

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

Thursday, September 20, 2018 7:00 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:10.
Attendance – 5: Bob Lisauskas, John Wingler, Erica Silverman, Hugh Kenny, Jane Cook
2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
 - Bob distributed an announcement he had received about tree removals on Fletcher. All present were opposed, and Bob will contact Jill Stewart at the Sustainability Alliance for advice. Hugh will protest to the city against removals.
 - John announced that Ciclavia will be Sunday September 30, Indigenous People's day will be celebrated October 8 at Grand Park, and that Councilmember O'Farrell will be walking the Silver Lake / Sunset Boulevard area on Saturday October 27 when there will be a clean-up at Parkman.
3. Old Business
 - A. The September 8 arborist lecture was deemed a big success with about 40 very enthusiastic community members in attendance. John asked if Gary Knowlton had been paid yet, and the answer was perhaps not. John to contact treasurer Terry Jackson for status.
 - B. John reported that Charles Fleming is actively pursuing his idea of forming local clean up groups and has solicited donations from Home Depot and Baller Hardware. Donations may be handled through the Silver Lake Improvement Association.
 - C. Erica reported on the upcoming lecture series at the library: "Climate Change and Urban Wild". The first lecture on water resource and usage will be Thursday November 29, and John said that the two participants he had contacted, Samantha Bode and Leigh Jerrard, are on board and very interested. No word yet on the invitation to Mia Lehrer. It was acknowledged that this would be a good time to make outreach to the local schools to encourage student attendance.
4. New Business
 - A. Fall tree planting with Tree People along Micheltorena. Amaris was not present to deliver a current status. John will contact her to follow up.
 - B. Bob proposed that we develop an Action Plan for tree maintenance activities to avoid being surprised, sometimes too late, by city actions. As an example, we only belatedly were involved in the removal of trees in the median on Descanso Drive as that street is repaired and repaved. There was discussion of preparing a Community Impact Statement to handle management of relations with the city regarding tree maintenance and care. It was suggested that we work with the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance to get additional support from other local councils.

5. Administrative Items

The minutes from the August 16, 2018 were approved as written. Moved by Jane, seconded by John, unanimous.

6. Motions and Resolutions

- A. *“The Green Committee moves to request allocation of up to \$200 by the SLNC Governing Board to pay an arborist to advise the Clean Team to properly prune jacaranda trees in the Parkman Avenue public parklet prior to the Council District 13 Clean up Date of October 27.”*

John stated that Mary Rodriguez had contacted him asking for assistance in cleaning up the jacaranda trees in the parklet, prior to the Councilmember in your Corner event planned for the area. She is aware that we are displeased with the poor efforts at tree maintenance and feels this would be a good opportunity for the team to learn and for us to ensure better results. Hugh felt that any training would be inadequate and would unleash future tree mistreatment. John stated that the trees will be pruned whether we are there to supervise or not, and this would be a good start to open better communications, not the final answer to the problem.

Erica moved, and John seconded, an amendment to the motion requiring a match by Council District 13 of the \$200 requested from SLNC for paying an arborist. The amendment was passed unanimously.

Amended motion: *“The Green Committee moves to request allocation of up to \$200 by the SLNC Governing Board with matching funds of \$200 from Council District 13 to pay an arborist to advise the Clean Team to properly prune jacaranda trees in the Parkman Avenue public parklet prior to the Council District 13 Clean up Date of October 27.”*

John then presented the amended motion, seconded by Bob. The motion passed 5-0-0 and will be presented to the SLNC Governing Board at its October 3, 2018 regular meeting.

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

The next regular meeting date will be October 18, 2018 at 7 pm.

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.