

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
(Draft) Minutes  
Wednesday, February 6 2018  
7:30 p.m.  
Ivanhoe Elementary School  
2828 Herkimer St  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting began at 7:02 pm with 14 Board members present. 8 votes are needed for a motion to carry.

**2. Roll Call**

Attending Board Members:

Anne Marie Johnson, Co-Chair  
Darius Derakshan, Vice Chair  
Terrence Jackson, Treasurer (left early)  
Betsy Smith Isroelit, Secretary  
Hanna Anderson, Assistant Secretary  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben (left early)  
Melissa Samuels (arrived late, left early)  
David Valdez (arrived late)  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Scott Plante, Co-Chair  
Antonio Stifano, Sargeant-at-Arms  
Kathleen Hudson  
Bob Lisauskas

(Note: Melissa Samuels arrived at 7:04pm)

### 3. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda

Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson welcomed the audience.

### 4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Michael Masterson:*

He said that he is a former neighborhood council Board member, was the founding co-chair of the Reservoir Complex Committee, and is a co-chair of the History Collective Committee. He said that he wanted to make a correction related to Jerome Courshon and his biography listed on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council website. He read the relevant section of Courshon's biography on the website:

“His lobbying led to the implementation of proper health and safety practices, which have continued to this day, through the final phase of the DWP's Silver Lake Reservoir pipeline construction. His work on this, along with another key resident, and with assistance from the neighborhood council, resulted in saving the DWP and the City a reported \$46 million.”

He then read the following statement which was submitted to the Secretary:

“I'd like to bring some clarity and a correction to Mr. Courshon's biographical statement on the SLNC website. While Mr. Courshon has been a longtime community activist for Silver Lake and has accomplished much good for our neighborhood, he is mischaracterizing his contribution to the DWP's reservoir pipeline construction particularly in the final phases. I know this for a fact because I was the co-chair of the Reservoir Complex Committee from its inception until 2014.

The committee meetings, meetings held by the DWP (Department of Water and Power), City Council members, and others led to the final decision to run the pipeline under the reservoir. Mr. Courshon appears to take majority credit for this along with another “key” resident whom I assume is Caren Singer and “with assistance from the Neighborhood Council.”

This statement overinflates his contributions and minimizes the dozens if not hundreds of other people's roles in the final result. In an era where we have to fight to get the facts known, his statement is not acceptable. I ask

that he revise the statement to reflect the true process that occurred and his role in it.

Thank you,

Michael Masterson”

I submitted this to the Secretary, said Masterson.

*Jerome Courshon:*

He said I will respond to Masterson’s comment at another appropriate time.

Here’s my concern, he continued, looking over the Executive Committee minutes from January 4. Janis Purins brought up questions regarding an annual report being done. Co-Chair Anne-Marie Johnson responded that this was a specious argument by Courshon and Carson. No newsletter has ever been reviewed or approved since she’s been on the Board, continued Courshon. This was not a newsletter, it was an annual 19 page pdf. That’s a totally different thing.

He said that Co-Chair Scott Plante said that this was a personal attack from Jerome Courshon and Heather Carson. Courshon also quoted Plante as saying that a letter from Lee Sherman was full of lies and false accusations.

Courshon expressed concern that these comments at the Executive Committee meeting are a violation of the Code of Conduct. They are slander and libel as they have been said in a public meeting and then published. The Co-Chairs have continued to engage in violations of the code of civil conduct.

Courshon asked at what point is enough enough? At what point are we going too far here? If, for example, a Board member says something racist or anti-Semitic about another Board member, is that too much? Is that going too far? Is that something that you would condemn?

Johnson responded that I would not condone any racist, homophobic, gender questioning, ethnicity questioning, social economic standing questioning. I would never allow any comments made about somebody’s being or existence. Free speech allows you comment on behaviour or comments. I would not allow any type of derogatory comments made about anyone as a human being.

## 5. Correspondence

None

## 6. Special Presentations and Reports

*Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for Council Member David Ryu, Council District 4, [Rachel.Fox@lacity.org](mailto:Rachel.Fox@lacity.org), (213) 473-7004, (323) 957-6415:*

She spoke about the LA Conservation Corps. If you have any requests for clean up following the rains, please email them to me. This is a good resource for a quick cleaning.

She said there will be an opportunity to provide feedback to the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) for the zoo. The first session will be tomorrow night at 6pm at the zoo. You can give feedback. If you go Saturday, you get free admission to the zoo.

If you know a wonderful woman who lives or works in Council District 4, nominate her for Woman of the Year. This has a March 6 deadline. Council Member Ryu will take them to lunch for recognition.

Fox also spoke about the upcoming Los Feliz Homeless Connect Day. The homeless were treated to Albertson's for breakfast, the City Attorney, and other services. We need volunteers for at least an hour, said Fox. They would provide help with set up or service providing.

The Council Member made two motions today: one for a bridge housing site on Riverside Drive at a Department of Recreation and Parks owned property. This is part of Mayor Garcetti's great homes transitional bridge housing sites. There will be services, showers, toilets, etc. The site can only be used for 3 years under an emergency housing initiative. But, Council members want to consider other uses of the site thereafter. It may be used to help expand the senior center.

The Council Member's second motion instructs a feasibility study for the future use of the site. There will probably be meetings. There could be a tent structure or a trailer structure.

Jerome Courshon asked what is the address? Anne-Marie Johnson said that it's near the Friendship Auditorium. Heather Carson asked how long will it take to complete the bridge housing? Fox said that depends on the parcel that is chosen (need for sewer lines, electricity, etc.). it could be a couple of months. The second site will be in Council District 13 in Hollywood on Schrader. That one will open in April.

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

He spoke about how to qualify to vote in the upcoming elections. Council Member Ryu has helped to clarify that for the election. You will need more proof as a stakeholder to vote. You can't just use a receipt. This will make things more fair.

The annual EmpowerLA Awards will happen on March 28 at City Hill. Nominations are open until February 15. There are 7 awards. For the Vanguard Award, you can nominate City employees for this.

Candidate workshops are still going on. On Saturday we will have a "rally in the valley" where DONE representatives and the City Clerk will do presentations for the neighborhood councils, new and old.

Candidate statements can be revised up until 5 days before the election. They can be a maximum length total of 1,000 characters, regardless of languages.

Janis Purins asked about proof of stakeholder status? Darnell said I think you guys are documentation. Courshon said we are self-affirmation. Johnson corrected him and said we are documentation. She referred them to Article 10, Section 6 of the bylaws. Darnell said that if it is documentation, then you show proof of residency, including a photo identification and a second proof showing the address within the neighborhood council area.

Heather Carson asked whether each neighborhood council can make its own rules? Darnell responded yes.

Jerome Courshon explained that we were a documentation election site. In this term, former Board Member Lee Sherman had pushed for self-affirmation. I'm not a fan of that. Maybe something has to be worked out between our revised bylaws and the City. The City Clerk believes we are self affirmation.

Johnson said there is confusion. That will be cleared up. Darnell said that I can look into that. Johnson said we'll have all of this answered and clarified in March. Darnell said that he can look find out and get back to you quickly by email. Johnson said it brought us back to our bylaws. That was the reference from the City Clerk. Darnell added that no proof of residency is needed for self-affirmation.

## 7. Board Vacancy Appointment: Region 3 Seat

Lee Sherman has resigned, said Johnson. She explained that a Candidate may self-nominate. Each Candidate has two minutes. Each Board member has one minute for questions.

*Anthony Crump nominated himself. Betsy Isroelit seconded.*

Anthony Crump said that he's a former Co-Chair of the SLNC. He's been a resident for 11 years. He was also Treasurer. My time in Silver Lake can be defined by community service. Government can work for people. He explained that he left the SLNC to become president of an elementary school where his daughter attended school. He works for the Los Angeles Metro where he is the Deputy Director of the Office of Community Relations as of this week.

Jerome Courshon said there are issues with the dynamics on this Board. Some things have been improperly funded. He asked Crump would it be better for you to wait? You could be tainted. Is now really the best time given that things are coming to light that need to be dealt with?

Crump responded saying that I keep my eyes on the prize. I was Co-Chair during one of most contentious times of the neighborhood council.

Rebecca Rubin asked what are the challenges for Region 3?

Anthony Crump said it doesn't look like the rest of Region 3. Homelessness has always been an issue. Other issues include pedestrian safety. (The Hoover and Bellevue stop sign was one of his projects.) Quality of Life is also a major issue.

### **VOTE for Anthony Crump**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

#### Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Darius Derakshan

Terrence Jackson

Betsy Smith Isroelit

Hanna Anderson

Glenn Harrell

Barbara Ringuette

Heather Carson

Taryn Poole

Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

(Note: Anthony Crump now sits with the board. He has not completed his training so he is ineligible for funding votes.)

## 8. Administrative: Treasurer's Report

### a. Approval of the November & December 2018 MER's

Treasurer Terence Jackson said that at a January 25 Executive Committee meeting we posted expenditures. However, we didn't have quorum and couldn't take action.

How many people have reviewed the package? Only two Board members indicated that they had done so.

Jackson reminded the Board that the Annual Budget is an important blueprint for the neighborhood council.

He said that routine items under \$250 just need to reference the budget and submit a receipt. I have submitted over 200 payment requests. They have all been accepted.

Jerome Courshon said we didn't get the report. It wasn't in the supplemental information for the Board. We can't vote on this tonight. Johnson said there is one Chair. We could postpone and just approve the MER (Monthly Expense Report) at the next meeting or call a special meeting to deal with the MER.

Jackson said I will need to contact the City Clerk. We must post the November MER within two months. Johnson said we will postpone to a time certain and have a special Board meeting. We'll set up a date within a week's time.

Jackson commented that we must reallocate the budget as we are halfway through the year.

Heather Carson asked on the Committee page, where is the current state of financials? Jackson referred her to page 2.

c. Revisit status of Lending Library Pods.

Jackson said this must be addressed first. Is there any objection? Jerome Courshon said we've been advised by DONE that we can't hear agenda item 8.c this evening.

Johnson said I sent an email to done that we are moving forward with this as is. Carson asked Darnell whether we're in violation of the Brown Act if we proceed. Johnson said were not in violation – Carson cut her off and said I'm not talking to you, I'm talking to Darnell. Johnson said I am the chair of this meeting. Carson repeated that she is not talking to her. Johnson said we are not in violation of the Brown Act. We can move forward. She explained that the City Attorney didn't respond to our email. We're moving on to item c. DONE is an advisory body and I responded to his recommendation.

*Jerome Courshon said I challenge the Chair.* Johnson explained what that means and said I have made a ruling. Now the floor is open to debate about the ruling. The challenge was not seconded, noted Johnson. We are moving on, she added.

Jackson explained that the Treasurer's position is a service position, to assist applicants through the funding process. He mentioned various committees and organizations that he's assisted. He said that he's always been able to be very helpful.

If we don't' rescind this item, it may expire and the funds could return to the City, explained Jackson. When we passed this in November, Jeff Brill, the City Clerk's contracts specialist, responded. The issue is placing a physical structure on City property.

By the end of December, there had been no response from the applicant or a Board member. We wanted the applicant to know specifically what is required. We needed to have this resolved by January 31 for the February Board meeting. These items haven't been responded to. *Jackson said we need to rescind this motion or we cannot fund other NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grants). Betsy Isroelit seconded Jackson's motion.*

Carson said that since we got all this new information and since we had the meeting, I've been working very closely with the head of funding. Jackson hasn't responded to my emails. She said that she's dealt with the Friends of Silver Lake Library and the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA).

The representative for the SLIA has not been well. I touched base with her today. She will sign the agreement, said Carson. Regarding the Department of Recreation and Parks, I was told Thursday by them that we have to change location. They said someone has to check them every single day. We got in a call to the director of Bellevue. She was extremely enthusiastic -- Johnson cut her off, saying she'd exceeded her time.

Courshon said there is no motion on the agenda. A motion has been made that was not on the agenda. That is improper. This is a violation to the Brown Act. Therefore I object to consideration of this question. No second is required.

Johnson said you have to clarify what you're actually doing. Now we vote to your objection.

**VOTE to Object**  
**2-11-3**  
**FAILED**

Yes Votes:

Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Hannah Anderson  
Doug Loewy  
Barbara Ringuette  
Douglas Reed  
Melissa Samuels  
Betsy Isroelit  
Taryn Poole  
Janis Purins  
Terence Jackson

Present, Not Voting:

Glen Harrell

Rebecca Rubin  
Anthony Crump

Courshon told the Board that I know that some of you are unhappy with me but I'm unhappy with you. This is a violation of the Brown Act. Where the heck is your conscience?

Carson said we reached out to the director of Belleville. She was very enthusiastic. This is not a problem. Her staff passes by it daily. Also, the man who runs the barbershop said he would be happy to have it installed.

Carson said I've been working on this for two years. We have this information because I called Jeff Brill. This is the correct information.

Jackson said you can't fight City Hall. You went outside of the Board on your own. We still don't have the items necessary. It's simply not done.

Darius Derakshan said lots of work has been put in on multiple sides. It's easier for private organizations to do things than the City sometimes. He said that he wants to help with that process.

Carson said this is a violation of the Brown Act. The City Attorney will weigh in.

Rebecca Rubin said we did vote to bring this to fruition. Carson did a tremendous amount of work. It will add so much to the neighborhood.

Johnson said it can be reintroduced in the next fiscal period. This has been with us since January 2017.

**VOTE to rescind**  
**5-5-5-1**  
**FAILED**

Yes Votes:  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Doug Loewy  
Douglas Reed  
Betsy Isroelit  
Terence Jackson

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson  
Glen Harrell  
Darius Derakshan  
Rebecca Rubin

Present, Not Voting:

Hannah Anderson  
Barbara Ringuette  
Melissa Samuels  
Taryn Poole  
Janis Purins

Ineligible:

Anthony Crump

*Johnson said this will be placed on the emergency special meeting agenda. Courshon and Carson objected. Courshon asked can you allow Carson more time? Johnson said no. We are not dragging this out. It is a funding motion and other entities are waiting for funding.*

Carson asked once a motion is voted down, how can it be reagendaized? She asked about the special meeting? She didn't know about that. Johnson explained about the special meeting for MERs.

Johnson wants to vote that funding motion to be placed on special meeting agenda. Carson asked isn't that a motion to reconsider? How can a motion that's voted down be repeated? That's never happened in the history of this Board. Can John Darnell address this? Johnson explained that Darnell is a guest here. Further concerns can be taken to City Attorney's Office. I will remove this request. We are moving on.

b. Re-Affirm Ivanhoe Elementary School NPG of \$620 for projector approved May 17, 2018

We do not have the funds available to do that, said Jackson.  
*Johnson said we will table that.*

9. Old Business

None

10. Consent Calendar:

None

11. New Business \*

a.(Ruben/Sherman) recommend SLNC draft and submit a letter of support to the LADOT to investigate the intersection of Hoover and Bellevue

*Rebecca Rubin made the motion. Hannah Anderson seconded.*

Rubin explained that recently another pedestrian was hit crossing the street, really bad accident. The car fled the scene. Mary Rodriguez said this letter would help to expedite this process. We want board support for drafting this.

Carson said we were advised by DONE to not here this tonight.

Darius Derakshan said that suggestions from DONE are suggestions. Carson said the item didn't match the agenda. When Board members objected, Carson stressed that this is a point of information. It does not match the agenda! Courshon said I'm reading Darnell's email but I don't understand this motion.

Rebecca Rubin read the letter regarding the intersection of Hoover and Bellevue. We will send this letter to Mary Rodriguez at Council District 13, Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, and also to the Department of Transportation (DOT), she said.

*Taryn Poole offered a substitute motion: at very least have a painted sidewalk and a pedestrian activated signal. Rebecca Rubin received this as a friendly amendment.*

Carson noted that this agenda item is truncated on the short agenda. This is a Brown Act issue as stakeholders won't hear the full motion. Johnson said that the Brown Act requires 20 words or less in the agenda.

Janis Purins commented that the letter is so prescriptive. DOT may have better ideas. They have experience with other things. They may recommend other modifications. Johnson suggested to add "including this but not limited to". Rubin said I agree. We walked with the DOT.

Carson said the Brown Act requirement is not 20 words or less. It's a minimum of 20 words and should clearly state what's at stake so the community can respond.

Melissa Samuels commented that this is such a waste of time, this power struggle dynamic. There is obviously more between the lines. Darius Derakshan said point taken. We will all work to do that for the rest of the meeting.

**VOTE**  
**14-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson

h.(Friends Of Micheltorena) NPG of \$2,500 for ToolBox, used to improve communication and conflict resolution skill sets.

Johnson said she wants to move agenda items h and m up. Unfortunately, funds are not available. I would like to table the motion until the next funding period. Courshon said that when she comes back she will have to complete the motion form.

m.(UDP) recommends support for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption for a bar/restaurant to be located at 4101-4121 Santa Monica Boulevard. Recommended hours of operation are the restaurant 11am-midnight, with patio hours of 11am-10pm.

Representative Mark Levin said that last month I met with the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. This is near Sunset Junction. There are five retail tenant spaces. One of them is to become a restaurant. It's a corner space.

There is a CUB (Conditional Use Permit) request for an onsite full line of alcohol. This is a restaurant, not a bar or nightclub. This is not a music venue. It has about 3,400 square feet total. The outdoor area is actually surrounded by walls. There are about 81 seats. It's a small restaurant.

The requested hours are 11am to 2am. It's easier to pull back hours than to expand them. Urban Design wanted cut back. The new hours would be Monday to Wednesday 11am to midnight, Thursday to Saturday 11am to 1am, and Sunday 10am to midnight. We're doing the best we can to compromise.

Johnson said that she objected to the movements of the camera woman.

The representative said that we will close the patio at 11pm daily. We'll request that the tenant meet with you guys.

Anthony Crump asked will there be an additional restaurant in that space?

Courshon noted that in the documentation it says the patio will close at 10pm but you just said 11pm. I'm confused about the chicken and egg problem. If we give you our support for this, you are not required to come back to us. How is this enforceable that new tenant would have to come back. I don't support this. It gives you free reign.

Janis Purins asked could you explain why it's easier to cut back ojn hours than expand them? No entertainment? Will the cub say that? Or is it just assumed?

Melissa Samuels asked where is it? Levin said that it is just West of Sunset Junction.

Barbara Ringuette asked why did you not come to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee after you submitted revised plans in August 2018?

She also asked about parking. There are 36 spaces provided by covenant. There is approval for one-half space per unit. How do you figure all of this with the commercial space?

Taryn Poole noted an 11pm hard closing time vs. 10pm in the text. Regarding entertainment, are you barred from this?

Johnson asked about the size of the restaurant compared to the size of the building? Levin responded that there will be 10,000 to 12,000 of total retail space. Parking for restaurants is different than for retail. It is unlikely that another restaurant will come in.

Regarding patio hours, the Urban Design Committee was very specific. They asked for 10pm. What I'm offering today is a negotiation. Darius Derakshan asked why is it easier to cut back hours?

Levin said the CUP covers everything up to everything that's been approved. We can't expand. That requires a formal approval process. The going rate for a CUP is about \$10,000 in city fees plus consultant fees and time.

Levin said that if the Zoning Administrator approves the hours, they are what they are. We hope that it's just one tenant for all eternity but restaurants usually come and go. He's promoting the idea of being a good neighbor.

Regarding entertainment language in the CUP, Levin said it's been submitted to the City with limitations on live entertainment.

Addressing the question of why didn't you return to the Urban Design Committee right after submitting your new plan, Levin explained that plans have evolved.

Regarding calculation of parking spaces, it's a matter of the parking required for each of the combined uses. We will be complaint on parking, said Levin.

Johnson reminded the Board that the Urban Design Committee voted 8-0 to recommend the project. She read the motion.

Anthony Crump asked a question about hours. *Jerome Courshon offered a friendly amendment, a request to add contingency language to limit live entertainment. Johnson said that has to be a substitute motion. Carson seconded the motion.*

*Taryn Poole wants this to include live entertainment including no outside speakers. The friendly amendment is now part of the substitute motion.*

**VOTE for substitute motion.**

**11-5-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson  
Glen Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Douglas Reed  
Melissa Samuels  
Betsy Isroelit  
Taryn Poole  
Janis Purins  
Terence Jackson

No Votes:

Darius Derakshan  
Hannah Anderson  
Doug Loewy  
Rebecca Rubin  
Anthony Crump

Present, Not Voting:

None

**VOTE for main motion**

**14-2-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben

Melissa Samuels  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Douglas Reed

Present, Not Voting:

None

11. New Business \*

b.(Carson) Move that the Board approve a Motion to Reconsider the December 5, 2018 agenda item 7.1 Approval of October MER.

*Carson made the motion. Courshon seconded.*

Johnson explained was this reconsideration motion presented properly is the question. Derakshan asked what am I voting on? Johnson explained the conditions under which such a motion could be made. Was the maker of the motion on the prevailing side? Carson voted to approve the October MER. She is now questioning her vote. She wants the issue revisited, explained Johnson.

Courshon added that the motion is important because there are items on the October MER that the Board didn't vote on. It's important to revisit that. In the next agenda item we go back.

Carson said the answers provided during the meeting about receipts were incorrect. Isroelit responded that there is a tendency among some people on the Board to say things that aren't true.

**VOTE for Reconsideration**

**14-1-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Glenn Harrell

Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

Hannah Anderson

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Anthony Crump

c.(Carson) Move to rescind approval of the October MER until further guidance from the City Clerk.

Johnson said I'm ruling this out of order. She explained that expenditures under \$250 can be made without Board pre-approval. Every item on the MER except ongoing payments to AppleOne is under \$250. The information provided by the maker of the motion is not accurate. It gives a false impression of malfeasance.

*Jerome Courshon challenged the ruling. Carson seconded.* Johnson explained how the challenge process works. Carson said my issue was that I asked what the money was being spent for and was told that it was for agendas and so forth. However, according to the receipt, it was for an 18 by 24 card. When I checked with funding, they said spending for operations must be clarified from spending for outreach.

Outreach spending has to have a Board vote, according to DONE representative Melvin Canas. The consequence is that we'll have to return things, said Carson. Darnell said this comes from the Treasurer's pocket. This is serious. It should be put on hold until we get a letter from them, urged Carson. Outreach must be voted on.

Courshon said I agree with the \$250 limit for office supplies. Johnson said you are incorrect. The bylaws are very clear and

supersede standing rules. Carson said City law precedes our bylaws.

Courshon said this Board has never spent money on marketing materials without a vote. Since I stepped down from the position of Vice Chair funding is changing. We didn't vote on design or funding and this is not office supplies. This is why neighborhood council funding (NC Funding) has an issue with this. This is not proper. I suggest that we put this on pause. Let's wait until NC Funding gives us a response.

**VOTE to Uphold the Ruling of the Chair Against the Challenge  
12-2-1-1  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Douglas J. Loewy

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson

Present, Not Voting:

Glen Harrell

Ineligible:

Anthony Crump

Courshon asked what is the relevant section of the bylaws for this. Johnson replied Article 9, Letter D. Carson said she wants to know what Isroelit spent money on. Johnson denied the point of information and said we are moving on. Carson said that Isroelit lied to the Board. Isroelit said I will not be called a liar. Johnson threatened Carson with censure charges, saying that she was very close by accusing someone of lying.

Derakshan said that lots of people on this Board are being taken hostage. Can't we move on to important things? Johnson said we apologize to Isroelit.

d.(Transportation & Neighborhood Safety) establish a neighborhood incident database on the SLNC website

*A shareholder made the motion. Doug Loewy seconded.*

There is no record for all incidents. There was underreporting. These are the statistics used by the DOT for decisions. The Committee wants to ask the Board to pursue an evaluation of the incident database. It's a good idea to evaluate it, to develop it in a way to be user friendly.

Anthony Crump said this sounds like a great idea, asking residents to report what happened. However, the Information may not be accurate. How do we verify and control the quality of data?

Rebecca Rubin said I love this idea. Janis Purins commented that it was really alarming to learn what doesn't get reporting. The City has no way to capture that data. The idea is that if people have a complaint, it is documented.

Taryn Poole said it's a great idea. A head-on collision was not reported. Create an avenue where this has to be read, she urged Isroelit added that it was stunning at the meeting to learn about the lack of non-injury reporting. The LAPD was supportive.

Douglas Reed said the voices of our neighbors are strong and loud on this issue. They need a repository for that. This is good outreach to residents to say we are listening. I fully support it.

Barbara Ringuette added that the information will only be as good as the outreach. There should be a great deal of outreach. Rebecca Rubin said there is reporting monthly to the Council District.

Johnson said we'll announce it March 20 at a huge community meeting on traffic with representatives of Council Districts 4 and 13. Those representatives are also here each month.

Another man suggested that it would be helpful to have witnesses for verification. This is used for an historical database to ask for

safety improvements. We need statistics historically. There is no other way to get that.

Anthony Crump urged caution about anonymous reporting. People will go to great lengths to get things on their blocks.

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e.(Outreach) to approve the SLNC 2019 election mailer design.

Isroelit asked did everyone see the design in the agenda packet?

*Darius Derakshan read the motion. Anthony Crump seconded Derakshan's motion.*

(Note: David Valdez arrived at 9:08pm.)

Johnson said that on the mailer, there needs to be a reference to our bylaws that explains voters and stakeholders. There is confusion. This will help at polling booths.

Courshon suggested to add a link to the bylaws? That makes sense to me. Isroelit said a link is a good suggestion.

Courshon noted that in paragraph 3 there is an error. “stakeholder of SLNC” is incorrect. Strike “nc” from “SLNC” or change it to “a stakeholder within the boundaries of the SLNC”.

Janis Purins noted that the graphic is the same as he style used for candidates. Carson asked what is the actual size of the mailer? Courshon said I don’t know. Purins said it’s about 2/3 of actual size.

Carson suggested that we should add the end time of the “Meet the Candidates” event. Nina Sorkin said to postpone this until after March.

Isroelit said we’re just voting on the design.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f.(Outreach) to approve up to \$4,200 to print and mail the 2019 elections post card to up to 16,000 addresses in Silver Lake.

*Isroelit made the motion. Courshon seconded.*

Jackson said that \$4135 is the bid from the mailer. We will need to be able to fund this before it is mailed. Carson asked how would we amend this? it would be mailed out on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Courshon said anytime after March 5 for mailing.

Derakshan added that bulk mail takes 2-3 days. He offered a substitute motion that this does not get mailed prior to the school Board vote. Purins seconded Derakshan said the earliest that this can be sent is after a date for school Board elections.

**VOTE for substitute motion.**

**15-0-1-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy

Present, Not Voting:

David Valdez

Ineligible:

Anthony Crump

**VOTE for amended main motion**

**16-0-0-1**

## **PASSED**

### Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
David Valdez

### No Votes:

None

### Present, Not Voting:

None

### Ineligible:

Anthony Crump

g.(Reservoir Commt) recommends that the SLNC establish a Silver Lake Dog Park work group to engage with Dog Park users regarding care-taking and guidelines.

*Purins made the motion. Rubin seconded.*

Johnson offered a clarification. This is about advising change to ad hoc group. This will address concerns. She explained what an ad hoc group is. Isroelit said the question is “working group”. She expressed caution after the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council issue.

Derakshan said this is an awesome idea! We learned from the survey.

*Carson suggested to split this into two parts. The second part wasn't on the agenda. Johnson said I'll rule that out of order. There was ample opportunity for information. The supplemental*

information was posted properly. Carson said this is the only part that the public sees. Rubin said thank you for doing this.

In response to a query from Courshon, Johnson said the ad hoc committee would end 12 months from the date of approval. Carson asked do we identify the rationale? Johnson said it will be reauthorized. Purins asked about identifying the representative for the ad hoc committee. Jackson said you can't authorize an ad hoc beyond our tenure. Carson said committees are ongoing.

**VOTE for the first part, the group email address**

**Unanimous**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Rebecca Ruben  
Melissa Samuels  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Purins said that now any reservoir related things get dumped into this. This should just be for the dog park.

Johnson said that the funding motion portion will be moved to March.

i.(Carson) Move to include my July & August minutes corrections.

*Carson made the motion. Derakshan seconded.*

*Johnson said that she is ruling this out of order. July and August we delayed approval as a courtesy. We voted in September. You did not notify the co-chairs that you would not be attending. This is a reconsideration motion. It should have been submitted for October. There is a lack of timeliness.*

*Carson challenged the ruling. Courshon seconded.*

Carson said approval of the minutes is not a motion per se. Historically, if you were absent, the Secretary read the comments. She quoted Johnson commenting that you could have emailed the minutes in a timely fashion. I did, said Carson. There is no rule printed anywhere that says you must be present to change the minutes.

Courshon said this is a no brainer. Approve it and move on. Courshon said that Carson makes a good point. Glen Harrell asked Carson were you sick? Carson said I had surgery.

Johnson explained the process for reading corrections to the minutes. Motions to approve minutes are motions. Therefore, we are not going to consider reconsider motions so far after when reconsiderations are allowed. It should have been submitted in October.

Harrell said we've been at this for months. He recalled that there was a loss of quorum as people moved cars when the parking lot closed. It's a sad way to phrase it as a challenge to Madame Chair. We lost quorum in August and Carson was sick. I don't understand. Johnson said we can't continue actions without quorum, eleven members.

**VOTE to Support The Ruling of the Chair Against the Challenge**

**3-12-0**

**FAILED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson

Betsy Isroelit

Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Darius Derakshan  
Terrence Jackson  
Hanna Anderson  
Glen Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Rebecca Rubin and Melissa Samuels have left the meeting and did not vote.)

Johnson said we will now discuss item 11.i.

Courshon said we don't need to have them read. Harrell made a good point about losing quorum because of the parking lot closure. Johnson asked were these minutes recorded? Carson said yes.

**VOTE**

**11-2-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Darius Derakshan  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
David Valdez

No Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Betsy Isroelit

Present, Not Voting:

Terence Jackson  
Anthony Crump

Derakshan asked can we address the homeless items so that those people can go home?

n.(Homelessness) recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council craft a letter to CD13 Mitch O'Farrell and CD4 David Ryu asking for a Bridge Housing Location in Silver Lake.

*Derakshan made the motion. Isroelit seconded.*

All City Council members must support a site within their district, explained Derakshan. Courshon commented that typically a CIS (Community Impact Statement) is drafted. That wasn't done. I recommend that you draft a letter than we can approve it.

A representative said that she doesn't know the timing. Derakshan said we would like it now. Today, Council Member David Ryu submitted plans for bridge housing. Johnson said that this requires a 2/3 vote to allow the Homelessness Committee to draft the letter to be sent on behalf of the Board.

Courshon said I suggest that the Homelessness Committee draft a letter for the special meeting. That could happen soon. Council Member Ryu has been working on this for a long time.

*Courshon made a motion to refer back to committee to draft the letter and bring it back to the board. There was no second.*

*Johnson made a motion to allow the Homeless Committee to draft letter on behalf of the neighborhood council so that it can be sent in a timely fashion. Isroelit seconded.*

Courshon said I support the motion. However, he won't vote for it because a letter should be seen by the public. That's procedure. Crump added that a letter should be narrowly limited in scope. Get it out.

**VOTE**  
**13-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anne-Marie Johnson

Darius Derakshan  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Jerome Courshon

(Note: Terence Jackson has left the meeting and did not vote.)

o. (Homelessness) recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council craft a letter of support for CD13's Safe Parking Program proposal at the Edendale Library, and sending the letter to Mitch O'Farrell.

*Derakshan seconded the motion.*

A Woman said these are council files. There is also a letter of support. This can be simple. I'm ready to offer solutions for people experiencing vehicular homelessness. The program allows people to park during designated hours. People must be approved. They want access to homeless services like showers and toilets. This will be a pilot program.

Carson asked should this be a CIS? Johnson relied that the committee asked for a letter.

**VOTE**

**12-0-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson

Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Douglas Reed  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Jerome Courshon  
Janis Purins

Johnson said that she wants to address the Urban Design and Preservation Committee issue. *Ringuette said that she wants to amend this to include a CIS to Council file 17-0981 and to City Council members of the Planning and Lands Use Management Committee (PLUM) for Council Districts 4 and 13. She wants this to be a CIS and a letter. David Valdez seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**14-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Heather Carson  
Taryn Poole  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Jerome Courshon  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

j.(Carson) Move to elect a Parliamentarian.

Carson asked can that be referred to Standing Rules? Johnson replied sure. I was going to rule it out of order anyway. The Standing Rules are very clear about the Parliamentarian. We will refer. This must be at the beginning of the term.

#### 10. Announcements

Isroelit announced that the Green Committee is having its second lecture on Climate Change and solutions at the Silver Lake branch library on February 21.

#### 11. Adjournment \* 10:00pm

*Johnson said that she would like to adjourn the meeting. Carson challenged that action.*

**VOTE to adjourn**  
**12-2-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anne-Marie Johnson  
Darius Derakshan  
Betsy Smith Isroelit  
Hanna Anderson  
Glenn Harrell  
Barbara Ringuette  
Taryn Poole  
Douglas Reed  
Janis Purins  
Douglas J. Loewy  
Anthony Crump  
David Valdez

No Votes:

Jerome Courshon  
Heather Carson

Present, Not Voting:  
None

The meeting ended at 9:59pm.