

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING  
Draft Minutes  
Wednesday, August 5, 2020  
7pm

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91309624810>  
or by telephone by calling (669) 900-6833  
and entering Webinar ID: 913 0962 4810

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:01pm with 19 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump, Co-Chair  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins, Co-Chair  
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair  
Maebe A. Girl, Treasurer  
Tina Lin, Secretary  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Ben Cassorla

3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Co-Chair Anthony Crump welcomed the group and explained how the meeting would work, particularly for public comment.

Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins also welcomed the group. He said that we're in the throws of a surge in coronavirus cases in Los Angeles. Encourage people to wear masks in public and to take this seriously. My brother said it's exhausting to maintain vigilance for months. It's easy to let our guard down. Now is not the time to do that. Recommit yourselves to caution and taking the extra steps to protect loved ones and people that you don't know. You have a social obligation. Let's all recommit to public safety so we can get through this together.

#### 4) Rules for action on agenda items and public input

Nicholas Fox-Robbins explained how to comment for the virtual meeting.

#### 5) General Public Comment

*Jeremy Tramer, Nithya Ramen for City Council campaign (4<sup>th</sup> District),*  
[www.nithyaforthecity.com](http://www.nithyaforthecity.com):

He said we want to keep tabs on what's going on in the district. Nithya Ramen lives in Silver Lake and is devoted to ending homelessness. She set up the SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition as well as an aid organization in India, he informed. The run-off election will be November 3.

*Hugo Soto-Martinez, Los Feliz Neighborhood Council:*

He said that he is a co-chair of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council's Outreach Committee. We had a discussion about collaboration with other neighborhood councils. We want to see what you are up to. We have collaborated with the East Hollywood and Hollywood United Neighborhood Councils. We've done tenants' rights, small business outreach, and tree planting, etc. with other neighborhood councils. I'll jump into your committees and check them out. Hopefully we can collaborate soon.

*David Wheatley:*

I've lived in Silver Lake since 1976. Thanks for your good work. Can we improve public access to meetings? I didn't see anything in the agenda that indicated how to join the meeting via Zoom so I'm on the phone only. This is a violation of the Brown Act. The political signs people should be on suspension and not allowed to vote for a month or be removed from the neighborhood council. We should have our own political statements to make. Nicholas Fox-Robbins responded that everyone with computer access can join the meeting via Zoom. The link is posted on the agenda.

*Ilanthe Zevos:*

She discussed the senior resource mailer prototype. She showed the neighborhood council what it looks like. With Dulce Stein and Stephanie Vendig and Nina Sorkin, we have a great flier and it's going out. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said it looks nice.

## 6) Announcements/Updates

*Jackie Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), (213) 978-1551, [jackie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jackie.kim@lacity.org):*

Monthly profiles went out earlier this week. Highlights include that DONE is updating its website. We will seek feedback about what changes you want. On August 31, 6:30pm there will be an input session for that.

Regarding the Social and Economic Inclusiveness Survey that was administered to Board members last month, we tabulated responses. It is available for review on the empowerla.org website. See what issues were considered important.

She also mentioned DONE's data visualization tools for the City's 311 app. See what calls are received and where they take place.

## 7) Presentations

a) (Co-Chair Fox Robbins) Presentation and discussion of timeline of events and decision-making process regarding the Urban Design and Preservation (UDP) Committee meeting regarding the Silver Lake Terrace Project.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins read a statement:

"Anthony and I want to use time at this Governing Board meeting to offer the Board and the public insights and transparency about our decision-making process regarding the Silver Lake Terrace Project. To be clear, this is not a discussion of the Silver Lake Terrace Project. This is not a vote on the Silver Lake Terrace Project. This is a discussion of the decision-making process. I will now read a prepared statement.

"The Urban Design and Preservation Committee met via Zoom on July 8, 2020 and following this meeting's adjournment, the Co-Chairs of the SLNC Governing Board were made aware of several discussions specific to the agendaized Silver Lake Terrace Project. Discussions about agenda items prior to the start of the meeting were heard being made by voting members of the committee and concerns regarding potential Brown Act violations were relayed. Separately, the Co-Chairs were also made aware

of a complaint regarding potential serial communication amongst the SLNC Board.

Following procedure, I reached out to the Office of the City Attorney and DONE to discuss these issues. I consulted with Deputy City Attorney Ruth Kwon and Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Jackie Kim. After weighing the concerns, the co-chairs decided that the follow up July 15th UDP committee meeting dedicated to singularly addressing the Silver Lake Terrace Project should be canceled.

On the morning of July 15th, an email was sent to the UDP Co-chairs informing them of the cancellation of the UDP Committee meeting and the co-chairs offered to organize a Special Governing Board Meeting to discuss the Silver Lake Terrace Project.

The SLNC Governing Board, as you are all well aware, is empowered to vote and take advisory actions. Committees are advisory to the Governing Board and the Governing Board, alone, is empowered to advise City agencies via written letters, emails, etc. following a vote that takes place in full view of the public.

The email to the UDP Chairs clarified that at the Special Governing Board meeting:

- No recommendation or vote from the UDP Committee would be considered.
- Any correspondence regarding this agenda item that was not in full view of the public would be included in the Special Governing Board agenda with the agenda item.

By noon on July 15th, the UDP's co-chairs indicated that they had no intention of abiding by the decision of the co-chairs to cancel the July 15th committee meeting. They provided their own reasoning, written in the following way:

1) The Governing Board doesn't have the authority to cancel a committee meeting for possible Brown Act violations. They can only cancel if the meeting wasn't properly noticed.

2) We still don't know what the Brown Act violation accusation is and whether or not it is valid

3) It's our understanding there was an actual Brown Act violation (serial communication) regarding this item with the entire Governing Board a couple of weeks ago. It doesn't make sense that the committee can't hear

the item because of accusations of Brown Act violations, yet the Board can after actual Brown Act violations.

4) By having the Board hear this item, we are doing a disservice to the community when the Board does not have a land use background or any expertise in the matter, but nevertheless will hear the item in full and make a determination.

5) We think the best way to serve the community is for the committee to hear the item tonight, make a determination, and forward that to the Board (as is the normal protocol), and the Board hear it at their special meeting.

Prior to talking with the UDP co-chairs to respond to their email, I conferred with Jackie from DONE and shared the UDP chairs' intention to carry on with the meeting that evening.

When I got on the phone with the UDP Chairs, it was a cordial conversation, but they informed me that they were going to move forward with the meeting regardless of the co-chairs decision to cancel.

I reiterated that the decision was made to cancel the meeting, but it was clear from our conversation that they were going to have the meeting against this prior decision. I informed them that no decision they made at their committee meeting could be sent to the City Planner without the Governing Board voting on it. They informed me that the previous Board had permitted them, in situations where time was short, to send recommendations directly to the City Planner without getting a Board vote.

I said that this decision from the previous SLNC co-chairs was not appropriate. That Committees were advisory to the Governing Board and that they, the UDP Chairs, had no authority to send a letter from a SLNC Committee to a City agency and/or to make representations on behalf of the Governing Board or UDP Committee without the issue coming before the governing board for a vote.

At 5pm that same day, July 15, before the UDP Committee meeting, another email was sent to the UDP Co-Chairs with the subject headline "A reminder for tonight", the content of which clearly stated multiple times that their decision to have the committee meeting explicitly conflicted with the decision to cancel the meeting.

They held the meeting regardless.

On July 21st and July 22nd, the SLNC received two letters from an attorney. These letters were forwarded on to the City Attorney's Office and DONE. I will now read highlighted sections from the July 22<sup>nd</sup> letter:

*Dear Messrs. Crump and Fox Robbins:*

*Our firm represents numerous the Silver Lake Terrace Neighbors Coalition and Anne-Marie Johnson ("Neighbors") regarding proposed zoning entitlements in Case No. etc. in connection with the proposed development of a single-family home at 2516 N. Silver Lake Terrace.*

*On the morning of the ZA hearing, a Board Member of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) and also a voting member of the Urban Design Committee ("UDP"), sent an email to the entire 21 member SLNC Board encouraging the Board to support the Project Entitlements. Such email was sent in violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act...*

*This email is a serial communication to discuss and try to obtain SNLC support for the Project Entitlements. It has also tainted a process which requires open and transparent review.*

*We understand that the leadership of SLNC, in a further attempt to support the Project Entitlements as illegally urged by [the councilmember], is calling for a Special Meeting of the SLNC Board for July 28, 2020. Demand is hereby made that because of the illegal serial communication to all Board Members... the SLNC Board must recuse itself from any hearing or review of the Project Entitlements...*

*It is also our understanding that one or both of you attempted to unilaterally cancel a recent meeting of the Urban Design Committee of SLNC. Such attempt was without any lawful authority and clearly done as part of the effort to have the SLNC Board support the Project Entitlements and to deny the Urban Design Committee from exercising its proper review and recommendations.*

*As you are aware, the Urban Design Committee did in fact conduct its meeting as lawfully noticed and after a proper public hearing, voted against supporting the Project Entitlements.*

*Please understand that if SLNC takes any action to support the Project Entitlements as lobbied by [the boardmember] with an unlawful email, our clients will be forced to commence formal legal action against each Board Member that wrongfully participates in such vote."*

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To recap, rather than move the vote of the Committee to be heard before the Governing Board and the public for an actionable vote, as is the proper procedure, the letter sought for the vote of the UDP committee to be the final say on the project.

This letter appeared to suggest an intent not only to sue the City or Silverlake Neighborhood Council, but also to sue each board member that took part in the scheduled special governing board meeting. Anthony and I were repulsed by a threat of legal action against individual members of the SLNC governing board, the Co-Chairs believed that this letter was written as an attempt to keep the members of the Governing Board from voting on a neighborhood construction project.

I believe, and to be clear this is my personal opinion, not a collective board opinion or that of the co-chairs, that the letter's intent in leveling legal action against individual members of this Board was an intimidation tactic to keep the Governing Board from fulfilling its duty to discuss, vote, and take action on behalf of the community. It is also my personal opinion that the letters received demonstrate that The Silver Lake Terrace Neighbors Coalition and Anne-Marie Johnson were attempting to utilize the UDP Committee to send a letter to City Planning without a Governing Board vote, in hopes of ensuring their own personal desired outcome.

In spite of our disgust, it became apparent that Anthony and I had the choice to either:

1. Open up Board members to potential legal harassment and subject Board members to potential legal risk or
2. Cancel the Special meeting, and in doing so:
  - Make the UDP Committee vote null and void;
  - Indicate that the SLNC Governing Board would make no public recommendation about this project to City Planning;
  - And make clear that the UDP Committee could make no public recommendation about this project to ANY City agency or risk responsive action from the Governing Board.

It is my personal opinion that this entire process was orchestrated by a small group of stakeholders in order to circumvent the Governing Board's process of hearing from a SLNC Committee during a Regular or Special meeting of the Governing Board, moving to a discussion in full view of the public and that included public input, and taking an actionable vote as a Body. Threats, intimidation, and attempts by any member of our community to utilize any SLNC Committee to prevent the Governing Board from discussing and taking action on a neighborhood issue, construction

project or otherwise, should be eye opening to everyone on the Governing Board and in the public.

I suggest this Board should pay special attention to ensure that no SLNC Committee is manipulated by an outspoken but small group of stakeholders and that all committees act on behalf of our community at large by allowing for their important advisory role to the Governing Board to take place without restriction, sway, or intimidation. I also suggest that the Board should determine whether or not the UDP Committee chose to circumvent the Governing Board's sole authority to send recommendations to City agencies, employees, or officials.

To be clear, no SLNC Committee is empowered to send recommendations to City Agencies prior to bringing forward their Committee recommendations to the Governing Board, in full view of the public, and having the Board vote on a course of action.

I hope that we can put this issue to rest and move forward and return to the good work for our community that we are dedicated to.”

Debbie Slater commented that as an Urban Design and Preservation Committee member, I'm speechless. We did a thorough conversation with the community. We sought additional information from the project and they complied with everything we asked. I'm horrified by this process. I have nothing further to say.

Scott Plante said that speaking as a former co-chair of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee for 9 years and a current member, there was a lot of misinformation in Nicholas Fox-Robbin's presentation about how the UDP Committee works. Letters are only sent to Planning with the clause that in time urgent matters clearing stating that the matter will be presented to the full neighborhood council and that a letter from the Board will follow. There was a complete misunderstanding about how the UDP works with Planning. I have to agree with Debbie Slater that this process was fully vetted. There was no Brown Act violation before the meeting. There was typical banter setting up the meeting. If there had been a Brown Act violation, it should have been determined by the City Attorney by now. Nicholas Fox-Robbins' statement is out of line and completely misrepresenting what was done at that meeting. Were the current UDP Co-Chairs invited to address that information?

Anthony Crump thanked Nicholas Fox-Robbins for his statement. I concur with 90% of the statement. We can't share privileged information from the City Attorney's office. There isn't a determination that a Brown Act violation was made. There were other allegations of the Brown Act.

Certain activities can be done to cure the potential violation. We decided to cancel the meeting and proceed with the special meeting.

Neither Nicholas Fox-Robbins nor I are critical of the outreach done in advance of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee meeting. The Committee has done a good job for a long time. The issue is process and procedure with alleged violations of State law and the ability of the Governing Board and the elected Co-Chairs of that Governing Board to make decisions in the best interest of the neighborhood council as a whole. In this particular case, the issue lies with the decision process of the meeting on July 15 and the activities after that. This is simply related to the decision-making process and the decisions to have that meeting after allegations of multiple violations of State law by the neighborhood council, by a body that is governing by this neighborhood council.

David Wheatley said I agree with Debbie Slater and Scott Plante. I've been a member of the UDP for several years now. I find it to be rigorous at considering pros and cons and various points of view. This Committee does not get pushed around by anyone. I hope we don't get pushed around by you. It's never been my understanding that we can just take off and do whatever we want. All decisions have to come to the neighborhood council, which is a disappointment. You guys don't know about land use. You have political banners in your screen. Those must be violations. We can't tell who the people are or who's voting. There were numerous emails by an Executive Committee member that appeared to endorse the project, which was quite horrific to me. That needs to be investigated too. You guys have a lot of work to do about the Brown Act before you start investigating us.

Christopher Crawford said I'm a neighbor on Silver Lake Terrace. I'm shocked by Nicholas Fox-Robbins' speech. It's upsetting. There are two sides to every issue. I was upset to hear him call out my neighbor Anne-Marie Johnson but there are 25 people on street trying to have our voices heard. Yes, we hired a lawyer. We want to make sure that our voices are heard. There is a monster project by the same architect a block away from us and we're trying to avoid the same fate. That house construction is poorly run and the crew is combative and blocking the streets. We are worried about encountering the same fate as the project down the street.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I read the letter from the lawyer verbatim. The letter mentions Anne-Marie Johnson.

Scott Plante asked were the UDP co-chairs invited to respond to Nicholas Fox-Robbins' statement? Anthony Crump said they weren't informed in advance. There were lots of rumours about what we did and didn't allow

to happen or be said. To avoid Brown Act violations, we can only discuss this at an open Board meeting.

We are not discussing the merits of the project. It's about the process that by which the neighborhood council deals with alleged Brown Act violations by a committee. Also, it's about the relationship between the committees and the Board. Our decisions were ignored by the Committee. We are a City agency and must follow State and local law.

Sarah Ullman said I attended the meeting on July 15. They passed a motion to withhold the jurisdiction of this project from the Board. How can we move forward and educate the co-chairs about the role of the Committee and what is or not a proper motion? I was recused from that meeting. That motion almost unanimously passed. That decision put into doubt for me other decision-making processes if there is a misunderstanding of what the role of the Committee is. Is there educational material that we can work with the co-chairs on to make them more educated about the Committee?

Lena Kaderali read a July 8 email that she sent regarding the UDP meeting. That may have set some wheels in motion regarding our discussion this evening.

She said I tuned into tonight's UDP meeting and wanted to share a few concerns. I was a recused silent observer but joined the meeting early about 6:10pm but then dropped off and rejoined the meeting at about 6:20pm. I dropped off because I heard discussion that may have been intended to be private and not intended for my ears. I joined again closer to the meeting and again heard discussion between voting members of the Committee and one of the Co-Chairs.

The later discussion was about how to strategize to discredit the project emails. They may have noticed that I joined and pivoted by stating we should wait to discuss agenda items once the meeting begins. Another Co-Chair who recused because she lived within 500 feet of the project, commented as a neighbor. Are the rules for UDP different? It seems to me that the spirit of the rule would be to totally recuse if you are at all conflicted. This was my first UDP meeting and I was a bit shocked at how the Committee is run.

Lena Kaderali also noted that that discussion with the co-chairs involved certain people who are participating in tonight's meeting as well.

Samantha Danner read a prepared statement. She said I would like to remind everyone that we are volunteers on this Board. I feel that this entire issue is such a misuse of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Board's limited and volunteer time to deal with the actual emergencies and crises that are facing our community right now. I don't think I need to remind anyone that we face the ongoing homelessness crisis here in LA, and a pandemic crisis that involves loss of income, loss of jobs, threats of evictions, and worsening homelessness and the coronavirus crisis. I have no opinions or thoughts regarding the project in question, I just want to remind everyone what an incredible privilege it is to be about to argue about a multi-million-dollar single family home while so many people are dealing with literal life and death issues.

Responding to Sarah Ullman's questions, Anthony Crump said we can reiterate to the committees what our rules are. We can seek advice from DONE and communicate that to the committees. There may need to be an adjustment to our Standing Rules. We can share Standing Rules and Bylaws and DONE rules.

Imran Syed said that in situations like this, is the SLNC represented by the City Attorney? If yes, why was the attorney communicating with us as a representing party? Anthony Crump said that yes, the City Attorney represents us. As soon as we received the letters we forwarded them to the City Attorney. There were many communications between Nicholas Fox-Robbins and I and the City Attorney.

Debbie Slater said that the motion that Sarah Ullman cited was brought up at the first meeting about the motion, not at the July 15 special meeting.

## 8) Committee Reports

Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee: Seth Copenhaver said the group will meet for the first time on August 10, 7pm. The co-chairs will be determined. Invite friends.

Outreach Committee: Seth Copenhaver said the group will meet in August after next week.

Government Affairs Committee: Barbara Ringuette said we need to have a meeting to elect co-chairs. I'm looking for topics to discuss.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said we have a survey of what we should be doing this coming year. People said we should discuss equity in distribution of resources, homelessness and affordable housing, COVID19, and balancing the budget, among other issues. We are forming committees.

LGBTQ Plus Alliance: Maebe A. Girl said the group will meet August 20 at 7pm. For the September meeting, Mayor Garcetti will speak. The date is yet to be determined.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the group hasn't met.

Alliance of River Committees: Barbara Ringuette said the group will meet the second Tuesday of September and Mayor Garcetti will attend our meeting. This affects Regions 7 and 8. I'll send an email reminder of that date.

## 9) Administrative

a) (Co-Chairs) Move to select a Region 7 representative to fill a vacancy due to resignation.

*Cameron Bard nominated himself.*

*Dylan Kario nominated himself* and said that he wants to learn more about the responsibilities of the position.

Paul Gamzon said that he seconded the nomination of Cameron Bard.

Anthony Crump discussed the roles and responsibilities of the position. That Board member must also participate in the Reservoir Committee. Nicholas Fox-Robbins added that there is required training too as well as an expectation to become familiar with Roberts Rules.

Cameron Bard said these are strange, difficult, and sad times. Despite this moment, grass roots democracy is more important than ever. He said that he is co-chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee along with Paul Emmons.

I believe that we've accomplished a good deal, including removal of red paint, the installation of turn restrictions, partnering with Street Services for potholes, a safety issues survey, and helping a stakeholder determine how to get rid of used fire extinguishers. The Committee has a close relationship with shareholders and agencies. I hope to bring passion to the table.

Dylan Kario said that he lives near the Los Angeles River. He is an organizer with Street Watch LA and a volunteer with SELAH. He is interested in fighting for food and housing justice as well as homeless outreach along the LA River as part of Street Watch. He is a proponent of direct action. He said that he'd be happy to bring some of that to this council.

Debbie Slater said that both men sound very qualified. However, she supports Cameron Bard. She was disappointed that he lost in the

election. She works with him on the Transportation Committee. He has good qualities.

Albert Andrade said that he's a native Angeleno who's known Dylan Kario since middle school. He's a great community member. I'm proud of him for speaking up.

Sarah Ullman said that she supports Cameron Bard. It's been a pleasure to get to know him over the years. His diligence is impressive. I look forward to working on the Reservoir Committee with him. He is a bridge to a less engaged part of the neighborhood. He can encourage more stakeholders to work with us.

Jeremy Black asked do we need to verify stakeholder status with DONE? Anthony Crump said we'll do that next with Jackie Kim. Jeremy Black commented that Cameron Bard has run for this seat before when we all ran. His diligence and perseverance should be noted. I support his candidacy.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that there are a couple of written comments. He also said to the candidates, thank you for wanting to be involved. This requires a very special character. Whomever losses, please stay involved.

Scott Gamzon said that he's in favor of Cameron Bard. I've seen his work on the Transportation Committee. He's open to new ideas and responsive to stakeholder concerns.

Samantha Danner said that she supports Cameron Bard. She ran on a slate with him two years ago. She urged Dylan Kario that, regardless of this election outcome, we encourage you to join the Homelessness Committee.

Paul Emmons said that it has been a pleasure to have him serve on the Transportation Committee as co-chair. I highly recommend him.

Maebe A. Girl said either candidate would be a fantastic choice. I admire Cameron Bard's diligence and commitment. I also like what I heard from Dylan Kario. We would like to have you join the Homelessness Committee. What is your involvement with Street Watch LA?

Dylan Kario replied that he became involved with them after the pandemic emerged, as they've switched from police watch to community outreach. My main involvement has been as a Silver Lake local with weekly food and water production and distribution. Within the last two weeks, we set

up a sub-local group for the LA River to reach people who haven't been reached. I've loved getting involved the last couple of weeks.

Regarding committee interest, Cameron Bard said that he's been involved with the Transportation Committee and would like to serve as co-chair of the Silver Lake Reservoir Committee. It is a resource for the entire City and broader State. In the Transportation Committee, we've offered small but tangible results for stakeholders.

Dylan Kario said that the Homelessness, LGBTQIA, Transportation, and UDP Committees all interest me. I want all of our neighbors' needs met. For the Reservoir Committee, I want to work with neighbors to maintain a safe and habitable public space.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that former Board member Janis Purins wrote that he supports Cameron Bard. He would be an excellent representative for Region 7. I can attest that he lives within Region 7.

An anonymous email asked the candidates if Region 7 stakeholders express an interest that is contrary to that of the City at large, what would you do?

Dylan Kario replied that I would analyze through a lens. Would it be from an overrepresented group? I would seek data to back up my opinion.

Cameron Bard said that he would hold discussions. The job of the representative is to represent the entire community. Decision making must be open and transparent.

Jackie Kim asked the candidates to email her their addresses to proceed with stakeholder status verification.

An anonymous attendee asked Cameron Bard, since he was part of former Board member Anne-Marie Johnson's slate of candidates, what is his allegiance to her?

Cameron Bard replied that I bring my whole self to the job, as a parent, Biden Campaign volunteer, and as someone who works in energy. There is no predisposed allegiance to cloud his judgement. I understand that this is coming from a position of concern. I'm fully independent.

Imran Syed said he'd like to keep following up with that question. I'd like more clarification about that subcommittee and your involvement with information about the co-chair saying the meeting could not go forward. Can you clarify?

Cameron Bard said I truly know little about the project. I ran with a number of Silver Lake Together contestants, many of whom are active on committees. I've not been in contact with most of them since election. I'm not involved with UDP. I would bring a fresh perspective.

Jackie Kim announced that both candidates are verified stakeholders.

**Votes for Cameron Bard – 19 votes:**

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali

**Votes for Dylan Kario – 0 votes:**

None

Cameron Bard now joins the Board. There are 20 members present now.

b) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from the July 1, 2020 Regular Governing Board Meeting.

*Tina Lin made the motion to approve the July 1 minutes. lanthe Zevos seconded.*

Sarah Ullman asked will my statement be added? It was a comment on the Nina Sorkin motion at the end of the meeting. *Tina Lin said that she will amend the minutes to add Sarah Ullman's comments. Anthony Crump seconded the amendment.*

**VOTE for amendment  
19-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

**VOTE for amended motion**

**18-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
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Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein

Mark Duncan  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Cameron Bard

(Note: Richard Emmons was away and did not vote.)

c) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from the July 9, 2020 SPECIAL Governing Board meeting.

*Tina Lin made the motion to approve the July special meeting minutes.  
lanthe Zevos seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**14-0-5**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Cameron Bard

Mark Duncan  
Lorraine Getz  
Lena Kaderali  
Dulce Stein

f) (Treasurer) Move to approve the June Monthly Expenditures Report (MER).

*Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Samantha Danner seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said we had an \$18,913.64 beginning balance for June. The net balance after June was \$11,708.51. This was before the \$7,000 grant to Mayberry Elementary. However, that is still up in the air.

Lena Kaderali noted a typographical error in the minutes. It's not "condemn" but "condone". She'll email Tina Lin about it.

(Note: New Board member Cameron Bard is not eligible to vote on financial issues as he has not completed his training.)

**VOTE for MER**  
**19-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Cameron Bard

(Note: Richard Emmons returned and voted.)

d) (Secretary) Discussion and possible action on GoDaddy server and costs

Tina Lin said that in reviewing the GoDaddy accounts, she spoke with the webmaster. The email accounts cost about \$5 per person per month. Also, there are several emails for committees and general emails (e.g. newsletter, executive committee).

Other neighborhood councils use free Gmail accounts. Maybe that is something we would consider? It could save \$1,800 over the year. There is no motion for this item. It's for discussion, she said.

Debbie Slater asked can we verify with Jackie Kim from DONE to use Gmail accounts? Jackie Kim said neighborhood councils can use whatever emails they choose. There are no specific City vendors for websites.

Samantha Danner added that this email server has a terrible spam filter. I get lots of spam so perhaps it's less secure than regular Gmail accounts. I'm not a big fan of our current email.

Jeremy Black said this is long overdue. It will save us some money. Gmail is very secure. Anthony Crump commented that Gmail provides the City's "lacity.org" email services.

Ilanthe Zevos said I support this. However, there is the question of implementation to avoid interruption of service.

Nora Goudsmit commented that I don't enjoy the platform that we have. She expressed concern about being on the receiving end of public records questions. What would we do to keep emails separate? How will emails be controlled after our terms are done?

Maebe A. Girl said I have mixed feelings. I'm not a fan of our current email host. It's not easy to navigate. However, an @slnc org email address seems more professional.

Paul Emmons said I echo the other comments. The spam filter is poor. Our Pasadena Fire Department emails are via a Gmail server. It's very easy. The only question is saving email addresses. I think we can't do that. Samantha Danner said we can use domain aliases.

Barbara Ringuette said that Christina is very helpful with email addresses. Can she assist with Gmail? Tina Lin said that she will research this and come back to the Board next month. We want a smooth transition and we want it to be cost effective. These are all good points.

e) (Chair) Discussion on providing Zoom login to Committee co-chairs for committee meetings.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we previously voted to provide logins for committee co-chairs to start their own meetings. It had fallen on Tina Lin's shoulders. It's been an unwieldy process. This is a check in to see how the process has gone.

Tina Lim said I have not had any serious login issues. There have been no abuse issues. There are more issues with Zoom. For example, the Green Committee meeting was cancelled last week because they weren't able to add participants.

She asked Jackie Kim can we get separate user accounts so committee chairs can log in? Jackie Kim said that committee meetings should not be on the same evening.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said there is a motion on the agenda regarding records for committee meetings. In the UDP debacle, I was faced with a decision (the Zoom account is under my name). I had the ability to cancel the meeting outright but did not feel comfortable doing that. This became a conflict. That is something to think about. More DONE research needs to be done for committees to have official neighborhood council Zoom accounts. Jackie Kim said that she will discuss it with DONE. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we won't book committee meetings on the same day to allow stakeholders to attend multiple meetings.

g) (Treasurer) Motion to re-approve the ACS accrual expenditure for Hunger Action LA/Mayberry Elementary School that was originally approved for FY 2019-20 in the amount of \$7,000. Due to an error in mailing address, the original check was not received/cashed before the end of FY 2019-20 and the City Clerk has allowed the SLNC to resubmit the check using FY 2019-20 funds but requires us to re-approve this via board motion. The original BAC is attached for reference.

Maebe A Girl explained that we voted to give \$7,000 for Mayberry Elementary to be taken from our fiscal year budget for 2019-2020. The

cheque went to the wrong address. The City Clerk will allow us to resubmit this. The motion has already been approved but we must revote on it in this fiscal year. *Lena Kaderali seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.* I made a typographical error and it went to the wrong address, she explained. Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that we did have a robust discussion about this previously.

**VOTE for 9g**  
**19-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Mark Duncan  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Cameron Bard

h) (Chair) Move to elect a new Assistant Secretary

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

Sarah Ullman has served as Assistant Secretary, said Nicholas Fox-Robbins. We thank Sarah Ullman for serving in that capacity.

Tina Lin said that she is seeking help with any aspect of the assistant secretary role. It can be anything that you're interested in. It can be new ideas. I'm open to all of it. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the Secretary is the grease on the wheels for the Governing body. Tina Lin has done an incredible job, following Seth Copenhaver, who also did an incredible job. It's an incredibly important position that asks a lot.

*Albert Andrade nominated himself.*

Sarah Ullman offered thanks to new Secretary Tina Lin and former Secretary Seth Copenhaver. I've loved serving in this role. I would love to continue but I'm busy with the election and opposing gun violence. This role is appointed rather than elected, she noted. Nicholas Fox-Robbins thanked her for the clarification.

Nora Goudsmit asked does the position have to be Board member? Anthony Crump responded I don't know. Jackie Kim said that she is looking it up. Sarah Ullman commented that's why I brought the difference up.

Tina Lin noted that our Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Instagram has transitioned to Imran Syed. I hope that more people respond. His first posts get 3 times more likes than my posts did.

*Maebe A. Girl nominated Scott Gamzon and Imran Syed. Both declined.*

*Dulce Stein nominated herself.* I would like to work with Tina Lin. I suck at technology but I'm good at ideas and reaching out to community, she said.

Jackie Kim said your Bylaws are silent about this. Anthony Crump noted that this is in the category as Parliamentary, which is also a non-Board member.

Jeremy Black asked Sarah Ullman does it matter whether the person is a Board member? Sarah Ullman said I don't think it's necessary. It's really about what you want to offer. Perhaps there should be two assistant secretaries? Having a member of the public support outreach is a wonderful thing.

Albert Andrade said that he is a native Angeleno. He is a post-production producer of movies. He has experience with software. I want to get more involved. I'm unemployed with lots of free time. He said that he is a

member of the Upright Citizen's Brigade comedy group where he created a database system and did lot of community outreach. He has the skill set and wants to be more involved.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made an amendment: appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries to support our elected Secretary. Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

Jeremy Black asked do we need to amend the Bylaws? Anthony Crump said that it's not in the Bylaws. It's in the Standing Rules. It's not clear that it needs to be one person. It can be multiple positions.

**VOTE for amendment**

**16-2-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Mark Duncan  
Ianthe Zevos  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz  
Nora Goudsmit

Present, Not Voting:

Dulce Stein

*Jeremy Black made a motion to allow chairs to appoint by acclamation. Anthony Crump said that is not allowed by the Standing Rules.*

**VOTE for Dulce Stein**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

**VOTE for Albert Andrade**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
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Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
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Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

i) (Treasurer) Discussion and possible action regarding the current SLNC financial outlook

Maebe A. Girl explained that we started the new fiscal year on July 1 with \$32,000. About \$300 has been spent so far in outreach. Regarding NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grants), we began with \$12,500. We now have \$4,730 left. A couple of days ago, we received our confirmed rollover. For September I will submit a proposed budget with an extra \$4,708.51 rolled over. I'll recommend that it goes to NPGs. However, do not take that into consideration tonight.

## 10) New Business

a) (Denisse Marquez) Move to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for up to \$500 to ACS Relay for Life Leadership Committee for the Relay for Life event.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that Denise Marquez is not here. She has requested an NPG for \$500 for the Relay For Life event. Barbara Ringuette seconded the motion.*

Lena Kaderali said I have no information about this. This is the same amount as in the last fiscal year. However, because of COVID19, the event was cancelled. It was to be in March. The City Clerk requested that we seek either a refund or an application to repurpose the funds.

We had a difficult time with the prior motion maker with getting a refund or an attempt to repurpose the funds. They did finally refund the money but with no help from the original motion maker. It was not Denise Marquez.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the money would be for T-shirts for the American Cancer Society. The SLNC would be a sponsor. The relay now scheduled for October 3 but it is being rescheduled to April 2021. It was originally June 2020.

Debbie Slater noted that this Board overwhelming supported this at the original meeting.

Jeremy Black said that he's not optimistic that this can happen in April because of COVID19. No one is here so I recommend that we not approve this. Give funds to organizations that more urgently need this.

Nora Goudsmit asked if \$500 is not used for that event, can we still give money to the American Cancer Society? Lena Kaderali said we would need a repurposing motion from the organization to do that.

*Sarah Ullman made a motion to table this until we know the date is firm and a motion maker is here for Nora Goudsmit's suggestion. Jeremy Black seconded.*

Anthony Crump also suggests tabling. *Sarah Ullman said to table this until the motion maker can attend.* Paul Emmons said you would need to agendaize it to bring it up at the next meeting.

**VOTE to table amended motion 10.a.**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black

Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

b) (Ullman/Copenhaver) Move to make mandatory the recording of all virtual Committee meetings, the archiving of those recordings, and the distribution (posting) of those recordings on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council website effective immediately.

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Seth Copenhaver said we are best at what we do when we have more community involvement. Now that we're in the Zoom era, it's as simple as hitting record. We owe it to the community to make sure that they have as much information as possible.

Albert Andrade said I support this to keep the public involved. Not everyone has internet access. Ianthe Zevos agreed, saying that is important for outreach. However, not everyone on a committee that I sit on is in favor. We have to weigh that. Unlike a physical public meeting where you can sit off camera, there is no way to opt out at a Zoom meeting.

Tina Lin commented that I understand that minutes are still necessary for committees even if there is a recording. They still need to be posted. Our website has been putting links to Zoom recordings in a special section. That's not in the minutes section now.

Anthony Crump said this does not replace the need for written minutes. Nora Goudsmit said it's a measure of support for stakeholders. It's also good for the Board to be able to check in on committees.

Sarah Ullman said that Ianthe Zevos' point is well taken. Participants can choose whether or not to have their cameras on. For example, a stakeholder tonight didn't offer her name and submitted a question via chat. You don't have to expose yourself to participate in the meeting.

Cameron Bard said that he supports the measure, adding that this is a good process to undertake. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that it all gets

recorded in one place on my Zoom account. Mark Duncan asked who owns the recording? He expressed concern about privacy.

Tina Lin said that Zoom records it. It stays on their server. Our website links to their server. People can download the entire files, video or audio. Sarah Ullman said that the recorder of Zoom does not own them. These are public domain records. Anthony Crump said it's an important element. Educate the public about avoiding using their image and hiding their identity.

*Paul Emmons made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

**VOTE to extend the meeting by 10 minutes  
Unanimous  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
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Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Fayna Sanchez said that she supports having a database of old meetings that we can reference. It will be a really great asset.

Lena Kaderali asked when would the recording begin? Anthony Crump recommended when a meeting is called to order. Paul Emmons said the recording begins when the host starts recording. Sarah Ullman asked what is the default setting?

**VOTE for 10.b**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
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Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Fox Robbins) Move to create two designated liaisons to the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA), known collectively as "SLIA Liaisons", whose role would be to encourage and support the maintenance of and cultural programming within the Sunset Triangle Plaza and to maintain a positive and fruitful working relationship with the SLIA. It is further moved that the SLNC

consider the nominations of board members Maebe A. Girl and Seth Copenhaver for the positions.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I'll remove the bottom half of the motion. We want to create two liaisons to the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA). Their role would be to encourage a fruitful relationship with the SLIA and support the maintenance and cultural programming at the Silver Lake Triangle Plaza. *Dulce Stein seconded Nicholas Fox-Robbins' motion.*

Mark Duncan asked does the SLIA do anything aside from the Silver Lake Triangle Plaza? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said no. I failed to reach out to Genelle LeVin of the SLIA about this motion. There was misunderstanding about the intent of the motion. The point of the motion is not oversight of the SLIA. The point is to facilitate a positive relationship with the SLIA, one of the oldest non-profits in the neighborhood. This is a relationship that is currently underutilized.

These liaison roles are about fostering relationships and communications and developing a positive rapport. He suggested Maebe A. Girl and Seth Copenhaver as liaisons. Maebe A. Girl is in that region. Seth Copenhaver has a good relationship with that group.

*Debbie Slater made a request to table this until next month. This feels rushed. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I'm fully in support of that. There is no rush for this. He withdrew the motion.*

Mark Duncan asked can we have some oversight for the rest of the committees? Why just for Silver Lake Plaza? Anthony Crump said the motion has been pulled. A discussion is now out of order.

## 11) Future Agenda Items

Agenda item 10.c and the Relay for Life NPG will be discussed, said Anthony Crump.

The RYLAN program (Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood) is doing virtual emergency preparedness now, said Seth Copenhaver.

Sarah Ullman said to appoint a replacement for the alternate for the Master Plan Work Group. She also submitted a motion regarding a community grant project.

Mark Duncan said residents asked for signs regarding people and pets walking in streets. Buy more "Slow Down Silver Lake" signs, he urged. Paul Emmons said this should come before the Transportation Committee.

## 12) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:10pm.