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GOVERNING BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2005 7:00 PM
Micheltorena Street Elementary School
1511 Micheltorena Street
(just North of Sunset Blvd.)

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I. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:07

Present: Borstein, Locke, Haraldson, Rivera, R. Dakin, Hradec, Millar, LeVin, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov, Choi, B. Dakin, Hittelman, Kells, Lyon, Renahan

Absent: Willis

Hostess: Donna Locke

Presentation of Community Service Awards – Kevin Bannerman for NPI/medallion selection, Milt Rosenberg for Election Committee leadership

II. Minutes from June 1, 2005 are approved

III. Correspondence – all in record – no further action

- a. Letter from Northeast Los Angeles Coalition of NCs to incoming Mayor Villaraigosa (SLNC is signatory)
- b. Letter from SLNC to incoming Mayor Villaraigosa
- c. Letter from SLNC to LA Dept. of Water & Power regarding construction project traffic mitigation
- d. Letter from Silver Lake Residents Association regarding design of Silver Lake Branch Library

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Carol Knapp, resident – Supreme Court decision has given states the right to seize land by eminent domain if it benefits the community. State Senator McClintock opposes, wishes to overturn for California. Please support his efforts.

V. Special Presentations & Reports

a. LAUSD on new school site selections (Fernando Chavarria) – Community and Board of Education are in favor of adding a High School to relieve Marshall HS and reduce its population. LAUSD disagrees and feels it's not necessary, looking at population distribution.

Public Comment:

Carol Ng, resident – The school should be built anyways – smaller schools are needed. SLNC should write a letter to Board of Education supporting the school location.

b. Maricela Gomez (Leg. Deputy to Council President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel) on efforts to relieve traffic congestion in Los Angeles – not in attendance.

c. Stakeholder Buzz Hays on June 9 auto accident involving pedestrians on Rowena Ave. at Herkimer – looking for a silver 2002-04 Toyota Corolla – please email silverlakeaccident@mac.com with any information. We should propose to DOT an official crosswalk be painted in that area. SLNC has already established that area as a target for a crosswalk, only hold up is Council office. LaBonge's office has proposed a traffic flow change.

M/S/P (Lyon) Exec Committee send a letter to reaffirm our support for the crosswalk

VI. Reports of Officers

a. Co-Chair (Lyon) - Updates on recent motions of the SLNC – Creating City Council files based on our motions and Community Impact Statements is expected to pass the Education and Neighborhoods Committee. City Council will vote this Friday for Los Angeles to be first major city on record to support same sex marriage, based on the SLNC's resolution.

b. Co-Chair (Haraldson) – Resident Wes Joe, member of Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee, was instrumental in contacting Zoning Administration and influencing withdrawal of the application of a gas station on Silver Lake Blvd. Thanks also to Boardmembers Robin and Barbara Dakin and Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov. The application has been denied due to applicant's request for selling single cans of beer among other things. Gateways project – boardmember Jeff Hradec will be the SLNC liaison.

c. Vice-Chair (Locke) – Monday July 18 – planning meeting for HoeDown community meeting at Ivanhoe School. Please join us. New paper – check out the Los Feliz Ledger, which also covers Silver Lake.

d. Treasurer (Dwan) – M/S/P to approve 2005-2006 Annual Budget

Renahan abstains

e. Secretary (Nason) – Committee Chairs may now have keys to inside office, see me for key. Thanks to Laura Dwan for leading the cleaning and organizing of the office. Come by and enjoy our office.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Arts & Culture – Met 3 times in the past 2 months. Developed Mission Statement. First event is Silver Lake Sundays, for which a motion is on tonight's agenda.

b. Beautification – Tree Caring event – Sat July 23 – meet at CD 13 office at 9am.

c. Community Liaison -- Absent

d. Elections – Meeting this Friday night. All boardmembers must help with distributing flyers for the Kick-Off event on Sat. 7/16.

e. Governmental Affairs – did not meet last month.

f. History Collective – Working on Oral History project.

g. Neighborhood Pride Initiative – Chose specific light posts for medallion placements. Working with DOT to move forward.

- h. Outreach – having trouble reaching quorum, will be meeting with Exec Committee this month to talk about drumming up support for upcoming events.
- i. Parks & Green Space – 9 people at last meeting. Drew up 3 motions for tonight’s agenda.
- j. Public Safety – Fri July 29 – meet at CD 13 office for nighttime safety walk. CERT training coming to Monday nights at the Russian Orthodox Church beginning Oct. 17.
- k. Urban Design & Preservation – Special meeting re: Fargo Street development, 2 lots – 3 single family homes to be built on each lot. Developer has since changed his plan to go with 2 homes on each lot, thanks to input from community. CD-4 motion to downzone certain areas along Hyperion, Rowena and Glendale Blvd. by lowering height limitation to 30 feet from 45 feet (per Community Plan) passed in council today.
- l. Youth & Families – rescheduled its meeting to Sat. July 16

VIII. Consent Agenda – items pulled: A, C

a. M/S/P (Exec.) The Governing Board will hold a special meeting on Saturday, July 23 to serve as a Board retreat, brainstorming session, and internal dialogue on the progress of the SLNC to date. The meeting will be held at the Coffee Table restaurant on Rowena Ave. from 10 AM – noon.

Renahan opposes, Choi and Kells abstain

b. M/S/P (Community Liaison) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council agrees to co-sponsor the 2005 Silver Lake Summit with the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

c. M/S/P (P&GS) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council encourages the city of Los Angeles to adopt a motion in which the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) reaches a goal of 2% minimum of total energy to be generated by solar photovoltaics (PV) by the year 2017, with an interim milestone of 1% by 2010.

Millar Friendly Amendment Accepted to increase 2% to 5% and 1% to 2%

Amended M/S/P (P&GS) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council encourages the city of Los Angeles to adopt a motion in which the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) reaches a goal of 5% minimum of total energy to be generated by solar photovoltaics (PV) by the year 2017, with an interim milestone of 2% by 2010.

R. Dakin abstains

d. M/S/P (P&GS) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, in partnership with the Coalition for Clean Air, requests the city of Los Angeles to set aside a calendar day to be declared Clean Air Day. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council therefore seeks the support of Council Members Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge to recommend for Council action: Declare Clean Air Day in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and the Coalition for Clean Air, a “Special Event,” and instruct the involved city departments to perform such services as necessary, and to solicit the widespread and enthusiastic support of fellow council members to adopt this forward-looking motion which envisions real change for the health of neighborhood residents and supports transit choices that serve low income residents.

e. M/S/P (P&GS) That the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council agree to hold a Green Living Day Event in conjunction with Clean Air Day in Los Angeles to support the goals of (1) raising awareness about sustainable environment issues, (2) supporting real change in residents’ health and (3) supporting transit choices of low income and senior residents.

f. M/S/P (Arts & Culture) The SLNC Arts & Culture committee will host free, monthly Sunday afternoon events in Silver Lake Recreation Center Park during the summer months (July through October).

g. M/S/P (Elections) to approve revisions to 2005 Election Procedures

IX. New Business

a. \$ M/S/P (Elections) That an amount up to \$1,400, which has been budgeted, be funded for expenditures in connection with the 2005 Neighborhood Council Election on September 17 and Kick-Off Celebration on July 16, at Micheltorena Street Elementary School.

Renahan abstains

b. MOTION (Lyon) to appoint a Boardmember delegate to the NC Congress Working Group.
Hittelman Friendly Amendment Accepted: Appoint a Boardmember to monitor and provide input to the Congress Working Group and provide progress report back to the SLNC.
Kells Friendly Amendment Accepted: Also appoint an alternate.
Amended M/S/P: Appoint a Boardmember and an alternate to monitor and provide input to the NC Congress Working Group and provide progress report back to the SLNC.
R. Dakin opposes, Choi abstains
M/S/P (Lyon) to solicit volunteers
Millar volunteers – M/S/P
Borstein abstains
Hittelman volunteers for alternate

c. DISCUSSION & ACTION ON PROPOSED PARKING METERS: Choi recuses

Public Comment:

John Patterson, Chamber Chairman – we need meters for our customers, who constantly tell us they cannot find parking. Meters will only be in front of commercial buildings. I represent more than 4 dozen stakeholders.

Mary Jaye Simms, business owner on SL Blvd – Van Pelt and W. SL Dr still included in the DOT plan. Overwhelming community opposition to meters on SL Blvd. Let's look at all these areas separately.
Stephanie Vendig, SL Senior Club – Concerned meters around the Rec Center will deter participation, burden staff, drive people to park further up in residential area to avoid meters.

Libby Simon, business owner on Sunset – Favors meters on Sunset, agrees Sunset should be treated separately from Rec Center area

Peter Choi, business owner – vote yes on meters

John Himmelstein, business owner – Representing “Glendale Corridor” (SL Wine, Still Spa, Gingergrass, etc.) – favors meters

Andrea Marcum, business owner – needs meters on her stretch of Rowena (other side of W. SL Dr.)

Diana London, resident – outlined proposal/resolution below (iii).

i. MOTION (Exec.) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports installation of parking meters in the following proposed locations: (Sunset Blvd.), (Silver Lake Blvd.), (West Silver Lake Drive, and areas surrounding the Recreation Center), (Glendale Blvd.), (Rowena Avenue), (Hyperion Ave. near Griffith Park Blvd.), (Hyperion/Fountain intersection).

Amended motion:

M/S/P 11-3-3(Dwan) Supports all of the above EXCEPT Silver Lake Blvd, W. Silver Lake Dr. and areas surrounding the Recreation Center.

Yes: Locke, Haraldson, Rivera, Millar, LeVin, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov, Renahan

No: R. Dakin, Hittelman, Kells

Abstain: Borstein, Hradec, B. Dakin

M/S 5-11-1 (R. Dakin) Have a yes/no question on the SLNC election ballot –Do you support a meter-free Silver Lake?

Yes: Borstein, R. Dakin, Hittelman, Kells

No: Locke, Haraldson, Rivera, Millar, LeVin, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov, Renahan

Abstain: B. Dakin

ii. MOTION (Exec.) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council opposes installation of parking meters in the following proposed locations: (Sunset Blvd.), (Silver Lake Blvd.), (West Silver Lake Drive, and areas surrounding the Recreation Center), (Glendale Blvd.), (Rowena Avenue), (Hyperion Ave. near Griffith Park Blvd.), (Hyperion/Fountain intersection).

iii. RESOLUTION (R. Dakin on behalf of stakeholder Diana London) Whereas Silver Lake is a society where we respect each other's needs, we propose a parking meter free Silver Lake, where individuals respect the allotted parking time, thus creating a flow of free spaces, without the use of meters. Enforcement would be by chalk mark, as successfully used in other parts of the city. To free every possible parking space, propose to re-examine all red curb markings to see if these can be shortened or eliminated.

To close off the intersection with Santa Monica and convert the area to diagonal parking. The purpose of this would be to increase the flow of customers to local businesses

Notices to be placed in parking areas to not stay beyond restricted times and to respect that one needs to care for others that need a space to visit local businesses.

There will be a considerable saving to the city in not putting in additional meters. Existing meters can be capped.

X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Boardmembers and/or stakeholders to propose items) – Jane Renahan will be able to vote on financial issues because she will be 18! Dwan recommends the Arts & Culture committee place a funding motion for Silver Lake Sundays on next agenda.

XI. Announcements – Please come to Election Planning Meeting this Friday 7pm. Please pick up flyers for distribution for Election Kick-Off 7/16. Phone bank Friday July 15 at Coldwell Banker. 6-7p 1917 Hillhurst

XII. Adjournment 9:55pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, August 3, 2005 7:00 PM

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“RETREAT”

Special Meeting

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As required under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby notices a special meeting of the Governing Board. The meeting will function as a Board “retreat,” allowing opportunities for reflection, brainstorming, and group inventory to examine and improve our functioning as an organization. No action will be taken at this meeting. Any suggested action items will appear on a future regular meeting agenda. As required under the Brown Act, there will be an opportunity for public comment immediately after the roll call at 10 AM.

In attendance: Jason Lyon, Roberto Haraldson, Michael Locke, Laura Dwan, Gena Nason, Genelle LeVin, Robin Dakin, Barbara Dakin, Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov, Judy Borstein, Bea Gold, Rusty Millar, Jeff Hradec

Discussed elections. There are some regions without declared candidates – we discussed names we have heard will run and listed them for follow-up. Brochures will be mailed once some changes are made (Kick Off removed and Forums added). A stack of old brochures are available for us to leave behind at businesses.

One idea about elections is to change the time of year they are held. It's proving to be difficult to get people en masse involved in planning and running since it's in the summer when people are on vacation.

Possible concern with the future of NCs. New City Councilman Bill Rosendahl is pushing to change definition of stakeholder to mandate they are registered voters. He is now chair of Neighborhood and Education Committee

Some of us go out to other meetings, discussing issues with other NCs and other city agencies. Is there a way to get other members of the board involved and invited to join in these activities?

Statements from each of the present boardmembers.

LeVin – glad to have this opportunity to grow, improved confidence and public speaking.

Borstein – wonderful learning experience, look forward to more. Spearheading the Glendale Blvd, Ralphs shopping lot clean-up project.

Gold – Feels dismissed, senses lack of appreciation. We don't know what we are all doing. Not sure how to fix this. Feels like projects sometimes get taken away – power struggles. Offensive.

Hradec – Taking this first year to get to know the system. Ultimately would like to set up process for future boards.

Nason -- Draw up job description and ideas of how secretary role could be improved. Office manager should be hired, perhaps secretary role as well.

Lyon – Loves the system in theory. The committee work itself can be frustrating. Boardmembers need to be committed to read everything that comes out and be aware of what's going on. Co-chair needs to trust that things are happening – too much to keep on top of everything and have to keep reminding people to follow-up. Very proud of what has happened with this council. Still unsure of best way to get all information out.

Haraldson – Has not enjoyed being co-chair as much as he did being a boardmember last year. Too many personal conflicts. Does not feel we are engaging each other widely enough, we just let the few people who always do certain things continue to do them. Feels co-chairs should reach out to more boardmembers and invite them to more things.

B. Dakin – Very proud of this board and her role in establishing the council. Not running for reelection but will stay involved in Public Safety. Would still like to be involved and informed of activities and be copied on emails.

R. Dakin – It's been great to see how we encourage and help each other grow. Also important is to communicate within our immediate neighborhoods what is going on and get them involved.

Bougart-Sharkov – Personally -- SLNC has helped me with self-esteem, particularly since coming from another country. Has found confidence and courage.

Locke – Feels honored to have been a part of this group. Moving to Los Feliz but still wants to be involved.

Dwan – It's been an interesting two years. Spent the first year trying to figure things out. Would be great to have an orientation for new boardmembers to go over how to work with City Hall, etc. Treasurer has given her structure to participate and still get involved in other committee activity. Proud of her work building the treasurer position. Wants to do major campaign for absentee ballots in Region 7 in particular.

Millar – It has been great experience that I enjoy beyond belief. I am involved in many things because it interests me and I enjoy it. Anyone can get involved, it's just a matter of showing up and doing.

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