

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

Thursday, January 17, 2019 7:00 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00.
Attendance – 13: Bob Lisauskas, John Wingler, Erica Silverman, Jane Cook, Genelle LeVin, Scott Plante, Mary Rodriguez, Lee Conger, Charles Fleming, Julia King, Cyndi Hubach, Kathleen Johnson, Maryann Kuk
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Item
 - The committee welcomed guest Mary Rodriguez, CD 13 Field Deputy.
 - Mary announced the Atwater equestrian district's new signage at a January 19 reception. She stated that Bureau of Street Lighting has a program with funds for new lighting on stairs. She also that maintenance is being done on Riverside Drive near Dover Street
 - Mary and Genelle reported on replacement of a missing handrail on the Corralitas Stairway and funds available from Bureau of Engineering for other stairway repairs.
 - Genelle reported that Corinne Carey went to Cultural Affairs to ask approval for the paintings she did on Micheltorena and Hamilton stairways, which was granted.
3. Presentations
4. Old Business
 - A. Develop an action plan for CD 4/13 review of tree maintenance and other projects – Bob had invited both Mary and Rachel Fox to attend and discuss. The arborist hired by the city is for the LA Conservation Corps for maintenance around the reservoir. They are now using city funds to hire a “Clean and Green” team to help. Not available for walking path trees. Urban forestry has limited dollars, will inspect a tree if a problem is reported, owner may repair or wait – cycle is 7 years! Watering contract is required for city to plant a tree. Mary said she did not recall that the SLNC had presented a list of potential sites for tree planting on commercial streets. There will be a clean up event on Dillon Street on Wednesday, January 22. Other joint projects such as clean ups should be scheduled with Sylvan de la Cruz. Kathleen Johnson said the Meadow is looking bad, deferred maintenance issues, and she is trying to work with Rec and Parks to improve. May said she is calling a meeting with RAP regarding the dog park and the Meadow to identify budget. Scott asked if there is SB 1 funding to fix sidewalks? Answer: No. Discussion of decomposed granite being installed at the triangle park near Yummy.com.
 - B. Urban Wild and Climate Change Lectures: January 24 is “The Crucial Issue of Water in Los Angeles”.
Erica described the agenda for the series: Water, January 24; Local climate change experts, February 21; National solutions to climate change, March 24. Followed by Habitat Restoration, in April.
 - C. February Tree People planting on Micheltorena

Event will now be a tree giveaway; planting seems to be held up with permitting problems.

D. Charles Fleming proposal for clean-up organization

Charles reminded attendees of his LA Times article: Los Angeles is Filthy. He received many positive responses and offers of help. He has about 1500 followers in his Secret Stairway walks, who may be interested in participating in regular cleanup activities. He has received offer of financial assistance from Nick Robbins and Rachel Kupra. Would like to buy about 100 pickers. Proposed for discussion: "Silver Lake Litter League", annual event, neighborhood cleanups, deputize other neighbors. Kathleen noted that the annual Day of Service is coming up, would be good to coordinate. Mary said that dog waste dispensers are available for installation, but the purchase and replacement of bags would be up to the public.

E. Possible native garden project for the library

The library's garden has become neglected due to bureaucracy and inattentive vendors. The library and Green Committee are interested in installing a native California garden which would support wildlife. The Friends of Silver Lake Library is supportive and paid for maintenance after funding from city was canceled. How to disengage from current vendor? Mary Ann would like to restore the hardscape, planters. Mia Lehrer did the original landscape design. A Task Force was formed with the charge to meet and return with suggestions and possibly funding requests to the committee. Erica will gather names and call the first meeting. The following attendees expressed interest: Jane, Mary Ann, Kathleen, Julia, Cyndi, Lee.

5. New Business

John passed around a report on A New Plan for Urban Forestry Management, from a city hall presentation he and Hugh attended. Requested that the whole document be sent for more time to review.

6. Administrative Items

The minutes from the November 15, 2018 were approved as written. Moved by Jane, seconded by John, unanimous.

7. Motions and Resolutions

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

The next regular meeting date would be February 21, but due to the conflict with the Climate Change lecture on that date, another later date will be chosen

9. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.