

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

Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:30 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:30.
Attendance – 7: Bob Lisauskas, John Wingler, Jane Cook, Peggy Gorelick, Hugh Kenny, Nicholas Miller, Ashley McCollum
The Tongva indigenous peoples were acknowledged as the original and continuing inhabitants of Silver Lake, with appreciation for sharing.
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Item
 - Hugh Kenny described the efforts to preserve the natural state of “Kite Hill” in Elysian Valley. John mentioned he had attended a board meeting of the Silver Lake Preservation Trust devoted entirely to those efforts. Bob suggested we contact Christine Kantner and invite her to attend a future meeting.
 - Hugh described a meeting with city officials regarding the maintenance of trees on Fletcher where LADWP work is beginning. Hopefully at least an incense cedar tree will be saved. Hugh felt that the officials had paid attention and heard his concerns.
3. Presentations -there were none.
4. Old Business
 - A. Task Force on Library Garden: Peggy reported on the first meeting on reviving the SL Library’s landscape with native plants. The hope is to get plants into the ground before the summer heat. A water meter is needed to be added. Friends of Silver Lake Library will provide funds to purchase new plants. On March 23, there will be a major clean up of the beds, saving what is alive, removing what cannot be saved; it is expected that the Task Force members, the Meadow gardeners with students helping, and the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy folks who maintain Armstrong will all participate.
 - B. Urban Wild and Climate Change Lectures: The Local Solutions to Climate Change panel on February 21 was very successful, great speakers, moderate attendance. Next will be March 21, “National Solutions” with Dr. John Odell. Then on April 18 will be: Protecting Native Habitat, Urban Wildlife, and Biodiversity in Los Angeles” with three great experts scheduled to participate.
 - C. February 16 Tree People Giveaway: 25 trees were distributed to residents at Micheltorena Elementary School. No one attending had been present.
 - D. Status of Rodenticide motion at City Hall: It has been almost a year since the SLNC Governing Board approved the motion submitted by the Green Committee; initial response from our two council districts was positive, but no further action has been forthcoming. The committee needs to follow up and report back.

- E. Status of recommendation for city planting of street trees: similar to item D, originally positive support from the council districts, but no action. Again, need for committee to follow up and report back.
 - F. Tree planting along Micheltorena – postponed, no further status
- 5. New Business
 - New stairway adopters: Nicholas Miller attended and informed the committee that he had met with Steve Robinson, the current adopter of the Effie-Redesdale stairway, and that they will now share the responsibility.
 - Ashley McCollum attended and expressed interest in taking over the Cove Avenue (AKA Mattachine) stairway. It was noted that no one really knows how to contact the group previously listed as adopters. Ashley was welcomed to take over. She also stated that as a new resident of Silver Lake, from San Francisco, she is interested in staging some kind of event, a rally, a hike, or?? to celebrate the stairs and recognize their significance in LGBT history.
 - John stated that he would update the list of stairway adopters posted on the SLNC web site to include these two new additions.
- 6. Administrative Items
 - The minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting were approved as written. Moved by Jane, seconded by John, unanimous.
- 7. Motions and Resolutions
 - A. Additional liaison to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.
Peggy Gorelick expressed interest in being a second liaison in addition to Bob Lisauskas. We discussed the agenda of the NCSA, meetings, accomplishments. Bob moved, John seconded to approve Peggy as liaison. **MOTION PASSED 7-0-0.** Bob will take the motion to the governing board for consideration.
- 8. Requests/Motions for Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date
 - The next regular meeting date would be March 21, but due to the conflict with the Climate Change lecture on that date, the next meeting will be Thursday March 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the recreation center.
- 9. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.