

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

Thursday, August 16, 2018 7:00 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05.
Attendance – 9: Douglas Reed, Scott Plante, Genelle LeVin, Bob Lisauskas, John Wingler, Erica Silverman, Michael Beck, Hugh Kenny, Pat Tashma
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
 - Hugh Kenny showed photographs of poorly trimmed city trees; he had contacted the council districts to suggest care be taken with the newly planted willow trees, but this resulted in calling the incompetent pruners from the corps who did a bad job. Everyone was astounded at the sight.
 - Michael Beck reported a new fossil fuel plant being opened in Glendale, now being protested by the Glendale Environmental Coalition.
3. Presentations and Discussions
 - A. The arborist tree care lecture is coming together for Saturday, September 8, 2 to 5 pm. Booklets have been ordered for 150 and will arrive by September 1. The gymnasium will provide up to 75 chairs, and the room limit is 150 persons. John agreed to distribute the flyer and send to SLIA and the CDs. It was suggested we find someone to video tape the lecture. Genelle will check with Mark Hummer (SLIA) about microphone and amplifier. Discussed that we will not be providing food or water at the event.
 - B. Corralitas Stairs were discussed by Michael Beck, representing the Sierra Club and the stairway adopters. The water used for the plantings was expensive, and the club helped pay the resident who offered to keep the hill watered. They have reduced the scope of the planting to conserve, especially during the dry summer months. They are concentrating the plantings in certain areas rather than the entire hillside and are using drought tolerant, but not native, plants. He also noted that the safety railing is in need of repair.
 - C. Charles Fleming's LA Times article on dirty streets prompted him to suggest a program to regularly clean streets with local volunteers. Both council districts offered to provide support to such efforts. It was noted by Genelle LeVin that the LA Beautification Team often performs such cleanups. Those present supported the idea and will continue developing a plan with Charles.
 - D. Silver Lake Library "Urban Wild and Climate Change" lecture/panel series was described by Erica Silverman. Her idea is to have four, perhaps monthly, gatherings focusing on what residents can do in regard to the climate situation, drought, and wild life protection. The possible topics include Water, Restoring Habitat, Wildlife, and Climate Change. Several potential speakers were identified. It was proposed to move ahead with the Water topic first, and John Wingler identified experts on the LA Aqueduct and Grey Water recycling. Bob Lisauskas suggested Mia Lehrer as a good resource regarding the river and reclamation projects. The target date for the first session is Thursday, October 29 and time will be 6 to 7:45 pm.

- E. The chain link fence behind the recreation center is intended to deter dog owners from bringing their pets from the permitted dog park to the dog free Grassy Knoll section of the park. That appears to be working.
- F. It was suggested and agreed that we send representatives to the tree giveaways on Saturday August 18 hosted by Assemblymembers Carrillo and Friedman in order to recommend that trees be kept in containers until the fall planting season. John agreed to prepare a handout and to attend.

4. Administrative Items

The minutes from the June 21, 2018 were approved as written. Moved by Scott Plante, seconded by Bob.

5. Motions and Resolutions

6. Committee Member Comments/Announcements

7. Requests/Motions for Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date will be September 20, 2018 at 7 pm.

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.