SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION & NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:00PM
Silver Lake Library, 2411 Glendale Blvd.

Meeting Minutes-Draft

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6PM.
Attendance-12: T. Michaelis, D. Loewy; J. Courshon, B. Isroelit, AM Johnson, M. Grossman, M. Premji; M. Alexander; J. Werner; L. Palombi; R. Makhani

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
E. Dorfman - Asked for assistance in getting the City to respond to multiple Resident concerns regarding speeding and street safety on Lucille Ave (So of Sunset to Marcia Drive). Discussed efforts to date on getting speed humps, speed limit signs, Police traffic monitoring and WAZE street exclusion. The Co-Chairs will follow up with Residents.

M. Grossman - Chair - Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, Transportation Committee – Matlock asked for SLNC representation at the next LFNC Transportation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 5 at 7PM at the Coffee Bean on Hillhurst to discuss the hit and run incident on Hyperion in front of Trader Joe’s. Hyperion is the border street for the two neighborhood councils and a joint review and response to the incident would be beneficial.

3. PRESENTATIONS:
LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Neighborhood Safety Update/Q&A:
SLO Lenny Davis (Northeast Division-Silver Lake-North of Sunset) & SLO Victor Gutierrez (Rampart Division-South of Sunset). Officers Gutierrez & Davis discussed how they work together to cover our neighborhoods and noted that there has been an increase in property crime (home & vehicle).

They emphasized that is VERY IMPORTANT to call in ALL INCIDENTS (small & large) because the LAPD uses these reports to allocate police patrols and resources. CALL 911 for urgent/emergent activity, including prowlers, suspicious activity; ASK LAPD 877 275-5273 or 311.

In addition, each of us can do our part to minimize property crimes by keeping doors locked, consider getting home protection security devices (e.g. RING) and DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR WHEN YOU PARK IT OUTSIDE.

Residents attending the meeting were then able to ask questions and bring to the Officers attention, specific concerns and incidents in their particular neighborhood. Questions discussed perceived increase of helicopter activity at night which could be the result of prowler calls; efforts by LAPD to deal with violent homeless persons and involvement of Gabrielle Taylor, Northeast Division-Neighborhood Prosecutor; Hit & Run on Hyperion @ Trader Joe’s; Clifford Street/SL70 traffic issues-Glendale Tunnel, Waterloo/Dwayne speeding, Caltrans involvement, new crosswalk and the need to involve Clifford Elementary in the discussion; Citywide Gang injunction suspension; DOT/CD13 Baxter Street One Way reconfiguration without Neighborhood notice; Effie/Golden Gate/Apex traffic issues and a request for Accident Report to better document traffic concerns on specific streets.

Laila Alequresh, Executive Advisor, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles – Infrastructure Management Report & Recommendations Summary Presentation.

Ms Alequresh made a summary presentation of the Evaluation of the State of Street Related Infrastructure Programs in Los Angeles Report-November 2017. This Report is the result of the Mayor & Councils desire to improve the delivery of public works services. The presentation showed the interrelatedness of providing street services (above ground-transportation/mobility & underground-electric, water, sewer) and how management is decentralized and uncoordinated
The Report provides a detailed review of the state of street services in Los Angeles, a survey of Residents and nationwide benchmarking and best practice options to consider. Recommendations include a consolidation of the Department of Transportation under the Public Works Board and development of improved management systems to provide coordination of all City Services.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

   A. Review and Adoption of Minutes-Jan.31, March 28 and May 23, 2018 minutes will be posted shortly.

   B. Update on Funding Motion-“Slow Down Silver Lake” yard signs. Signs are available at outreach@silverlakenc.org

   C. Review of Transportation Issues-Multiple electronic communications from Residents are received by the Transportation Committee (transportation@silverlakenc.org) between Meetings from about specific incidents and situations which need attention. The Committee provides information and recommendations on how to proceed and advocates with City Department representatives to get issues addressed. Recent projects have involved pothole day, Effie/Sanborn intersection, Adrian Street pavement condition, Hoover Street pedestrian safety and Clifford Avenue traffic and homeless encampment issues and establishment of a Parking Issues Workgroup in collaboration with the Urban Planning & Design Committee.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS-DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

   A. The Committee unanimously approved a motion to ask the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Board to approve a letter of support (to be provided by this Committee) which would request support for new legislation to ban mylar balloons. It will be asked that the letter be sent to City & State representatives (Prior state legislation -AB 2709 on this issue did not get passed).

   B. The Committee unanimously approved a motion to ask Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Board to approve a letter of support (to be drafted by Co-Chair, Anne-Marie Johnson) to Councilman Ryu asking that the City Attorney consider filing a lawsuit to require that the WAZE App allow for exclusion of streets which have been shown to have a negative impact and a continual threat to the quality of life in Los Angeles neighborhoods.


COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

   A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 8th, 630-730PM, Silver Lake Library

REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

   B. Consider filing Community Impact Statement or Letter of Support to develop Memorandum of Understanding with City Departments to require response to Neighborhood Council requests (e.g. DWP MOU).

   C. Review DASH bus routes and reasons why DASH buses have limited information available to the public on routes and availability.

5. ADJOURNMENT-7:15PM