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**GOVERNING BOARD**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

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- I. Call to Order at 7:09 p.m.  
In Attendance: Judy Borstein, Michael Locke, Roberto Haraldson, Jacqueline Rivera, Robin Dakin, Jeff Hradec, Rusty Millar, Genelle LeVin, Luis Lopez, Laura Dwan, Gena Nason, Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov, Barbara Dakin, Martin Hittelman, Lorraine Kells, Jason Lyon  
Absent: Garry Willis, Peter Choi, Jane Renahan
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2005 as distributed.
- III. Correspondence
  - a. Summary of the Community Meeting Co-Sponsored by the SLNC on Phase II of the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan
- IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items  
Deborah Lugo – Stakeholder. Please approve a letter to have an investigation by Laura Chick's office into work done on her home that is being protested by Building & Safety.  
Carol Knapp – Stakeholder. Please support Ms. Lugo's request.  
Bea Gold – Silver Lake Seniors. Thanks to the Board for the use of the SLNC office this summer for our Story Writing Class. We're going back to the Recreation Center now for the Fall. It was great.
- V. Special Presentations & Reports
  - a. CITY CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK - Campaign Finance Reform in Los Angeles. Would like us to support Full Public Financing of campaigns. Cannot be General Fund money. Main questions to discuss/solve: What are the sources and costs for campaigns? Do we increase parking fines, which could then fully fund elections? How do we handle wealthy candidates and too much special interest money controlling the elections? How do we deal with the general apathy across the city about elections?
  - b. SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Damian Carroll, Field Deputy for State Senator Jack Scott, represents part of Silver Lake (21<sup>st</sup> District). Authored the following bills approved by the Senate and awaiting the Governor's signature or veto: SB207 – Vehicle Impoundment. Multiple DUIs could lead to impounding your car. SB794 -- Seamless vocational education from high school to Community College. SB72 - CSU campuses allowed to offer doctorate degree in education. Women in Business Awards coming up on Wed. 10/19 in Pasadena. Carroll will tour local high schools and provide non-partisan overview of upcoming propositions.

- c. HOLLYWOOD BEAUTIFICATION TEAM – Sharyn Romano, President on Building HBT home and Graffiti Program Update (request for Board action). On Sunday 9/11 will plant more trees in honor of firefighters killed on 9/11/01 (have planted almost for all who perished). Getting expensive to respond to requests – would prefer to work with us more closely on a more regular basis. Current quarters are too small for their staff and activities. Purchased property across the street on Cherokee Ave. Have design contributed. Green and affordable. We want all the community to help us build. Please pledge your general support of this project and that you will make a commitment to do out reach for us on behalf of the project.

M/S/P (Dwan) The SLNC should write a letter of support to formally encourage our stakeholders to participate and volunteer in this project and attend their kickoff event.

Locke votes no. Hittelman abstains.

- d. BEING ALIVE LOS ANGELES SILVER LAKE SITE - Demetri Moshoyannis, Executive Director. Opening a second site, 2640 Griffith Park Blvd. here in Silver Lake, providing HIV and AIDS support services to members HIV and AIDS. Grand opening on Sun. 9/18.

#### VI. Reports of Officers

- a. Co-Chairs: Haraldson: Together with Boardmember Gold has been compiling office procedures into a book. Meeting this morning at Garcetti's office re: Street Services. Regional Reps should note potholes and turn in that list to the CD-13 Field Office. Lyon: We put out bid for website upgrade and have awarded it to a local business, Beetlefish. Last night the BONC reconsidered the Council File issue – voted 5-1 to recommend 3 NCs together can create a Council File. The State Senate has passed a Gay Marriage bill, thanks largely in support to the lobbying of the City of Los Angeles, inspired by this board. Next month we will be meeting at the Russian Orthodox Church.
- b. Vice Chair – no report
- c. Treasurer (Note: Treasurer's report may include adoption of budget updates or changes)- Please note that our phone bill is \$100/month and our monthly meeting fee is \$90. Be aware of available grants. I have petty cash tonight.
- d. Secretary – CD-13 has to vacate their quarters by November 1. If you currently have a committee scheduled there, please think about either rescheduling at the SLNC office or somewhere else and let us know so we can make the changes on our schedule.

#### VII. Committee Reports

- a. ELECTION COMMITTEE: Presentation of Candidates for the 2005-2006 SLNC Governing Board. Error on the newest brochure for Region 4. CD-13 prepared banners, ready to be hung, need some help. Candidate statements due tomorrow. All will be emailed out to entire database. Should reconsider Walking Man distribution next year – did not seem to fully hit. Some candidates became write-ins as their proxies were not accepted at the mandatory candidate meeting on 8/17. The Independent Election Administrator recommended the write-in names be included in the election information in brightly colored paper as a way to reconcile this situation.

M/S (Lyon) the Board recommend to the IEA to reconsider his position on making those candidates who did indeed determine a Proxy to attend the meeting, as "write-ins". Lyon withdraws after Board discussion. M/S/P (Governing Board) to take rest of committee reports at a maximum of 1 minute each.

- b. Arts & Culture – tabling current projects for time being. Check out 9/11-inspired art at office.
- c. Beautification – Voted to install another round of art cans, dog park improvements, Ralph's parking lot beautification. Looking into artistic crosswalks.
- d. Community Liaison – n/a
- e. Elections – see above Election Committee report.
- f. Governmental Affairs – Discussing loitering at Ralphy's lot, issues with Sunset Junction, correspondence notebook
- g. History Collective – meeting this Sunday at the SL Community Church, collecting Oral History from long-time church attendees.
- h. Neighborhood Pride Initiative – n/a
- i. Outreach – covered in elections.
- j. Parks & Green Space – Conceptual drawings of Gateway to Silver Lake rock work.
- k. Public Safety – DOT and City traffic dept did study of 2 Freeway and determined to close Glendale Blvd. South offramp to thru traffic. Flashing sidewalk near Trader Joe's approved. Appeal for CERT training registrations.
- l. Urban Design & Preservation – 7 unit condo at 1650 Silver Lake Blvd. We asked builders to explore co-funding with DOT for underground parking. Café Danang on 2841 Sunset seeking alcohol license. They have to resolve valet parking issue (we requested). Seeking early notifications of demolition permits from Building & Safety.
- m. Youth & Families – survey developed by our Director of Animal Welfare re: animals in the neighborhood.

VIII. Consent Agenda -- a. has been pulled

a. **RESOLUTION** Supporting Full Public Financing of Elections (Lyon)

**Whereas** A coalition of City Council officials, including Councilmember Eric Garcetti and City Controller Laura Chick, support full public financing of elections, also known as a "Clean Money System"; and

**Whereas** the City Council is currently considering Garcetti's motion (Council File #05-1536) requesting a study of the feasibility of enacting a Clean Money system in Los Angeles; and

**Whereas** there is a growing local and national call for campaign finance reform, such as the Clean Money systems recently enacted in Maine and Arizona; and

**Whereas** the perception exists that the candidate who raises the most funds in a race will almost certainly win the election, amounting to a system of selling public offices to the highest bidder; and

**Whereas** economic privilege should not be a passport to office, and lack of economic access should not be a barrier to public service; and

**Whereas** neighborhood councils are charged with increasing citizen participation in government, and the ability to raise funds from private sources has long proven a barrier to participation as an elected official;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports full public financing of campaigns for public office.

Amendment (Choi) Supporting the LA City Council Motion (Council File 05-1536) introduced by Councilmembers Eric Garcetti, Wendy Greuel and Bill Rosendahl, requesting a study of full public financing for City elections.

**Whereas** full public funding of elections will level the playing field, de-power monied special interests and free both candidates & incumbents from time-consuming fundraising, allowing them to focus instead on their constituents and their issues.

Therefore be it resolved that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council Motion (Council File 05-1536) presented by Councilmembers Garcetti, Greuel and Rosendahl requesting a study of the feasibility and potential costs of enacting a Clean Money campaign system in Los Angeles for all elected officials in the City of Los Angeles.

M/S/P (Bougart-Sharkov) to table this motion and allow time for wordsmithing of new motion.

R. Dakin votes no.

b. **RESOLUTION** Welcoming Being Alive Los Angeles to the Silver Lake Community (Lopez):

**Whereas**, Being Alive is a nonprofit membership organization created and operated by and for people living with HIV/AIDS that engenders a sense of independence and self-determination in its members and builds a healthier and more powerful community of HIV-positive people; and

**Whereas**, Being Alive will launch a range of social support services in the Silver Lake community at its new home, located at 2640 Griffith Park Boulevard, at the corner of Hyperion; and

**Whereas**, Being Alive accomplishes its mission through a comprehensive array of emotional support, treatment education, prevention, advocacy, wellness and social services; and

**Whereas**, the Being Alive Center in Silver Lake will position the organization to better serve the LA area, particularly the eastern parts of the city, as an entry point into the HIV/AIDS care system for newly identified people most in need of services; and

**Whereas**, in Los Angeles more than 52,000 people are living with HIV/AIDS and 1 out of 5 people do not know they are infected; and

**Whereas**, Silver Lake is home to many residents living with HIV/AIDS; and

**Whereas**, Silver Lake celebrates its traditions of diversity, innovation, and harmony,

**Now Therefore**, be it resolved that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council officially welcomes Being Alive to the Silver Lake community and salutes Being Alive's board, staff, and volunteers for their ongoing commitment and leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

**Resolved** this seventh day of September, Two Thousand and Five.

B. Dakin leaves the meeting

IX. New Business

a. **RESOLUTION: M/S/P 11-1-4** Opposing Proposition 76 (Hittelman) Yes: Borstein, Locke, Haraldson, Hradec, Millar, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Choi, Hittelman, Kells No: R. Dakin Abstain: Rivera, LeVin, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov

**Whereas** Proposition 76 will appear on the November 8, 2005 Special Election called by Governor Schwarzenegger at a cost of over \$50 million, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 substantially revises, not amends, the Constitution of California by giving the governor the authority to unilaterally reduce spending and suspend mandates - a fundamental shifting of the balance of power over the budget to any governor, and

**Whereas** both California public K-12 and Community College per student funding rank below more than 40 other states in the United States, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 makes sweeping changes to the Proposition 98 guarantee resulting in a reduction of \$3.8 billion per year to the long-term Proposition 98 school and community college spending guarantee (according to the California Budget Project), and

**Whereas** Governor Schwarzenegger has already tried to cut vital programs and even tried to take away the pensions and survivor benefits from the widows of fallen police and firefighters and Proposition 76 would give the governor and every future governor the power to do all these things and worse, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 allows any governor to declare a fiscal emergency whenever he or she wants and then cut any programs (including Proposition 98 protected funding for K-12 and community colleges) - even in years when the state is running a surplus, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 would cap revenues that support the 1991 shift of health, mental health and human services programs from the state to county governments, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 would likely force an increase in local taxes as state supported programs including police and fire protection and health care for children and seniors are reduced and the slack is necessarily picked up at the local level, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 is a poorly drawn up proposition written by the president of a big business group that lobbies for tobacco, oil, insurance and other notoriously anti-consumer interests, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 would establish a new limit on state spending that would run counter to the realities of the budget cycle by paradoxically allowing "the state to spend more than it brings in when the state heads into an economic downturn, but less than it brings in during a recovery" (California Budget Project), and

**Whereas** Proposition 76 would prohibit the state from spending fee revenues (such as California State University student fees) for their intended purposes in years when total state revenues exceed the new spending cap, and

**Whereas** Proposition 76, according to the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office, "would add to the problem of autopilot spending" and that other means should be considered that "do not involve such a serious diminution of legislative budget authority."

**Therefore be it Resolved** that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board goes on record as opposing Proposition 76, and

**Be it further Resolved** that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles City Council to vote to oppose Proposition 76.

M/S 6-9 (R. Dakin) table the motion for more discussion/research. Yes: Rivera, R. Dakin, Hradec, LeVin, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov. No: Borstein, Locke, Haraldson, Millar, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Choi, Kells

- b. **RESOLUTION: M/S/P 14-1-2 Opposing Proposition 73 (Lyon)** Yes: Borstein, Haraldson, R. Dakin, Hradec, Millar, Lopez, Gold, Dwan, Nason, Bougart-Sharkov, Choi, Hittelman, Kells, Lyon No: Locke Abstain: Rivera, LeVin

**Whereas** Proposition 73 is entitled "Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment"; and

**Whereas** this measure would amend the California Constitution to require that any unemancipated woman under age 18 seeking to terminate a pregnancy must wait 48 hours after a doctor notifies her guardians of her intent, or seek a waiver in court; and

**Whereas** the amendment defies the basic notion of privacy based solely on the somewhat arbitrary factor of the age of the woman in question; and

**Whereas** the amendment undermines the basic notion of a woman's right to self-determination regarding her body and her reproductive choices; and

**Whereas** the amendment would define abortion in the California Constitution as causing "death of an unborn child, a child conceived but not yet born," language which seeks to permanently preempt the ongoing debate over the exact origin of life; and

**Whereas** the California Nurses Association, the California Family Physicians, the California Medical Association, and the California League of Women Voters oppose Proposition 73,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council opposes Proposition 73 and urges the Los Angeles City Council to oppose this Proposition.

Public Comment:

Emily Johnson – Stakeholder. Need to protect the privacy of the underage girls impregnated by their fathers. The strong language of this Proposition threatens personal control of my body.

- c. **M/S/P** (Beautification) Motion to accept the Beautification committee's Art Can project as one submission for the Community Beautification (formerly NMF) Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of at least 7 more Art Cans for the Silver Lake area.

R. Dakin abstains

- d. **M/S 4-4-8** (Millar) The Silver Lake NC opposes the proposed LADWP wage increase as inflationary, as it will cause an undue burden on low and moderate rate payers when utility rates are raised to fund the rate increase.

Yes: R. Dakin, Millar, Dwan, Bougart-Sharkov No: Haraldson, Lopez, Gold, Hittelman Abstain: Borstein, Locke, Rivera, Hradec, LeVin, Nason, Choi, Kells

- e. **\$ M/S/P** (LeVin on behalf of SLIA) SLIA invites SLNC to co-sponsor the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Box Steps Day and help defray a portion of the costs of the event for an amount up to \$500. Music Box Steps Day is a local children's film festival to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005, at Laurel & Hardy Park, 900 Vendome Street (in Region 4).

Millar abstains

Friendly Amendment (Nason) that all collateral include our logo and website

Public Comment:

Emily Johnson – Stakeholder: It's a fun day, all the committees should support.

- X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting -- none
- XI. Announcements – Chamber-sponsored Candidate Forum next Thurs. 9/15
- XII. Adjournment at 10:25 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, October 5, 2005 7:00 PM at the Russian Orthodox Church,  
650 Micheltorena Street

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