

**SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 6:30 pm**

**Silver Lake Recreation Center**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.  
Attendance – 8: John Wingler, Bob Lisauskas, Genelle LeVin, Hugh Kenny, Amaris Hernandez, Steve Andrews, Peter Cerrato, Jenifer Palmer-Lacy
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
  - Jenifer Palmer-Lacy, representing the Arts & Culture Committee, reported that there will be a March 27 arts event at the Triangle Plaza.
  - Bob reported that the SLNC Governing Board has made a determination regarding individual committee Facebook pages – that they prefer that all committees use the main neighborhood council page and not maintain their own.
3. Follow-up on past agenda items.
  - A. Status of Governing Board motion banning anticoagulant poisons.  
Bob stated that the letter prepared by the Green Committee was approved unanimously and that copies would be sent to the council district offices. The letter has already been received by CD 13 with a positive response. Hugh Kenny asked whether there had been any action taken by the Urban Design and Preservation Committee to require businesses appearing for zoning approvals to agree to not use the banned rodenticides on their property; this had not been taken to UD&P but those present agreed to follow up.
  - B. Status of planning for Stairway Adopter event on April 8  
The event will commence at 9 am at Alessandro school on Riverside with a guided walk of four stairways led by Charles Fleming. Estimates for attendance are 60 to 80. Funds have been allocated for purchasing refreshments for the reception to be at the end of the hike at the base of the Silver Lake Avenue stairs. Tables, canopies, food, information materials will be on hand and stair adopters will be recognized.  
Regarding stairs, Steve Andrews asked what is the policy regarding painting stairs? Bob described the limitations and the requirement of checking with the council district. Steve stated that he saw no difference between painting city owned public stairs and illegal graffiti. He suggested that the policy not be to promote painting and possibly to require that all adjacent neighbors be polled for approval before allowing any painting. He asked what individual committee members felt: John stated that he liked some of the painted stairs and had gone on a Painted Stairway hike, but that he found some of them not artistically pleasing. Amaris said that she was in favor of painting and in fact was hoping to have her stairs painted with appropriate literary or philosophical references to provide a thought provoking environment for walkers. It was suggested that this be a future topic of the committee.
  - C. Status of tree planting requests sent to CD4 and CD14  
There was a delay in sending the recommendation letter, but it has now gone out.

D. Request to adopt Lanterman stairs

Peter Cerrato appeared to present his request for adoption, which was unanimously approved. Congratulations and welcome to Peter and his wife Diane Stone. John will update the web site list of adopted stairs

4. Motions and Resolutions

There were no motions submitted for discussion

5. New Business

A. Coordination of Green Committee tree planting sites with Tree People

Discussion of combining Tree People plans and those spots identified by Green Committee. Genelle said that the LA Beautification Team (Sharyn Romano) can help with trees. Amaris shared information about the species of trees recommended by Tree People.

Amaris stated that she would like help in obtaining permission from residents to have trees planted in front of their properties. Bob suggested a letter from the SLNC governing board might help persuade some residents. It was agreed that a letter be prepared for recommending the tree planting effort; Amaris will send information and Bob will write the letter.

B. Inappropriate, destructive tree trimming at the reservoir (Hugh Kenny)

Hugh shared photographs of tree destruction indicating a lack of skill in pruning or maintaining trees. He has communicated with Mary Rodriguez, CD 13 field deputy, about what seems to be lack of supervision or training on the part of the LA Conservation Corps who maintain the reservoir walkway vegetation. Mary wrote that she has told the LACC to cease tree work until they are properly trained. Discussion of how to get training ensued, with suggestion by Peter Cerrato that we hire an arborist he recommends to hold an education session as soon as possible. Steve Andrews offered to investigate the city contract with LACC to determine the scope of work.

6. Administrative Items

A. Review and approval of January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

There being no copies for review, the item was tabled.

B. Items for next meeting

- Follow up on tree care education
- Stair adoption, stair painting

C. Next meeting will be April 19 at 6:30 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

7. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.