

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

Thursday, April 19, 2018 6:30 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
Attendance – 15: John Wingler, Bob Lisauskas, Genelle LeVin, Hugh Kenny, Amaris Hernandez, Steve Andrews, Howard Petersen, Carol Henning, Delphine Trowbridge, Guy Jackson, Steven King, Patrick Chesnut, Jane W. Cook, Irene Lucas, Scott Plante

2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
 - Guy Jackson spoke in favor of a protected bike lane around the reservoir, using parallel-parked cars to create a barrier between traffic and the curb.
 - Bob Lisauskas reported that there will be a river clean-up day April 21.
 - Jane Cook requested that an inquiry be made about the contract for tree maintenance and watering around the reservoir.
 - Genelle LeVin announced the bike sharing program expected in Silver Lake and also the upcoming Silver Lake Improvement Association monthly meeting to be held April 23 at the Laguna Apartments.

3. Follow-up on past agenda items.
 - A. Banning anticoagulant poisons.
The positive letter from Councilmember Ryu was reviewed with appreciation by the committee. Jane mentioned AB 2422, Laura Friedman’s assembly bill; Bob will follow up.
 - B. Stairway Adopter event
Thanks to all participants and organizers and to SLNC for financial support. The guided walk was very successful, with over 160 hikers who all joined the reception honoring the Stairway Adopters, many of whom were present. Forty-five people signed up as interested in future stair events.
 - C. Status of tree planting
Discussion of pushing the locations identified by committee with Mary Rodriguez, CD 13. Also, possibility of a grant or assistance from LA Beautification for more trees.
 - D. Destructive tree trimming, training session
Hugh Kenny identified an arborist, Gary Knowlton, to make presentations on correct pruning; his normal fee is \$200 per hour, and the time would be two hours. Everyone raised hands to request SLNC for funds, and Hugh agreed to attend the following meeting of the SLNC Executive Committee to report that all Green members were in favor of holding such a training session.
Steve Andrews reported on researching the contract for maintenance with LA Conservation Corps, \$22,000 for three years, no clear specifications.
It was noted that the person who did the terrible tree destruction at the Sunset Plaza trees had been dismissed and that the corps would do NO further pruning until

trained. It was suggested that we invite a Conservation Corps representative to next Green meeting.

4. Motions and Resolutions

There were no motions submitted for discussion

5. New Business

A. Red Car rail line property as a public park – a new project for Green?

Discussion that the property had been designated by Trust for Public Land for acquisition, that the county and city had both pledged \$500K, but that the owner had raised the price. The land may have been sold for development, but there has been no visible activity. The land is approximately ten acres, in three parcels.

Suggested that we contact Craig Collins for any additional information he may have about the property.

Irene Lucas requested help for the nearby Corralitas stairs where new plantings require watering. A Clean Up day is scheduled for May 5.

B. Solar Trash can

John reported that CD 4 has announced installation of new solar cans, whereas CD 13 has removed all theirs. He contacted Marisol Rodriguez, District Director for CD 13 to inquire and learned that difficulty with contracted support companies made the cans unsatisfactory. Apparently, CD 4 has worked out with local Business Improvement Districts to pay for maintenance, because LA City Sanitation will not service them. There is no Silver Lake BID, so the cans will not be used in Silver Lake.

Hugh reminded us that there are insufficient regular black trash receptacles along Rowena between Hyperion and Glendale; John will report this to CD 4 Deputy Rachel Fox.

C. Stairs – what's next?

Noted that the Waverly-Fletcher stairs need service

Reported that the grate requested for the bottom of the Lanterman Stairs has been added to the Street Services work requests by Rachel at CD 4 as requested.

Howard Petersen may begin work on a stairway Facebook page

6. Administrative Items

A. The January 18, 2018 and March 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

B. Items for next meeting

Due to the SLNC Executive Meeting following, there was no time to discuss.

C. Next meeting will be May 17 at 6:00 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

7. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.