

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING (Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7: 01pm with 15 Board members present.

2. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Scott Plante, Co-Chair
Darius Derakshan, Vice Chair
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer
Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary
Antonio Stifano, Sargent-at-Arms
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman (arrived late)
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels (arrived late)
David Valdez
Douglas Reed (arrived late)
Janis Purins (arrived late)
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell (arrived late)
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

Non-Attending Board Members:

Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair

3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Bob Lisauskas:

The Green Committee along with the Silver Lake branch library will host a climate change/environment/biodiversity/wildlife lecture series. It will be in four parts beginning in January. The first lecture will be January 24 at the Silver Lake branch library at 6:30pm. This will use a similar format as Betsy Isroelit's series last year.

Barbara Ringuette:

There will be a Government Affairs Committee meeting on Monday at 6:30pm at the Silver Lake branch library to discuss community plans. It's not too early to begin thinking about what we want to see in the community plan updates.

We will also discuss the restaurant/beverage program. The program eliminates opportunity for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) and stakeholders to have input.

Betsy Isroelit:

She said that the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) study will close on December 15th. It's available online. Next week they will be at the community center. She urged people to take the survey.

(Note: Janis Purins arrived at 7:05pm)

Darius Derakshan:

He gave thanks to the Patrick Kyle and the Silver Lake Community Church. It does a food bank every Wednesday for underserved families and the homeless. Also, they opened their space to the Silver Lake Homeless Committee for us to serve dinner there, he added.

Heather Carson:

Two things; Per Betsy Isroelit's directive at the last Board meeting that the maintenance of the yard signs was up to the representatives I removed about 20 signs from the parkways - which we learned from John Darnell is not allowed - and redistributed them. Since the Board voted that they do not need to be distributed equitably, I gave them out to only regions 2 and 3, which had repeatedly requested them and been denied.

Also I was disappointed to see no mention of the Library pods in the Newsletter. Of course the one person who voted No, which was Betsy Isroelit, is in charge of the newsletter. We know from our ethics training

that when using taxpayer's money even the appearance of a bias is not allowed.

On Friday, I received an email from the Chairs saying that they had spoken to the City Clerk's Office and there was some concern. I called the Funding Office and they had no idea what I was talking about – Plante interrupted her and that this is on the agenda so you can't speak about it. Carson said it is not on the agenda. It was agendized incorrectly. Plante said it was revised and agendized. Carson said it was not. It has to be two motions, per the Bylaws. It was agendized incorrectly.

Carson resumed. She said that on Friday, I received an email from the Chairs saying that they had spoken to the City Clerk's Office and there was some concern. I called the Funding Office and they had no idea what I was talking about as the Treasurer never even submitted the motion for approval. Once the Board passes a funding motion the correct procedure is to submit it to the Funding Office and if there are any problems they will notify the Board.

It seems the Chairs took the initiative to contact Jeff Brill who deals with contracts after Betsy Isroelit's concern about the maintenance of the pods. But they never sent him a copy of the motion so he did not have all the information. Once I explained it I discovered that you can enter into contracts with the Board to be renewed each year. The other concern was that the approval from the Department of Recreation and Parks needed to be on letterhead, which is an easy fix.

The Chairs also said I needed letters from the directors of the Bellevue and Silver Lake recreation centers. When I told the head of the Department of Recreation and Parks that she laughed and said only her office had the authority to approve the pods. But the chairs waited to notify me of all this until just after the deadline to submit motions had passed so that they could submit a Motion to Reconsider.

It seems there was a concerted effort by several board members to subvert this motion. Once the Board votes on something it's incumbent upon all of us to support it. The Board should be very concerned about this.

(Note: Lee Sherman arrived about 7:06pm.)

Scott Plante thanked Betsy Isroelit for clearing up the past minutes that were missing from the website and posting them.

5. Correspondence

6. Special Presentations and Reports

Danni Wang, Field Representative for Assemblymember Wendy Cabrillo, 51st District, (213) 483-5151, Danni.Wang@asm.ca.gov

She said that legislative session is ramping up. We're still gathering information for the next cycle. We introduced our first bill for the 2019-2020 legislative session. It relates to mental health. She's on the mental health oversight commission so this is really important to her. The Assemblymember also recently visited Chile and Mexico on a diplomatic mission.

The Assemblymember hosted a great community coffee in October. Barbara Ringuette and about 60 other people attended from Echo Park and Silver Lake and the surrounding community. We will have more of those. Isroelit asked her can you email info about mental health? She agreed.

Seamus Garrity, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, 43rd District:

The Assemblymember introduced two bills for the new session. The environment is a top priority. She introduced a ban on oxybenzone (AB60) and a ban on fur (AB44). You can no longer sell or produce new fur products.

Garrity also mentioned a holiday party on December 13 in Burbank. You're all invited. Her office is also planning a second Los Feliz Connect Day for services to the homeless for February 12.

He attended a Silver Lake Reservoir Complex meeting last night and shared notes. There were several highly regarded presentations. She is excited to see the project moving.

Vice Chair Darius Derakshan congratulated Garrity for the success of the first Connect Day. Garrity thanked the SLNC for its support.

He also mentioned that for the event we had a sewer drop installed. We can have portable showers. This is the first time that one was installed on a Department of Recreation and Parks property.

John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), john.darnell@lacity.org, (213) 978-1551:

He said that the Purposeful Ageing Town Hall has happened. He thanked the Board for all of their help with senior-related issues. He said also had a Town Hall about this about a year ago with perhaps 30 stakeholders. Last Thursday with 2 inches of rain only 13 people came but we have an audio recording. The General Manager from the Department of Ageing and others explained the system of services for seniors in Los Angeles. Listen to it.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is accepting nominations for Empower LA awards for neighborhood councils that are active. Neighborhood council civic engagement LA vanguard award nominations are available too.

He also mentioned that a budget for our department has been submitted to the Mayor's office. Our budget proposal is on the website.

Regarding the upcoming neighborhood council elections, he said that Candidate filing for this region begins December 22. He thanked SLNC Elections Committee Chair Lee Sherman for his efforts.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

We are interviewing managers of City departments. We are preparing reports that will go into the White Paper with recommendations regarding each department and the City as a whole. She mentioned the City Services Report Card (<http://bit.ly/LAreportcard>). It's important that the City be informed about what you think you should get for City services. Please fill out the survey. A big response carries more weight with the City.

Devin McCutchen, Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council,
devinmccutchenepnc@gmail.com:

He spoke about the Planning Policy Committee. We too are trying to prepare for the new Silver Lake Echo Park Elysian Valley Community Plan rewrite. This also includes chunks of Rampart Village and Historic Cultural North. We want to work with other affected neighborhood councils. So, we also want to know who are the veterans of the last community plan rewrites. We'd really be interested in working together in the future.

Scott Plante said that Barbara Ringuette is addressing this. The Urban Design and Preservation Committee may want to team up. Give me your email. Ringuette said she had attended one of their meetings. McCutchen added that we have a Planning Policy Committee as well as a Planning and Land Use Committee. These have a longer range focus.

(Note: Glenn Harrell arrived at 7:21pm. Douglas Reed and Melissa Samuels are also here.)

7. Administrative: Treasurers Report

Terrence Jackson, Treasurer, said we spent about \$5,000 in the first two months of the year. We have about \$37,000 yet to spend as of October. With tonight's agenda items, we'd have about \$30,000 left plus \$17,000 in committed expenditures including operations. So, we'd have about \$13,000 left to cover elections and other spending for the year.

Heather Carson asked about printing receipts. Terrence Jackson explained. Betsy Isroelit added that they were for ongoing office items.

Separately, Jackson said that I attempted to buy granola bars for the Halloween event at Costco. They didn't accept Mastercard. He then drove to Smart and Final which accepted Mastercard.

7.1. Approval of October MER

Jackson made the motion. David Valdez seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell

Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

7.2. Funding of LMU/SLNC SLRC Open Space Survey/Study Invoice #3 for \$4,000.00 8. Old Business*

Jackson made the motion. He said that the entire contract has been approved. This is a current progress invoice to be submitted to the City. There will be two more progress payments of \$4,000 each after this.
Plante seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

8.1. Discussion Item Only: Report to the board regarding the November John Engelke stakeholder status challenge

Plante said this is for discussion only. It refers to the November John Engelke stakeholder status challenge. We've been speaking to the City Attorney about this situation.

He highlighted the timeline of events and information and began with a statement:

"The Co-Chairs wanted to clarify misinformation and answer questions that have arisen regarding a stakeholder challenge to a fellow Board members stakeholder status. The matter is currently in discussion with the City Attorney's Office. Nevertheless, we'd like to share the timeline of events and what we've been accused of. We've been accused of collusion in trying to protect Mr. Courshon's stakeholder status. We have been trying to do this as best as we can, above the law, above the Board, and with the processes and guidances of the City agencies along the way.

There was misinformation stated at the last meeting about how this has transpired.

September 5: during the Board meeting stakeholder John Engelke made a comment about Board members' eligibility.

September 25: John Engelke sent his challenge to the Secretary. We have a certified mail that we received this at the Silver Lake Recreation Center. Betsy Israelit received an email from him.

September 26: the Co-Chairs forwarded this complaint to the City Attorney and DONE for guidance. The City Attorney referred this matter to DONE.

September 27: the Co-Chairs received a response from DONE who suggested guidance from the City Attorney. After consultation with the City Attorney and the Board Co-Chairs, DONE contacted Mr. Engelke and advised him to submit a grievance with DONE. The Co-Chairs informed Mr. Engelke that if he filed a grievance it would be placed on the October agenda as an official report and notification to the Board.

September 28: Mr. Engelke informed the Co-Chairs that he is filing an official grievance. The Co-Chairs informed Mr. Engelke that the report of

the grievance would be delayed from being placed on the agenda pending further instructions from DONE.

October 9: DONE informed the Co-Chairs the Engelke grievance was denied and sent back to the Board to handle internally. From the grievance it states “although the grievance will not be processed through the neighborhood council grievance process, the project coordinator for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council has been made aware of the situation, will bring the concern to the attention of the Board for the Board to address.

October 17: Engelke submits his challenge to the Board’s Co-Chairs. DONE, John Darnell, confirms that he’s dispensing with the item and that it’s ultimately up to the Board to handle.

October 31: The Co-Chairs received Engelke’s motion regarding Courshon’s stakeholder status.

November 2: The Co-Chairs informed Jerome Courshon of the November 7 agenda motion.

Throughout this process Anne-Marie and I have contacted the City Attorney and DONE and received multiple guidance and instructions from both agencies, often conflicting. We’d like to stress this challenge questions the legitimacy of the Board and our adherence to our own Bylaws. We’ve been accused of collusion in trying to protect his seat. We’ve gotten conflicting guidance on how to deal with this situation.

Frankly, we’d like to note that prior to September 5, Anne-Marie and I had no knowledge of Mr. Engelke’s complaint. At a Committee meeting it was inferred that Anne-Marie and I initiated this challenge and were working to get Mr. Courshon off the Board. This is completely untrue. Yet, I’m not surprised that rumours would start.

We as a Board and as Co-Chairs have a responsibility to address the legitimate concerns of our stakeholders in a fair and unbiased manner. We have done that properly and per guidance of City agencies. We will update the Board when additional information comes in. I hope everybody understands what we have been dealing with for the last two months,” said Plante.

Heather Carson said you got an email saying that the City Clerk has determined the stakeholder status. The Board is not able to do that. Plante said he understood and that received notification to address this so we filed a motion per guidance from DONE. But we can’t determine stakeholder status, said Carson. Plante said he understood.

The City Clerk determined that his status was good, continued Carson. Plante, I'll just put it this way, we've been dealing with this and trying to find a way out so we're not accused of collusion. Carson said DONE is here so why don't they address it?

Darnell said I emailed you guys November 16 verifying Courshon's stakeholder status. We appreciate your concerns about this. We suggest that you move on. We consider the matter closed.

Courshon said first I'd like to enter the letter from DONE verifying my stakeholder status into the public record. With permission of the Board, I'd like to have this put into the minutes. At this point, he delivered a paper copy of the DONE email to the note-taker.

(Note: The DONE letter is not included in the minutes at the request of the Co-Chairs who cited Brown Act concerns as the letter wasn't read aloud to the public and as they await guidance from the City Attorney's Office.)

Regarding rumours that the Co-Chairs were trying to get Courshon off the Board, Courshon said where that rumour began, maybe it started with me, I don't recall. One thing I am concerned about is what appears to be the Co-Chairs' persistence on this issue. My understanding that that even after this letter was given to the Board, that on or around Thanksgiving, Plante did a PRA (Public Records Request) on the correspondence between me and John Darnell at DONE.

So you did a public records request, presumably about my stakeholder status, asked Courshon. Why you would ask for a PRA about my correspondence with DONE about this issue is very strange to me. I don't know if you'd like to address why you did that. I'd like to know why you felt compelled to investigate my stakeholder status after DONE said that I am a stakeholder.

Plante said that will be addressed to the Board after further consultation with the City Attorney. There will be a report next month.

Courshon said I've got to say that DONE has ruled on this issue and for you to keep agendizing this is either harassment of me or something along those lines. I know through the PRA you've discovered that there has been a complaint filed against you and Anne-Marie Johnson and your bullying and harassment.

Derakshan stated a point of order that it has been two minutes. We will not discuss this item further.

Melissa Samuels said I never speak up but I don't understand what's going on. Can somebody explain? This is like questioning President Obama's birth status. I feel like we're in a family spat. I want to know what is underneath this. I don't get it. I'm here volunteering my time and so much time is spent on this. I don't even know what we're talking about. What is this? There was applause. What's the problem?

Carson said I'd like to move that we dispense with this item because it's out of order. Another Board member seconded the motion. Plante said we can't as it's a discussion item only. Carson said that Anne-Marie Johnson does it all the time.

With a 2/3 vote, you can bring up an item on the agenda. We do it all the time under Johnson. Plante said this will be summarized in the report. Not all the information is public and we cannot discuss this matter further until we discuss some other issues further with the City Attorney. That's why I read the timeline to try to explain it to people because we're getting a lot of questions about this.

Carson said I'd like to move that we dispense with this item. Is there a second? There was a second. Plante asked Darnell can we dispense with a discussion item only. Darnell asked what's coming back again next month? Plante said a report from the City Attorney to try to end this matter.

When asked about the DONE email verifying Courshon's stakeholder status, Plante said there were other issues involved. Darnell said that's separate than stakeholder status. Regarding the stakeholder status of Courshon, what more will be addressed? Plante said that will be addressed in the report.

Courshon said this is unacceptable. You've got this on the agenda. DONE is speaking to you and you are refusing to answer the question Chair. I will answer the question under the advice of the City Attorney. We spoke to her today. There are issues that are being discussed with her. When we get the answers, we'll report to the Board.

Courshon asked who are you speaking with? Plante said he would not reveal the City Attorney's name but it's probably someone like Elise Rubin and Miriam Malaka. Derakshan told Darnell to feel free to reach out to them as well. Darnell said I have talked to them. He wants every Board member understands. I sent an email about the stakeholder status issue. I understand that there are other issues. But on the stakeholder issue, we consider the matter closed. Plante said he understood.

Darnell said he was curious. What will be on the agenda next month regarding the stakeholder status? Plante said that as for as DONE is concerned, nothing but we are dealing with other issues. You know what they are.

Isroelit told Melissa Samuels that this is standard business when a constituent pursues concerns. It's unfortunate that it becomes difficult to people but the constituent has a right to raise concerns and have them answered. That's democracy. Samuels asked what are the concerns? Isroelit replied that Plante has a timeline.

Plante said this is a very difficult question to answer, especially when the Board – all of us – are being accused of collusion. We are trying to answer this as best we can. As I talked to Mike Fong yesterday and John and their efforts to resolve this issue in a matter so the Board looks above the board and not appear to be colluding with Mr. Courshon. That's all we're trying to do here. That's it.

Courshon asked so this is only about the potential appearance of collusion? That's all this is about? Derakshan said we'll have a report next month that states everything. Plante said that the stakeholder status and everything else will be addressed.

Courshon said I think I've said it at least three or four times in the past six months. We need to move on as a Board. This issue should be put to rest. It shouldn't be revived every month and put on the agenda. It should be done. We have five months left. There are things left to do on the docket before our terms are up. Let's take care of that. I've said this three or four times and I get blank stares from the leadership.

I don't like to air dirty laundry publicly. Most of the Board doesn't know what's going on behind the scenes. There are issues going on behind the scenes that most of you don't know about. I don't even want to discuss them. They'll probably be discussed next month. But complaints have been filed about harassment. That's all I'll say. Let's move on.

8.2. (Hilltop) NPG of \$314.00 for two Hilltop Pre-school informational banners.

Jackson made the motion. Derakshan seconded.

A Board member of the Hilltop School:

She said that Hilltop is a nursery school that's been around since 1951. She is a mother there. The school is a nonprofit institution with a mission to support social and economic diversity. We fund raise all year to try to

meet that mission. With the changing neighborhood, there is less diversity of applicants.

This funding will cover the cost of two banners. We want greater awareness of the school. They will be in English, Spanish, and Korean. The banners relate to nursing, scholarships, and the timing of orientations. It's not a lot of money but we have lots of maintenance costs. Every little bit helps.

Taryn Poole said that she would like to request to have the SLNC logo on the banners. Plante said the logo will be on the banners.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9. New Business*

9.1.(Plante) Motion to Reconsider Carson motion to fund up to \$2,500.00 for 3 Lending Library Pods REVISED \$2,550

Plante said he wants to table this agenda item. We get conflicting advice from the City.

Carson said it's been agendized incorrectly. You can only have a motion to dismiss. It can't be tabled. Plante said we're trying to make this motion work. Carson said that procedurally, this cannot continue. Plante warned that this will be rejected by the City. We're trying to help you. *Plante made a motion to dismiss. Jerome Courshon seconded.*

VOTE
Unanimous'
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9.2.(Dupree) Funding of \$500.00 for the December 15, 2018 Silver Lake Recreation Center 2018 Winter Festival Event

Jackson said we need an invoice. This is not considered an NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant). It's a great event, he added. Betsy Isroelit added that we have a table so this is a great project .

Carson cited ecological considerations about using oil to truck in snow. We have a water shortage. It seems a little strange to me. Isn't anyone else troubled by this?

Kate Hudson recalled last year, did we set precedent about a limit for funding for schools? Maybe \$350? Isroelit explained that we get office space for free. The Recreation Center has been great to us. Courshon said I agree with Kate Hudson but we are getting free office space that would have cost us \$6,000-\$8,000 otherwise. Hudson said that she is from Alaska and never wants to see snow again.

VOTE
18-1-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette

No Votes:

Kate Hudson

Present, Not Voting:

Heather Carson

9.3.(UDP) Move to support renewal of liquor license for Gobi BBQ for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption.

Plante made the motion. Ringuette seconded.

Plante explained that this agenda item received unanimous support from the Urban Design and Preservation Committee, which is rare.

The owner said that this will be an Italian restaurant run by me and my wife. There will be about 25 employees, mostly from the neighborhood. We serve homemade pasta. The original restaurant opened about 4 years ago. It's a good business. We want to open a new one in Silver Lake that will feature the same food and services as the original one on Sunset Boulevard.

The Gobi restaurant's original application asked for 11:30am to 10pm hours Sundays through Thursdays and 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays. We're asking for 10am to 11pm hours from Sundays to Thursdays and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

We met last week with the Los Angeles Police Department Vice Squad. This week we changed the applicant name on the application. The original application was filed by the former Gobi restaurant. Our hearing will be January 15. Plante explained that the business was sold.

Ringuette asked is there an employee parking plan? The Owner responded that we have 3 parking spaces. Most employees walk. There is parking underground for this mall. We have access to 25 spaces after other businesses close at about 8pm.

Ringuette asked can the motion be modified to address parking plan? The Owner said that he doesn't want that. He wants to defer to the Department of Building and Safety. *Ringuette said I would like it written into the motion. Taryn Poole seconded.*

Janis Purins asked what's on the site currently? The Owner said it was a Mongolian barbeque restaurant with 42 spaces. We have 42 spaces.

Kate Hudson said I live a block away. Silver Lake Ramen is down the block. This will be a neighborhood joint. People will walk. I will not support the amendment. Melissa Samuels agrees, citing the parking below.

VOTE for Ringuette's amendment
2-18-0
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Heather Carson

Present, Not Voting:

None

Courshon said that he wants to add that the hours recommended be incorporated into the motion. Plante said they are.

VOTE for original motion

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson

Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

9.4.(UDP) Move to support the 12-unit small lot home project at 1758 Griffith Park Boulevard.

Plante made the motion. Courshon seconded.

The Owner, Bobby, said that we have come to the Board a couple of times. We met with the neighborhood. We made adjustments to the project, which features 12 units. There is a viewline of 4-5 units. We are using green driveway materials. We have increased oak trees in the front.

The elevation is about 22 feet above terrain. We wanted to keep a view of the hill. We have new renderings. There is now a reduction in front façade architectural detail. Each dog house has a maximum 6 foot overhang for shade and weather. This was an alteration suggested by the neighborhood council.

Plante said they addressed all of our concerns. They had two community meetings. Residents were satisfied by the issues addressed. Everyone at the Committee was pretty pleased.

Bob Lisauskas said I was at the Urban Design meeting. This is a great example of designers and builders coming into the community and listening to neighborhood concerns. Great job! Plante added that Bobby, the owner of the project, will live there.

Carson said that it seems like a lot of the discussion was about design. The issue is crisis of affordable housing for people on minimum wage. It's too expensive for them to purchase this so I can't support it.

VOTE
18-1-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette

No Votes:

Heather Carson

Present, Not Voting:

David Valdez

9.5.(UDP) Move to support the parcel map for the division of 2667 Duane Street from apartments to condos.

Plante made the motion. Doug Loewy seconded.

Erin, the representative, said there are 3 units nearly completed into condominiums.

Douglas Reed asked do you have a certificate of occupancy yet? Erin said that will be offered once the project is complete.

VOTE
10-7-3
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Antonio Stifano
Hannah Anderson
Doug Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Rebecca Rubin
Bob Lisauskas
Betsy Isroelit
Terrence Jackson

No Votes:

Heather Carson
Glen Harrell
Douglas Reed
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
David Valdez
Janis Purins

Present, Not Voting:

Jerome Courshon
Melissa Samuels
Taryn Poole

9.6.(Green)The Green Committee moves to recommend CIS to support the measures proposed in Council File 17-0309 to fight freeway-related air pollution. (This is listed on the agenda as the second agenda item numbered as 9.5. Plante said that it is now agenda item 9.6.)

Bob Lisauskas said that the Green Committee is working with the Sustainability Alliance regarding freeway pollution. We thought this is a good thing to help the future of building in our neighborhood where we're getting a lot of new projects. This file has been open for quite some time. The City is formulating new Codes. *We want it to be amended to make sure that they go with 100% of all new multifamily parking spots to be at least Electric Vehicle capable but not necessarily EV ready. Ringuette seconded Lisauskas' motion.*

Ringuette added that this is a great idea. What is the cost? Lisauskas replied I don't know the actual cost. The issue is electric vehicle (EV) ready versus electric vehicle capable. EV ready forces them to provide plugs now and they could become outdated. There is the cost of running the cable. Taryn Poole commented that this adds capacity.

Lisauskas added that other cities are doing this now. We thought it would be a good idea to get on board too.

Douglas Reed noted that if you have a large apartment building, there would be reserve parking for EVs so there will be a cost. Also, costs may fall. I don't know the answer. Cost considerations affect building.

Courshon said I'm not in favor of this CIS (Community Impact Statement). Having lived 1,200 feet from a freeway I agree with the Council file. They are instructing the Department of Building and Safety to come up with EV ready that exceeds State guidelines. This is for new developments starting in a few years, not right now. This is not supporting anything being EV ready. He thinks the State standard is 5% EV ready. This rolls that back. We need EV ready right now. This saves developers money now.

He noted that in that 83 page document, this is something to be aware of. He mentioned the California Green Code requirements for EV requirements infrastructure states that currently governments look at EV capable spaces based on total number of parking spaces. That could lead to more parking. I don't think anyone supports that.

Courshon said I can accept this if a sentence is stricken. Lisauskas doesn't want an amendment. Courshon has good point, he added. Title 24 would cover us by enforcing EV ready. He wants to add 5% EV ready. Courshon said he could agree with that.

Lisauskas' amendment: "If amended to require 100% of new multifamily parking spaces to be at least EV capable and to follow covering codes on EV ready." Derakshan seconded.

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson

Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

VOTE for amended motion
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

10. Approval of the November draft board minutes

Plante made the motion. Hannah Anderson seconded.

Barbara Ringuette said that Valdez was installed, not instilled. This is a typographical error.

Jerome Courshon said that at the bottom of p16 regarding the lending library vote. He actually voted yes, not present, not voting.

Heather Carson commented that it should say fabrication, not installation on page 14. On the page 15, she wants the reference to be Bates Hotel instead of hotel. She also wanted it to say co-sponsored at the bottom of page 15.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

11. Reports of Officers

Jackson spoke about a reallocation of budget numbers with the City Clerk.

Lee Sherman spoke about elections. There will be a candidate information session on January 12 at the Silver Lake branch library at 12:30pm. Motions are coming next month.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Carson said that she has four items.

Regarding standing rules, can we make a motion for an agenda item and then vote.

She made a motion to spend up to \$50 per month for the note-taker to update the minutes. Plante expressed concerns. It has already been denied by the Executive Committee. Let's discuss that next month. Carson said the Executive Committee should have brought it to the Board and said what do you guys think. This would remove the burden from the Secretary. *Courshon seconded Carson's motion.*

This is to be placed on the agenda for next month.

VOTE to agendize
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed

Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Carson addressed July and August minutes corrections and wants them included. I emailed them on time. I don't know what the problem is. This is not a motion to reconsider. It's just a motion to include her corrections. She wants to revisit these minutes on the January agenda.

VOTE to agendize corrections to the minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

She said that she wants the Outreach Committee to set guidelines regarding Facebook ads. Plante recommends that you discuss this first with the Outreach Committee.

Carson's motion: "I move that the Outreach Committee create a set of guidelines for the newsletter to present at the next Board meeting for a vote that outlines which items voted on by the Board are selected for inclusion and how many times and also which events get Facebook ads and how many."

VOTE

7-11-2

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon

Heather Carson

Glen Harrell

Antonio Stifano

Rebecca Rubin

Lee Sherman

Kathleen Hudson

No Votes:

Scott Plante

Darius Derakshan

Hannah Anderson

Doug Loewy

Douglas Reed

Bob Lisauskas

David Valdez

Betsy Isroelit

Taryn Poole

Janis Purins

Terrence Jackson

Present, Not Voting:

Barbara Ringuette

Melissa Samuels

Finally, Carson said that she wants the Board to have a Parliamentarian. There is still a lot of confusion about procedures.

VOTE to add this to the next agenda

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante
Darius Derakshan
Terrence Jackson
Betsy Smith Isroelit
Hanna Anderson
Antonio Stifano
Taryn Poole
Rebecca Ruben
Lee Sherman
Kathleen Hudson
Melissa Samuels
David Valdez
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Jerome Courshon
Douglas J. Loewy
Bob Lisauskas
Glenn Harrell
Barbara Ringuette
Heather Carson

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

13. Announcements

Ringuette said that she has more flyers regarding how to access the City report card of the Budget Advocates.

Darakshan said there will be a Homeless Committee meeting tomorrow at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

Courshon said that the LMU Survey ends in 10 days. Take the survey. Purins asked how many people have responded? Isroelit said they indicated that it's a record response.

14. Adjournment*

Plante made the motion. Valdez seconded.

Plante said that the meeting adjournment was in memory of Taryn Poole's mom, Eileen.

The meeting ended at 8:27pm.