haraldson, Luis Lopez, Darren Morton, Barbara Dakin, Michael J. Horne

Not in Attendance: Lewis Myers, Sandra Emma Ruiz, Laura Dwan,

**Minutes** The minutes of March 3 and March 17 were approved as distributed. The March 27 minutes were amended to include that Vincent Brook and the SLRA will be coming to the Governing Board to request \$5,000 to be used for the Silverlake Gateway Project.

**Correspondence-** none

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Stakeholder Dorit Dowler-Guerrero spoke in relation to the Sunset Junction Street Fair. She called on people to attend a May 11 meeting at CD 13 beginning at 7 PM regarding the upcoming Street Fair. The meeting will be concerned with the Street Fair organization's responsiveness to the concerns of neighborhood residents. Accountability for the funds raised will also be addressed. Flyers will be available at the next SLNC Governing Board meeting.

Stakeholder Roberto Juarez spoke to problems with the "El Cid Club." He lives in the neighborhood and complained about public urination, sex, drug use, and public drunkenness by patrons of the club. He stated that the noise and other public disturbances go on until 3 A.M. in the morning. The noise is so loud that it is very difficult to sleep on Friday and Saturday nights. Residents have called the police but have gotten no response. He will continue to monitor the problem.

Stakeholder Tobin Shea, general manager of El Cid Restaurant, spoke to his willingness to work with the neighbors to correct the problems cited. He has made attempts to make it easier on the neighbors. He did not realize that the club would become so popular for night life. He will be hiring a security guard to circle the neighborhood. He can be reached at (323) 668-0318.

## Special Presentations and Reports

DOT Hollywood-Wilshire District Senior Transportation Engineer Robert Camou was scheduled to speak but he was unable to attend. Jeannie Shen spoke in his place. She handed out a chart of the City Department of Transportation. She also handed out an LADOT piece on frequently asked questions regarding the City's Speed Hump program. She noted that the primary objective for the use of speed humps is the reduction of vehicle speeds on residential streets. Her number to call for information and help is 323-845-9835. She stated that the process to get a speed hump begins with a request submitted to the local DOT District Office. A traffic engineering study will be conducted and then a recommendation made. If speed humps are recommended then a formal petition signed by block residents will be required. The entire process may take up to a year. The same process is used to get a stop sign except that a petition is not required. The renaming of streets goes through a different process with the final decision made by the City Council.

## Reports of Officers

**Treasurer's report (Wiggington):** Treasurer Wiggington reported that the SLNC has a balance in the funding account of \$11,915.02. \$500 was spent on outreach advertising in the LA Alternative Press. \$84.48 was paid out in reimbursements to Rusty Millar.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of 7 tables and 21 chairs for the board meetings was discussed. A COSTCO price of \$47 per table and \$17 per chair was noted. The Principal at Micheltorena Street School will use them in the time between meetings. The school has the space to store them and will set them up for our meetings for use by the Governing Board. A question was raised as to whether a better price could be gotten at Office Depot using the City account.

M/S/P (no negative votes) (Aguilar) to purchase the tables and the chairs. Co-Chair Millar will check out both the COSCO and Office Depot prices before purchase.

**2004 SLNC Election Committee:** Stakeholder Carol Ng spoke for Milt Rosenberg regarding the election process and what he has learned. It was suggested that the By-laws be amended so that there is not a requirement that one person on the Elections Committee be from each region. It was also pointed out that DONE has developed a way to handle absentee ballots and that this be considered for the September election. Milt will provide a proposed process for handling absentee ballots. Ng also pointed out that an updated stakeholder list is needed. A call for volunteers to serve on the Election Committee was made (Regions 1 and 2 volunteers are needed).

## Action Items

**Consent Agenda:** It was M/S/P (Hittelman) (one abstain) to approve the following consent agenda items:

MOTION (Exec. Comm.) to adopt the funding/event questionnaire.

Board Member or Committee Submitting Motion (please indicate if the motion is made on behalf of another individual or group); Text of Motion for the Agenda; Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary; What is the perceived /potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?; What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.); What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

MOTION (Millar) to appoint Rusty Millar as the SLNC rep to work with DWP on MOU with NCs

MOTION (UD&PAC): The SLNC adopts the UD&PAC guidelines for Developers and SFR/Duplexes as written. (See Attachment I)

RESOLUTION (Choi): WHEREAS a written agenda Motion is the result of the time taken by and hard work of the Presenter/Maker of the Motion; And  
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MOTION (Haraldson, Lopez, Ruiz): Per the recommendation of the SLNC Latino Caucus, and in recognition of the need to increase access and participation by Spanish speaking stakeholders in the SLNC, the SLNC Board shall request DONE's assistance in translating monthly SLNC board agendas into Spanish.

### **New Business**

M/S/ (Millar): The SLNC respects the diversity of spiritual beliefs in our community and therefore affirms Its commitment to maintaining the separation of church and state. As a governmental body, the SLNC does not base its decisions or activities on theological principles. Further, the SLNC shall not fund the activities of religious organizations, nor engage in the distribution of materials affiliated with, or derived from, any religious philosophy.

Stakeholder Wes Joe stated his feeling that the motion is too broadly worded and that there are instances where support of non secular organizations will make sense.

M/S/F (Brooks) 7 yes, 5 No, 4 Abstain to amend the motion to read "The SLNC respects the diversity of spiritual beliefs in our community and therefore affirms Its commitment to the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America."

M/S/P (Hittelman) 11-4-2 to amend the motion to read "The SLNC respects the diversity of spiritual beliefs in our community and therefore affirms Its commitment to maintaining the separation of church and state. The SLNC shall not fund the religious activities of religious organizations nor engage in the distribution of materials of a religious nature."

A discussion of the board included issues revolving around the separation of church and state, the vagueness of the motion with regard to what are "materials of a religious nature", what the rules of the City of Los Angeles are, and the general advisability of the motion.

M/S/P (Aguilar) 12-5 to table the motion as amended until more information and clarity on the issue is presented.

M/S/P (15-1) (B. Dakin): to write a letter in support of Nicky D's Wood-Fired Pizza Restaurant being granted a beer and wine license/conditional use permit by the City of LA Office of Zoning and Administration.

It was stated by Nick DeMarinis (a co-owner of Nicky D's) that it is common to have restaurants deliver wine and beer and it is standard to go until 2 AM for his type of restaurant. In response to question regarding the variance on parking, he stated that he eventually hopes to have valet parking or use a nearby lot. He also noted that his lot could park 20 cars if the parking was valet style. He noted that most of his employees and many of his customers walk to Nicky D's. A variance hearing will be held on April 22.

Stakeholder James Eidel (the owner of the soon to be completed Breezeways Restaurant) stated that he felt that all businesses (both existing and prospective) should be treated the same with respect to parking. He noted that new businesses are meeting unbelievable parking requirements.

M/S/ and then withdrawn (UD&PAC): to advise the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission with regard to the SLNC Governing Board decision to support the Zoning Administration's approval for senior affordable housing development, subject to 10 conditions being imposed on the project's design and operations.

1. Reduce the height of building at the north end. At the very least, cut one story off the NE corner. If given budgetary constrains the size of the building cannot be reduced, the following conditions are still important to put into effect.
2. Landscape the parkway along Myra Avenue with large canopy trees, with minimum mature height of 45 feet. Spacing of these trees should provide a continuous canopy along Myra.
3. Provide a landscaped median along Myra.
4. Submit a detailed landscape plan for the Sunset Boulevard frontage, for the approval of the Zoning Administrator.
5. Connect the community room and media room to allow for larger unified space.
6. Subject to the availability of adequate street parking, make the community room available for occasional use by local community groups such as senior clubs.
7. The marketing of units should include specific outreach to the local community.
8. A Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) shall be formed, and shall meet a minimum of four times a year. Meetings should be held in the new building at times, which allow for participation by local community members.
9. With regards to the supportive housing component of the project:
  - A. The applicant shall involve the local Neighborhood Councils (NC-s) and the NAB in any decision to change the population served by the supportive housing.
  - B. The applicant will require six months sobriety and six months drug-free status prior to any tenant moving into the building.
  - C. As part of evaluating tenant applications, the applicant shall perform a criminal background check on all prospective residents.
  - D. If approved for tenancy, a drug test will be administered prior to move-in.
10. Applicant acknowledges that the Sunset Junction Street Fair takes place annually along Sunset Boulevard in front of the site and agrees to manage construction activities in a manner that minimizes any impact on the operation of the Fair. Applicant will inform prospective residents about the annual Street Fair and closure of Sunset Boulevard.

M/S/ (B. Dakin) to oppose this project .

M/S/P to amend (Hittelman) add "as currently proposed"

M/S/P as amended (with one abstention) Oppose this project as currently proposed.

The SLNC will write a letter on the issue for the hearing to be held on April 14.  
The location of the proposed construction is 4201 Sunset Blvd is the location.

Stakeholder Wes Joe who helped write the original motion opposes the project at this time. He stated his belief that the benefits to the community are outweighed by the problems that this project brings to the community. He spoke to some gang-related drug dealing at another Project New Hope building.

Ellen Readinger submitted a speaker card opposing the original item approving the project. Kenneth Owen from the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council spoke in opposition to the project. He asked the SLNC to speak against the project at the April 14 hearing. He stated that it the belief of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council that the project will impact the SLNC area as well. There are 24 letters opposed to the project. Drug abuse is a concern. Franklin Hills Homeowners is also opposed to the project.

Justino Moreno stated that the project is not designed for this neighborhood. Parking problems will result. She emphasized that the developers should be required to play by the rules.

Peter Bedard stated that no one is against senior housing or AIDS housing – when the idea was presented people were in support. He stated that the project should not be constructed without public concessions or discussion. The developer has been unwilling to take neighborhood concerns into consideration. The plan for a 5 story building would create a structure that is well above current heights of other buildings. He also complained of minimal planting and not enough parking available.

Stacy Stearns spoke in opposition to the project. She lives across from the back of the project. She stated that is her belief that the way that the neighborhood is developing matters. Two hearings were waived on this project. Height limits would be violated without checking in with residents of the area. She called on keeping our standards high.

Mary Rodriguez of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council felt supported by the new motion. The community has not had a say to this point and the help of the SLNC is appreciated. There has been no movement on height since the developer felt they needed the income derived from the additional space available.

It was pointed out that the zoning administrator waived the hearing with the belief that there would be no controversy. The developer's board would not allow a change in their plans.

M/S/F (all opposed with 1 abstention) All SLNC sub-committees shall not schedule meetings that overlap other meetings.

Stakeholder Carol Ng helped work on the by-laws and noted that they were written to allow flexibility. Subcommittees were not addressed in the by-laws. The night chosen by the Parks/Greenspace subcommittee coincided with the Executive Committee because it was the best night for the subcommittee members.

Dorit Dowler-Guerrero asked the governing board not to force the Parks/Greenspace subcommittee to meet on another night.



M/S/P (1 abstained) (Haraldson) to approve the letter to the City Council's Education & Neighborhoods committee, et al. regarding the legal status of NCs (See Attachment V)

The requirement for financial disclosure was questioned. It was explained that the issue is still not decided.

The issue of a city entities and its impact was discussed.

### **Non-Action Items**

### **Committee Reports**

Community Liaison (Willis): The February and March committee meetings were reported on. Peter Bedard is starting a mural project in the Myra Ave. underpass. He will be coming to the SLNC for money and support. He was referred to the appropriate committees. David Etzen from Red Bar gave a presentation on web sites. A template for all neighborhood councils was discussed. The committee will bring recommendations to the next Governing Board meeting. It was agreed to renew the [www.silverlakenc.org](http://www.silverlakenc.org) registration at a cost of \$20. Volunteers are needed to enter information for the stakeholder data base.

Beautification: Joe Fedorowich reported that 60 people participated in the recent Beautification Day event. Dion Neutra presented a proposal for a Ecological Garden adjacent to the Silver Lake reservoir. The issue was held over for further discussion with the Committee to Save the Silver Lake Reservoir. A Sunset Triangle Park Transformation survey was distributed to get input on the needs of the community in relation to the Park. The Committee will participate in a tree planting project on Sunset Blvd and need business custodians for the trees. Trees may be available for planting as soon as early summer. A letter of support for the elimination of the Rampart street exit will be coming to the Governing Board for approval. The work of the Environmental Affairs Department was recognized.

Arts & Culture(Choi): a reminder that the Silver Lake Easter Promenade will be held on Saturday April 10 from 12 noon to 5 PM. Posters, flyers and advertisements have been widely distributed that contain the SLNC logo as one of the sponsors. A reminder that the Summer in the Park with Art program is still looking for artists willing to participate.

Barbara Dakin stated that the Beautification Day was the most successful cleanup ever. Many groups came together. 13 local businesses donated food.

Public Safety & Disaster Prevention (B. Dakin): Barbara Dakin spoke to the continuing problem at Parkman and Sunset and also under the bridge at Sunset. She stated that four establishments in the area were attractive nuisances and were contributing to the problem and needed to be studied in public hearings. Petitions containing over 100 signatures have been gathered with respect to each location. LA International Church program have had shovels, etc. funded by the Silver Lake Improvement Association. Two teams are working – ten people each working 5 ½ hours per week cleaning up the area around Sunset and Vendome. This work is a part of a rehabilitation project. Dakin also called to people's attention an April 22 meeting on Emergency Preparedness at the Russian Orthodox Church at which the Red Cross will demonstrate the preparation of emergency kits.

### **Announcements**

Alexia Pilat announced a meeting at the Silver Lake Recreation Center on Thursday April 8 regarding the Microwave Radiation Hazards from Neighborhood Cell Towers and Antennas such as those currently under consideration in the Silver Lake area. The meeting is sponsored by the Residents Opposed to Neighborhood Cell Sites. Contact can be made at [silverlakeneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:silverlakeneighbors@yahoo.com)

Rusty Millar stated that the fire department's brush cleaning notice only relates to native vegetation.

It was reported that the LA Leather Coalition event on March 28 was a "nonevent" (no problems) from the police point of view. Others had heard complaints of near naked people walking around.

Jane Renahan handed out flyers for the May 7<sup>th</sup> "Bach, Rock and Shakespeare" event at the Greek Theatre. The doors open at 6:30 PM. John Marshall High School's Play Production, Orchestra and State Crew will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as part of the event. There will also be a battle of garage bands. Parking is free. Tickets are \$10.

**Adjournment** : The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Minutes by M. Hittelman