

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Governing Board
Final Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00pm with 16 Board members present. Nine (9) votes are needed for a motion to carry.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair
Scott Plante, Co-Chair
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer
Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Glenn Harrell (resigned during meeting)
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
Melissa Samuels (arrived late)
David Valdez (arrived late)
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump (arrived late)
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Antonio Stifano, sargeant at arms
Rebecca Ruben
Kathleen Hudson

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items *

Scott Crawford, at-large candidate:

He said that he's been a public activist since Martin Luther King. He marched with him and with other causes. President Obama appointed him to be on the Selective Service Bureau. Locally, he has also been quite actively politically, accepting appointments from Mayor Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Historical Museum, and Barnsdale Art Park, among others.

Speaking about his major themes he said there are a lot of things happening in Silver Lake right now that the public is not focused on. He supports public education. He helped raise \$10,000 for computers for a school. He is concerned about the environment and has worked to ban plastic bags in Los Angeles. He is also passionate about arts and culture, noting that we're not giving enough money to support this.

Eileen Marcuson:

She said that she is a neighbor of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson. She said there is a toxic environment surrounding the upcoming SLNC elections. She's been getting email blasts from a gmail person that has slandered Anne-Marie Johnson, Co-Chair Scott Plante, and Secretary Betsy Isroelit. All of the claims being made are incredibly vague. The person sending the emails, mpillar1987sl@gmail.com, has a vague connection to Jerome Courshon. I find this threatening.

I signed up for two Silver Lake committees. That's how I got on the list? The person wrote to her that she appears to have had 15 or more addresses over 20 years according to online information. I feel threatened. This is sick!

Glen Harrell:

He requested an extra two minutes to speak. Johnson said no.

Imagine if I had a gavel, I'd be slamming it down on table to get attention, he said. I have fought my entire life. I never I'd have to fight here. I've worked so hard at my business. For someone to damage and tear me down was wrong. I'm resigning now. I won't be part of this meeting. There was a dear customer and her husband, she said, are you sure that

you want to be on this Board? They are very lucky to have you. It's not worth it for me to be here any longer.

The Mother of an Ivanhoe Elementary School student:

She said that she'd received an email from a Silver Lake entity. There was a lie about funding for a projector for the school. The matter was tabled because there were no funds. Johnson said we will answer the question about the projector.

Treasurer Terrence Jackson explained. We will have excess funds to do this. We couldn't do it before. It will be addressed within two weeks.

Bob Lisauskas:

The Green Committee is hosting with the Silver Lake branch library a green lecture series. The final lecture will be April 18 on climate change and bio-diversity. It will focus on Silver Lake wildlife.

Also, in celebration of Earth Day, FOLAR (Friends of the Los Angeles River) will host weekend clean ups on the LA River. The Green Committee will go Saturday, April 20. See the FOLAR Facebook page for more information.

Heather Carson:

"The city Attorney sent an email that said supplemental docs should be the exception not the rule and the co-chairs decided to stop posting long agendas and if you've been to the website, all the motions and long agendas have been scrubbed from the website without a discussion. So that means that during an election season it is not possible to look up motions to evaluate the history of the board. I called the city clerk's office and she agreed that it was strange that this was done without a board vote."

Barbara Ringuette, Governmental Affairs Committee:

We're meeting with the Echo Park Community Planning group. They want to work with us. We'd like to coordinate. This will be pretty exciting. We want lots of input. Be on the lookout for information. Scott Plante said this will be on the Urban Design and Preservation Committee agenda next week.

Terry Tustin, Alliance of River Communities:

He said that he is concerned about Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's motion in 2016. This was heard by the Economic Development Committee last week. It will affect one mile on each side of the LA River. It will be catalyst for gentrification. There have been no environmental impact reports and no letters about this. Johnson asked the Governmental Affairs and Green Committees to work on this as soon as possible. Maybe get a CIS (Community Impact Statement) on file before May 1. We do have to call a special board meeting to dispense with funds. Maybe we can do this then?

Jerome Courshon:

"I am saddened that Glenn Harrell has resigned. I was one of the two people who recruited him. Our Board was functioning fairly well. We did function fairly well for almost two years. However, this board overall is disgraceful at the present time. My attempt to rectify things going wrong were met with no actions taken by anybody from our leadership. I tried. I finally whistle-blew to the City and that set things into motion even worse. There has been retribution against me ever since. And against one Board member who resigned, and against another Board member who's here. This is the kind of leadership we have. If you think I'm wrong, you're just not paying attention to what goes on here."

Lenny Davis, Senior Lead Officer, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD):

He said that violent crime in Silver Lake is significantly down. Property crime is significantly up. People are opening windows as the weather warms and leaving them open when they are not at home.

He offered kudos to the community. Next Door actually works. People shared crime stories. They did the right thing to share with neighbors and the LAPD. We hope to make arrests soon. However, we can't just actively monitor Next Door.

Separately, he said that on April 19, 20, and 21 we are having a carnival in Glassell Park to raise funds for our youth programs.

He also noted that the police department is having its 150th anniversary this year. The Northeast Los Angeles Police Station will have an open house on June 29 to celebrate.

He thanked the SLNC for the toy drive at Christmas. It was a huge success, much more so than last year. It was a great event. We will kick off again in June.

Courshon asked you're back from Hollenbeck now? Senior Lead Officer Davis replied yes. He said that he will fill in for East Hollywood as that area's senior lead officer is leaving. We hope to have that position filled this summer but it could be later.

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

She said that the City Council passed a motion about paternal leave recommendations. They will report back in 30 days so it's going through legislative process.

She also mentioned a bridge housing motion. The City's departments are now doing the feasibility study. The first such facility, the LGBT Center phase one opens on Sunday. We're very excited.

Darius Derakshan asked did you get our letter of support for bridge housing? She said that she did not. Derakshan said we supported that. It was a letter of support. We also sent a request for a bridge housing site in Silver Lake. Fox said we are looking for city-owned sites but there are few in Silver Lake within the Council District 4 area. So, we are considering private sites too.

Janis Purins asked is there any update on cut-through traffic? There was an issue with the GPS application. Fox said that that hasn't been agendized yet. Maybe in April? We are urging the Department of Transportation to report on Rowena and Waverly. We will hold a town hall in May in Silver Lake.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

She said we met with the Mayor and his staff. The Mayor spoke about our White Paper. It has five pages that explore lots of topics related to the City Budget. Mayor responded respectfully. He suggested that the Budget Advocates move toward partnerships.

4. Special Presentations and Reports:

- a. Discussion Item: LADWP presentation of the Fletcher Lane Closure and preview of the Hoover Yards Project (30min)

Michael Venturi, Public Affairs representative, Department of Water and Power (DWP):

Phase two of the Fletcher Lane Closure has been postponed until next January because of rain. We will have to take the pump station out of service. We can't do that right now.

The second project is the Hoover Street District Yard.

Jennie Tsing, Architecture Group, DWP, along with two other colleagues:

This was presented to East Hollywood in the winter. They asked us to present to Silver Lake as well. We are at the borderline of this district. We are asking for your support of the overall design, said Tsing.

Kate, Project Architect, Hoover Street Yard:

We are seeking your approval and suggestions. The goal is to move forward with the project efficiently and effectively. We are seeking common projects and goals. DWP hasn't built a new building in a few years. This site is an old street lighting yard. It's 90 years old. The goal is to increase workplace quality and safety. We want to use sites to do more with less.

Sustainability is a big driver for the DWP. Net zero energy is a goal. We have a huge commitment to electric vehicles and electric charging. Security is a big deal. There are valuable equipment and materials.

Community sensitivity is very important to the DWP. Resiliency is a huge driver for this. After a big earthquake, we want the DWP to work 24/7 to get power back on. It's seismically strong. We want to make sure that there is drinking water and power, the things that allow them to get to work after a big earthquake.

For this site, we are preserving the existing magnolias on Commonwealth. We will also do an historic street lamp memorial installation. The site will provide public charging stations along Clinton. They will provide a fast charge. We need to make sure that infrastructure supports electric cars.

To maintain vehicles, we will need variance for height limitations. The site is on the corner of Hoover and Clinton. There is a push for noise and equipment issues to be addressed.

She then showed the audience slides of the new facility. There is subterranean parking for personal vehicles. This parking is for 100 percent of the people coming to this site. So, there will be no negative parking impact for the neighborhood.

She commented that Los Angeles' iconic palm trees provide little shade. Therefore, they propose 8 replacement trees on Clinton and 4 along Hoover. These would be shade trees. The landscape is being designed to meet the amount of grey water from showers.

The auditorium seats about 150 people or 75 people for dinner seating. There will also be a warehouse. The second level has locker rooms and a fitness center. The top floor is offices. Most of the people come in at 6:30 am and then head to field. This office space is very occupied for about two hours a day.

There will be full subterranean parking. Fueling will not include CNG, the vehicles are all electric.

She noted that there is contamination coming from offsite. We will use a barrier.

We stepped down the piece toward Commonwealth to line up with the distribution center next door to minimize scale. There are sloping streets.

A Man asked what percent of cost is increased by the net zero energy aspect? He also asked about security. There will be copper pipes? Are you bringing materials into this community that will attract criminals?

Kate said the opportunity to steal from the yard has always been there. We'll put in very good security. There will be fleet maintenance. They work during the night so there will be people on site. This is safer.

Regarding the net zero aspect she said there are two big expenses: critical facilities to survive an 8.0 Richter scale earthquake. So we will have a larger PV array than what we would have. But we

made good decisions to minimize cost. We have a heavy plug load. So, net zero would account for less than 5% of construction costs.

A Woman asked are private homes next to the site? Kate said yes. The Woman asked what is the time frame? Kate deferred to the DWP. Kate said the historic building on the corner of Commonwealth and Clinton will remain and remain functional. Everything else will be new.

Another Woman asked how will the community will be involved in the building? Kate said there is a ground floor meeting room/training room. This will be available for community access. The community will be invited to use it.

Jennie Tsing said East Hollywood doesn't have a space for community meetings. So we opened up this opportunity to create this large assembly area. It will be available for the City Council and the neighborhood councils. We want to consider the safety of the neighborhood. Johnson asked will use of the facility be free for neighborhood councils? Tsing said we're not at that point yet. Johnson said to remember that we have a very limited budget.

Nora asked about a grey bar for offsite contamination?

Bonnie Parker, another DWP Representative, spoke about the California Environmental Quality Act. The project will be subject to review under this. We are required to look at a variety of environmental factors. We are working through a checklist. The key areas are transportation, noise, hazards, hazardous materials, greenhouse gases, cultural resources, and air quality.

Project schedule includes a review period in the summer of 2019, approval in the fall of 2019 and final design in the winter of 2020. This would be followed by construction from the winter of 2020 to the summer of 2022.

Parker said she can't answer the hazard question. Another group handles that. It's soil contamination. We'll get back to you.

Johnson asked is an EIR (environmental impact report) required? Negative mitigation is being prepared, said Parker. Paul asked about a timeline for demolition? Parker said 2020 -2021.

Bob Lisauskas said he's happy to hear that you're improving the streetscape. Where are the curb cuts? Will it be a safer walking the street? Parker said no because of the in and out for larger trucks. She then discussed the curb.

(Note: Anthony Crump arrived at 8:02pm.)

Janis Purins asked will construction happen outside of normal business hours? They are planning for normal business hours. They will return to the Board after the approval phase.

5. Administrative:

a. Appointment of a Region 4 Representative

Jennifer Dibs was nominated.

Jennifer Dibs said I love Silver Lake. I love what you do. She moved to the area about 1.5 years ago. She is a pet sitter and dog walker. She said she learned of the neighborhood council when a neighbor broke her ankle in a pothole. Johnson happened to walk by and gave advice. This inspired Dibs. We as people can get things done.

She would represent Region 4. I've come to Board meetings several times, she said. After a candidate forum, a guy thought I was a neighborhood council person and asked about parking issues. I'm looking forward to learning and being a part of this. She also commented that the meetings continue past her bedtime.

VOTE for Jennifer Dibs

15-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Taryn Poole

David Valdez

Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
Jerome Courshon

Because of the April 6 elections, Johnson explained that Dibs' appointment is only for a week. She now joins the Board. She has not taken training. She can't vote on financial issues. She is sworn in by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative John Darnell. This was followed by a photo opportunity.

Johnson said that she wants to move up the Urban Design and Preservation Committee presentation and the Tenants' Rights motion. Courshon asked do we want the DONE report first? Johnson said no.

9. New Business *

d. (Tenants Rights) Moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support Councilmember Huizar's Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance (CF 14-0268-S13) which was heard by the Housing Committee on March 27, 2019 and will now go to the full City Council for a vote.

Scott Plante made the motion. Jerome Courshon seconded.

Jane said there was no March 27 meeting. It was postponed. She is handing out information about the ordinance presented by Council Member Huizar two years ago to prevent harassment. The flyer has definitions of harassment. This ordinance has been a long time coming. There is a working group working with the City Attorney. We would like Council Members Ryu and O'Farrell to vote yes to protect tenants from harassment. We want to prevent evictions.

Darius Derakshan said this is awesome. I fully support this. I wish that every single tenant in Silver Lake had this. This should go to every tenant. Johnson said we should post this on our website and identify it as “pending”.

Jane asked would there be a CIS involved? Betsy Isroelit asked is this available online anywhere? Jane said it’s on my computer. She will email it to Isroelit and the Board.

Anthony Crump asked about low and middle income tenants. Jane said there is very little protection for tenants. We are asking for definitions of harassment and legal fees. We’re reworking the ordinance.

Johnson asked when does it go into Committee? It was supposed to be March 27. There was a SNAFU. We are contacting committee members, which include Council Members Krekorian and Cedillo.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b. (UDP) Move the SLNC support a Conditional Use Beverage permit (CUB) for the Red Lion Tavern at 2366 Glendale Boulevard. The CUB would be for the on-site sale of alcohol, in conjunction with an addition to the kitchen, a new storage cooler, new outdoor seating, and an ADA-accessible restroom and installation of a TV on the patio. Recommended hours of operation are as follows: Indoor: 10am to 2am daily; Outdoor Patio: 11am to 11pm on weekdays, 11am to 1am Friday and Saturday.

Scott Plante made the motion. Hannah Anderson seconded.

Scott, the Red Lion representative, said we're doing minor improvements. We want to serve a full line of alcohol. We have experienced declining sales and we feel it needs an upgrade. This won't affect capacity much. It will more affect the kitchen. This will add two parking spaces. The patio will remain enclosed. It will be much nicer. There will be sports events.

He said that he's walked the neighborhood extensively. We've received little opposition. However, one neighbor asked to keep the noise down on the patio.

We're designing construction to minimize impact. We're open to suggestions. The Zoning Administrator will also impose restrictions.

Johnson said the Red Lion has been a wonderful partner in Silver Lake. You know I will vote no. Outdoor hours on weekends to 1am were requested. For satellite tv there will be lots of people whooping and hollering. I would like that to end at 11pm.

Scott said we were hoping to be open until 2am. We reduced that at the suggestion of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. We feel that those hours are really important to us but we'll do everything that we can to keep noise down for neighbors.

Terrence Jackson said that 15 years ago, Red Lion didn't have the necessary permits for outdoor area. There should be restrictions about how loud the tv can be. Scott responded that we will limit volumes on tv. We are open to language about that. It's mostly soccer fans.

(Note: Melissa Samuels arrived sometime before 8:25pm.)

Melissa Samuels asked why watch tv outside instead of inside?
Scott said this is a patron request.

Jerome Courshon said that 3-4 years ago, this was an issue. Scott said we asked for multiple televisions but there will only be one. It is not hooked up to the speaker system. Courshon said a level should be determined. Maybe at 10pm on weekdays the sound is cut off? Scott said we are not comfortable with complete muting. Scott Plante said we did discuss this at their Urban Design and Preservation Committee presentation. No neighbors came.

Anthony Crump asked how do the current hours compare? Scott said we are asking for a two hour increase on either side.

A Woman who works at the Red Lion said that former SLNC Board member Renee Nahum calls me all the time. We want to stay a part of this community. This is our 60th year.

Christine Kantner commented that not everyone knows Johnson, who'd just said that she will vote against the motion. She asked Johnson to let the public know why. Johnson told the audience I vote no on all CUPs for alcohol. There is too much alcohol in Silver Lake. I love the Red Lion, added Johnson.

Heather Carson noted that the noise ordinance doesn't allow amplified sound after 10pm. How do you get around that? Scott said that refers to ambient noise. There will be a hotline number listed in the approval so neighbors can contact us. Plante asked him can you post it on building on the sidewalk? I love the Red Lion.

VOTE
17-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon

Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Present, Not Voting:

None

5. Administrative -- REVISITED

b. (Treasurer) Approval of February 2019 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Treasurer Terrence Jackson said there were routine items. There is about \$21,000 left at that point.

Jackson made the motion. David Valdez seconded.

Courshon noted that funding for the rest of the survey isn't part of this. Jackson said that that is correct. Courshon said that for the public record, we should get this information in advance. There has been a misinterpretation of the City Attorney by the Co-Chairs. All financial information should be provided in advance online so that everyone in the public can see it. Please fix this misinterpretation of what we're allowed to see, he urged. DONE representative John Darnell explained that the Brown Act says you must provide documents to the public at the meeting. So, technically, that is not required. Courshon disagreed.

VOTE

16-0-1-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
Jerome Courshon

Ineligible:
Jennifer Dibs

6. Old Business*

a.(Co-Chairs) Per the recommendation from City Clerk, the co-chairs move to roll over the \$1,600.00 funding for the previously approved Library Pods to fiscal year 2019-2020 in order to provide the board time to secure the required signatures in order for the project to move forward. The money will be automatically rolled over, increasing the 2019-2020 budget to \$43,600 and the completed and required Library Pod paperwork can then be re-submitted to all parties.

Plante made the motion. David Valdez seconded.

Heather Carson explained the history of the motion since it came before the Board in November and how the request was reduced and impeded by the Board.

Carson read from prepared remarks:

“-When this came to the Board in November - Betsy Isroelit and David Valdez - running on a slate with the co-chairs voted no. (and David just ran for Board of Education? and voted down a free lending library???) the board also reduced the initial request for 3 libraries down to 2 and voted down including SLNC bookmarks which would have been a terrific outreach tool. So instead, Friends of Silver Lake Library has graciously offered their bookmarks..

-After the motion passed, Anne-Marie and Scott contacted the city clerk behind my back and Scott submitted a motion to reconsider the library pods at the December board meeting. Because he agendized it incorrectly, it could not be heard.

-At the February meeting, the chairs again agendized an item to 'revisit status of the library pods'. But buried in the motion itself it said they wanted to rescind the funding altogether. This is actually a Brown Act violation. DONE advised the co-chairs not to hear the motion, but Anne Marie insisted. The vote was 5-5-5 so it failed. SLT slate members Anne-Marie, Betsy, Doug Loewy, Douglas Reed voted to rescind, Slate mates Barbara Ringuette, Taryn Poole and Janis Purins abstained as present not voting.

-After taking away the funding failed, Anne Marie immediately said she would call a special meeting and agendize it again.

-So that means that 9 of the 11 running for re-election (that were eligible to vote at the time) voted against it or didn't vote to support something they are now listing proudly as one of their accomplishments.

-Now you are trying to rollover the funds to July when it is only April

- presumably so you can vote it down when I am no longer a board member next month when a vote to rollover funds could be placed on the June agenda if even needed.

-Here is the signed final approval from DOT to release those funds to install the Triangle pod and here is an email from Paul Ruelas, the City Administrative officer for Risk Management, stating that the Friends of Silver Lake Library Board Members - of which I am now a member - are covered by general liability. This went to RAP today and should satisfy the last item on the to do list received from the City Clerk's office. “

Carson said that she wants to table the motion to the June meeting. Courshon seconded her motion.

Johnson suggested that they put this on the May agenda as old business. Carson said that she prefers June. Terrence Jackson said that the conception of this project goes back 19 months. It's complicated to install something on City property.

Courshon commented that I understand Jackson's concerns. Some of them are valid. It's almost done. Let's allow time and make it June. Finally it's getting done.

Scott Plante explained that this is to protect these funds and move forward. This ensures that funding is there. Carson said if we vote to do that tonight, we won't be able to get funding till after July. Johnson asked if we approve moving this to June, why July? Carson said we could split it since one is approved. Johnson said it wasn't agendized this way. The City Clerk would toss it out. Anthony Crump asked can we just get this done?

Johnson suggested an amended motion. The money is allocated. We will address this in June. The motion reads that \$1,600 is dedicated to these two lending libraries. It will be revisited under old business in June.

Heather Carson made the motion. Anthony Crump seconded.

**VOTE on amended motion for 6a
17-0-0-1
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed

Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Ineligible:
Jennifer Dibs

7. Administrative:

a. (SLNC Co-Chair) Per Bylaw Art. 5 Section 8: Johnson Censure (15 minutes) Motion to censure Board Member Anne-Marie Johnson for violating Bylaw Article X, Section 6: Other Election Related Language and Brown Act section 54952.2 (c)(6) by speaking repeatedly during the Elections Committee Meeting on February 27, 2019, when she was not allowed to participate in any way, and for violating SLNC Bylaw Article XIV, Section 1: Code of Civility by undermining the authority of the Committee Co-Chair when he asked Board Member Betsy Isroelit, also an observer and not allowed to participate in any way, to leave for calling Board Member Heather Carson a “B**ch”. Censure is per Bylaw Article V, Section 8: Censure of the SLNC Bylaws.

Plante made the motion. Carson seconded.

Johnson explained what happened, reading from a prepared statement:

“As reflected in the February 27th Election Committee minutes, I made a 2 minute public comment as a stakeholder and not as a board member. At one point during the meeting, two voting members made very troubling comments about Betsy, blaming her for what they assumed was a limited number of candidates running for this election. The comments were not only untrue but hurtful. For almost 2 years this one particular board member has been relentless in her personal attacks on Betsy. Criticizing her as a board member, our secretary and as a careered professional. I know from personal experience, how relentless this board

member's attacks can be. In 2013 she sent several emails to my employer demanding that I be fired for a position I took on Short Term Rentals.

During the Feb 27 meeting, the verbal attacks against Betsy hit a crescendo and Betsy used an expletive. The room became agitated and voices were raised. I intervened and asked everyone to take a deep breath and quiet their voices because there were children clearly in ear shot of the meeting room. The chair of the meeting did not appreciate the word used by Betsy and initially asked her to leave the meeting. Betsy was within her right to refuse. The chair then stated would not force her to leave. As reflected in the minutes, the meeting continued, no recess was taken, and all items of the agenda were completed on time. In fact, before the meeting was adjourned, the same person who is accusing me speaking during the meeting, asked me for guidance with regard to a motion. I did not answer her question.

It is my opinion that my freedom of speech and Betsy's must be protected. It is my opinion that I as within my rights to try to quiet the room. I am accused of talking during the meeting. I do admit I leaned into Betsy once or twice to try to cheer her up and another time to respond to a text she sent me saying she was experiencing an asthma attack. After the meeting, I offered to take her to urgent care but she refused. I opted to stay with her at her home for a few hours until her doctor was able to call in a prescription.

The state of California is very clear about comments/statements and interruptions made by stakeholders and observers during public meetings. Many a board meeting I've had to listen to this particular board member's not so quiet under the breath negative and mean comments about me and my ability to chair. I am aware other board members have chosen not to sit next to this particular board member due to her distracting behavior. But no censure has been filed against her freedom of speech. The censures filed against her last month was based on her actions and not on her words. Let's be clear about that. This board member has used profanity in this board room on more than one occasion. It is her right, no matter how offensive others may find it. It is my opinion this censure is retaliatory in nature and used as a tool to try to damage my reputation. This has been the habit of this particular board member since 2013."

Carson said that there is a double standard. Johnson said the State of California has specific rules about this. No censure has been filed about Carson's freedom of speech. It was against her actions.

Johnson added that my opinion is that this censure is retaliatory. This has been a habit of this Board member since 2013. Carson commented "It's unlikely that anyone running with Anne-Marie will vote yes on these censures. You've all witnessed in real time the wrath of Anne-Marie when you dare to stand up to her. But I will say this. Those of you voting no on this will be saying that the Brown Act doesn't matter and that the Bylaws do not matter. And this will be part of the public record for all voters to see."

Janis Purins said I wasn't there. Was the offensive language threatening? Bob Lisauskas said I'm surprised that this is even agendized. Censures are about actions and need approval from the City Attorney and DONE representative John Darnell. Taryn Poole said this does not rise to the level of censure.

Terrence Jackson said judgment involves knowing where to draw the line. Melissa Samuels said this is toxic and weird. I resent being called complicit if you vote a certain way. It's embarrassing and a waste of time. Maybe you have valid points to make but they are being lost. I won't be here in the next term. This is really a joke. Samuels, a mother of three, said this is like children at play.

Courshon commented: This is quite amazing that this Board is complaining about the Censures shouldn't be about words and freedom of speech, it should be about actions. Yet last month, this Board, in terms of retribution, these Co-Chairs did a Censure Motion against me for words, that they said I shouldn't have said. That I shouldn't have been speaking up in the meeting because I wasn't an Executive Officer. But this is priceless. The Censure against me was fucking retribution. Retribution, because I whistle-blew to the City about things that were going wrong here. This Board needs to be voted out of office on Saturday. This is shameful what's going on. And my reputation in this community has suffered because of what these Co-Chairs have done. So this Censure Motion is totally acceptable, because Code of Civility is consecrated in our Bylaws. So words do matter. The emails from "Silver Lake Together" is "words matter." You're damn right they do.

Barbara Ringuette said all of this looks like school yard behavior to me. We have had some really good things to offer to this Board and the community.

Doug Loewy said the censure against Courshon was more about action. This is different. This is not well taken.

Anthony Crump commented that I want no part of this. This is school yard behavior. The residents of Silver Lake deserve better than spending 30-40 minutes of each meeting on this.

Carson said it's not a free speech issue. It's a violation of the Brown Act. You can't participate in a meeting if a certain number of Board members are there.

Johnson said that this back and forth has not stopped this Board from getting things done. We are a respected force by the City regardless of petty infighting. This is not a Brown Act violation. I was even asked for advice by person who filed the grievance. We move on.

Anthony Crump made the motion. Taryn Poole seconded.

VOTE
2-16-0
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Heather Carson
Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

Present, Not Voting:

None

b. (SLNC Co-Chair) Per Bylaw Art. 5 Section 8: Isroelit Censure (15 minutes) Motion to censure Board Member Betsy Isroelit for violating SLNC Bylaw Article XIV, Section 1: Code of Civility by calling Board Member Carson a “B**ch” at the Elections Committee Meeting on February 27, 2019, and for violating Bylaw Article X, Section 6: Other Election Related Language and Brown Act section 54952.2 (c)(6) by disrupting the meeting when she could only observe and was not allowed to participate in any way. Censure is per Bylaw Article V, Section 8: Censure of the SLNC Bylaws.

Plante made the motion. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Betsy Isroelit apologized to Heather Carson. I should not have used that word. I’m sorry.

Heather Carson made a motion to end debate. Anthony Crump seconded. Johnson said that would require 2/3 of the Board to vote in favor of that.

Courshon said parliamentary procedure allows for debate. This is not permitted by Roberts Rules. You are mistaken. Johnson said the person may speak and call the question. Courshon said there hasn’t been a debate.

VOTE to end debate

17-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Taryn Poole

David Valdez

Darius Derakshan

Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon

Present, Not Voting:

None

VOTE on motion

1-17-0

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

Present, Not Voting:

None

9. New Business -- REVISITED

a. (Co-Chairs) Move that the board request that DONE handle the remaining responsibilities of the SLNC Elections Committee based on the following: The committee has no co-chairs.* The committee is lacking the required seven stakeholders representing the seven regions. No motions were submitted by the Elections Committee to inform the board of the lack of committee co-chairs and the lack of a full complement of regional reps. Due to these reasons and the fact the elections will take place in 3 days, we request that DONE step in to handle the remaining responsibilities of the Elections Committee.

Johnson said let's postpone this as our DONE representative John Darnell has left and can't offer guidance.

VOTE to postpone

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Barbara Ringuette

Jerome Courshon

Heather Carson

Taryn Poole

David Valdez

Darius Derakshan

Douglas Reed

Janis Purins

Anthony Crump

Douglas J. Loewy

Bob Lisauskas

Jennifer Dibs

Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c. (Outreach) Moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council create a YouTube Channel for the purpose of airing and sharing videos of select SLNC and Committee lectures, forums, gatherings, informational meetings, conversations and seminars. No committee or board meetings to be broadcasted at this time. Board Member Bob Lisauskas will create the channel and post videos.

Hannah Anderson said this is a great idea. She seconded Plante's motion.

It's an incredible tool to reach the young and the disabled, commented Taryn Poole. Johnson asked with YouTube, is it hearing impaired assisted? Someone said yes. If it's not, I can't support this. Does it provide captions, asked Johnson.

Bob Lisauskas explained that this came up through the Green Committee. Not all members could attend meetings. We want to set up a Board page as a showcase. Isroelit said that under the current budget we don't have that ability

Lisauskas said that things have been posted, low-tech, for years and are still enjoyable to watch. This doesn't have to be high tech. It will evolve. The goal is to get something started.

Sarah Ullman said we can auto-populate closed captions and then have them edited. Will meetings be uploaded as well? Lots of people can't attend given meetings. There is a serious public interest in this. It would be a real shame to not do it.

Johnson said we've been trying to do that since 2014. City requirements are a lengthy drawn out process. We can only work with City partners. YouTube may not be a partner. This is a surreptitious way to motivate them. Janis Purins noted that most of our events don't have minutes. Isroelit cautioned I wouldn't use the word "surreptitious".

Michael said we video all of our events that we have at the library. The History Committee is having a presentation on June 6 about antique cars.

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e. (Green Committee) Moves to support the committee's decision to elect committee member, Peggy Sinnott, as an additional representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA).

Plante made the motion. David Valdez seconded.

Bob Lisauskas spoke about the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. We are liaisons to this group. There have been more meetings with the Mayor's push for sustainability. Peggy Sinnott is inspired and wanted to join.

VOTE

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante

Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10. Approval of March 2019 Draft Board Meeting Minutes Link:
<http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Silver-Lake-NC-mins-3.6.19.pdf>

Darius Derakshan made the motion. Plante seconded.

Janis Purins wanted to add to his comments about the LAPD at the beginning of the meeting.

Heather Carson corrected that a public comment was by Nina Sorkin not Jane Cook. She said that on Page 8 the reference is to an illegal sign. On Page 10 use “equal in each region”. She also noted that in commented attributed to her regarding a letter, we didn’t have a letter at the meeting.

Jerome Courshon said I read a public statement at the beginning of the meeting. I’d like that included, instead of this abbreviated and incorrect version. Also, where it says that Darius Derakshan reads things, it was actually Scott Plante.

VOTE for amended minutes
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson
Scott Plante
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Barbara Ringuette
Jerome Courshon
Heather Carson
Taryn Poole
David Valdez
Darius Derakshan
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Jennifer Dibs
Melissa Samuels

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11. Reports of Officers

Plante commented about an investigation of Johnson and himself. There is no merit to that, he said.

Johnson said we will have a special Board meeting to dispense with unused funds, probably on April 18 at our office. It will be a very quick meeting. We may also deal with a CIS for tenants rights.

Jackson said that final funding for the LMU Survey has been approved at \$11,000. That took some magic. We will need to have some budget reallocation. At this point, we have in excess of \$3,000. We spent less on elections and operations. Courshon said I thought we'd already cut a cheque. Jackson said that got hung up.

13. Announcements

Nina Sorkin said we are going to have an April 25 Meet and Greet with Council Member O'Farrell from 2pm-4pm at the Silver Lake branch library. We invite mature adults. It will be a good time to discuss issues. She thanked O'Farrell's office for printing flyers and Stephanie Vendig for getting the word out.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

14. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:26pm