SLHC Minutes – 02.02.17

Meeting at Silver Lake Library Community Room, called to order at 6:30 PM.

In attendance: Cheryl Revkin, Betsy Isroelit, Jennifer Palmer-Lacy, Marco Larsen, Mark Simon, Khoi Pham, Michael Masterson, Tricia McGrath

Khoi Pham volunteered to be scribe.

January 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

1. Public Comments, non-agenda items:
   a. Suggestion to add Stewart Timmons’ obituary in the SLHC Newsletter. SLHC did the last interview with Stewart about 10 years ago.
   b. Lisa Palombi, Silver Lake librarian, shared that the publisher of *Trapeze: The Unexpurgated Diary of Anais Nin, 1947-1955* wants to collaborate with the library and SLHC to do a book launch event with a conversation between Janet Fitch and Steven Reigns, possibly on July 1st.
   c. SLHC wants to give the City Appreciation’s Certificate for the Neighborhood Council to the library to be displayed for the public benefit. Lisa said the library could probably frame and hang it. Rusty Millar has the Certificate now. Michael will facilitate it.

2. Recent Interviews:
   a. Sandy Shuckett from the Rose Scharlin Nursery School
   b. Scott Craig & Peter Alexander, owners of Akbar
   c. John Fleck and Carole Cetrone, performance artists

3. New Interviews being pursued:
   a. Billy Ito, long time resident since the 60’s, - Cheryl
   b. Adam Tenenbaum, the chandelier tree house – Michael
c. Dora Herrera and her mother from Yuca’s Tacos – Cheryl/Khoi

d. Lewis McAdams from Friends of the LA River – Jenifer

4. Betsy shared the mock-up of the new Silver Lake History Collective brochure. Money has been approved to print 5,000 copies. Betsy will ensure photos used in the brochure will have final release/clearance for use. A prominent quote about the Silver Lake LGBT will be added to the brochure, suggestion is to use a quote from Stewart Timmons’ interview. Marco will review for possible quotes.

5. A question about whether Susan Simpson’s “Exhibit A” videotape can be added to the collective archive. Mark will check into this.

6. Michael researched the gap in the Deed of Gift between SLHC and USC Doheny Library. The salient issue is USC did not countersign the agreement. Michael is checking with the City of Attorney to see how to remedy and the proper protocol to get the correct agreement approved and signed.

7. Discussion about the interest of Vince Brook and Michael Locke for creation of a Silver Lake History Museum and possible locations. Mack Sennett’s Studio has a basement space that may be a good spot. Discussion around what role should the collective take to support this large initiative (i.e., forming a nonprofit as a separate entity to run the museum, financial development, collecting and curating content, staffing, mission, etc.). As a city subcommittee, the collective cannot undertake this but can support and/or endorse it.
   a. Tricia moved that the committee endorse exploring the concept of creating a Silver Lake history museum. Michael seconded and it was unanimously approved.

8. Meeting adjourned and the next meeting is March 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Silver Lake Library Community Room.