

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR and SPECIAL MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1. Call to Order & Flag Salute

The meeting began at 7:00pm with 19 Board members present.

3. Seating Of The New Neighborhood Council Board

Attending Board Members:

Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair (elected during the meeting)
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary (elected during the meeting)
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer (elected during the meeting)
Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos (arrived late)
Mark Duncan (arrived late)
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

Non-Attending Board Members:

none

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative John Darnell is chair for the first meeting of the new Board. He gave a brief history of the 16-year-old Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC). He characterized it as one of the most active of the City's 99 neighborhood councils. Democracy is surely an adventure, he commented.

Darnell said that agenda item 6 is the same as agenda item 3 so it won't be addressed. He added that City Councilmember David Ryu will swear in the new Board.

2. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

Frida Chen, Co-Chair, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary,
SLwildlifesanctuary@gmail.com, www.SilverLakeWildlifeSanctuary.org:

She said that 2,500 petitioners want the Silver Lake Reservoir designated as a wildlife sanctuary. Go to our website and sign the petition, she urged. Our mission statement says that preserving open waters of the Silver Lake Reservoir creates a protective habitat for wildlife. We urge the new Board to protect and support these members of your constituency. Thank you for your time and dedication. Use your ears to listen to all in the community, she said.

Mike Gross, Co-Chair, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary,
SLwildlifesanctuary@gmail.com, www.SilverLakeWildlifeSanctuary.org:

He said that he is a 70 year resident of Silver Lake and Atwater Village. Under the group's mission statement, Silver Lake is a popular birding site. It's important for residents and migratory birds. The two most important features of the reservoir are the presence of water and the fence. He wants to maximize the value of the site as a wildlife refuge. The fence is important management tool.

(Note: Mark Duncan arrived by 7:09pm)

Jane Cook, Treasurer, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary,
SLwildlifesanctuary@gmail.com, www.SilverLakeWildlifeSanctuary.org:

She said that she has something for Mark Duncan's campaign platform about cleaning up Sunset Boulevard. She presented him with a broom

tied with a ribbon as a gift. There was applause. Darnell warned the audience about giving gifts to public officials.

Jill Cordes:

She wants to propose a motion to form an education committee. We need one for this neighborhood council. We had giant strike by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) so it seems logical to form an education committee. There is interest with other organizations to join such a committee.

John:

He thanked the new Board. I live in region 6, he said. I'm here to discuss good government. That was lacking in the last council. Make that a top priority for this next session. He has a resolution filed by Council Member Ryu about reform of the neighborhood council system. It doesn't go far enough though. What happened in last SLNC session can't be ignored. He then read a statement noting that there was a person sitting on this council who lived in Santa Monica. DONE supported that. Make a clean break with past practices. Prevent the malfeasances of the past. Perhaps make a clean break with DONE too. Work needs to be done on the bylaws, he added.

Maritza Navarro, Choreographer/Dancer, MUDA,
www.danceresourcenter.org and www.haunting.net:

She said we met with the Arts Council on April 11. She represents Studio A where they will soon present an immersive dance experience about mental health. The performance will be June 15. She wants to know if there are funds that we can tap to help produce this show. We want to pay dancers and have everyone attend. It's a multimedia show with live movement.

5. Election of Board Officers

a. Co-Chairs: Co- chairs must have served as a Board member for at least one (1) year prior to being elected by the Board. All other Officers may serve without having previously served on the Board. Those eligible to be nominated for the co-chair positions are: Taryn Poole, Douglas Reed, Barbara Ringuette, Anthony Crump, and Doug Loewy.

Darnell explained the voting process. There are 20 board members here now. A simple majority is required to take action. That's 11

board members. He added that funding votes require training and that abstentions don't count as a yes or no.

Only a few members are eligible to be co-chair. 5 are eligible. These are existing board members. You must have served on the Board for at least one year. Terms are for one year.

Nora Goudsmit asked Darnell what he meant by plurality? He explained. Let's see who wants to nominate. The top two candidates advance.

Taryn Poole nominated Anthony Crump. Barbara Ringuette seconded. Crump accepted.

Janis Purins nominated Douglas Reed. He accepted.

Anthony Crump said I served on this Board for a total of about 6 years. Previously he had been Co-Chair and Treasurer. During my terms, I've always tried to be fair, to make sure that every voice is heard. I'm not perfect but I have experience and perspective that can be valuable.

Douglas Reed said I've lived in Silver Lake for 28 years. The Committee to Save the Silver Lake Reservoir was his first community volunteer experience. He did fund raising. He's been on the SLNC Board for 14 months. His background is in architecture. He studied at USC (The University of Southern California). He said that he spent the last 15 years in construction management so I see both sides.

He is a member of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. He will continue there. Silver Lake has is one of the largest collections of mid/early 20th century dwellings in the world. To lose any of that is a monstrosity.

Barbara Ringuette said I remember Anthony Crump's service as Co-Chair and I heartily support him.

Maebe A Girl asked both candidates would you still run if all Board members were eligible?

Anthony Crump said yes. I have institutional knowledge that can be useful. I always try to be extremely fair.

(Note: Ianthe Zevos arrived at 7:29pm. Now all 21 Board members are here.)

Douglas Reed commented that It is a lot of work. He wants to get more people involved.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked about the last Board's final special meeting on April 22. There was lots of controversy. Was it legitimate?

Crump responded that I was aware of the email traffic. At the end of the day, I debated about attending. Based on DONE advice, chose not to attend. DONE's opinion was that it was not a legitimate meeting.

Reed said I was not involved in setting meetings and agendas. He cited the level of work that we had to do, including funding. I saw the emails. I did attend the meeting. We achieved a lot. It was sketchy about the legitimacy of the gathering but we got a lot of work done.

Maebe A. Girl asked why did the previous Board wait until then to take care of those issues? Reed replied that it was because of our bylaws. He explained. We're still in conflict and getting lack of direction.

Another new Board member expressed hope for the new council. What is your vision for the neighborhood council and your goal as chair?

Reed said your individual voice is gone on the Board. You're here for the community, not for you. That's difficult. As a Co-Chair you are even less of a person. I want to see continue motion forward to make Silver Lake a great place to live that's comfortable for all. I also want to increase economic diversity.

Crump said that the community and the Board as a whole set the agenda. We simply pull it together. The vision of the Board as a whole matters. I want nice civil conversation that reflects the neighborhood.

Nora Goudsmit: "This question is for Douglas Reed. You seem reluctant to serve as Co-Chair. If the bylaws did not have the 1 year requirement for eligibility would you want to be Co-Chair?"

Reed replied I don't think so. As for the bylaws, are we going to follow them or make them up? He wants to get the Bylaws Committee started.

Another Board member asked how do you balance your desire for preservation with the need for development? Reed explained that he refers to historical buildings. For new projects, we've been seeing 3-4 bedroom units. Preservation is geared to single family residents. We want diversity in dwellings. We've benefited from rent control. He said that he's now purchased a property. Smaller units would be helpful, he added.

Another new Board member told Crump that I appreciate that you didn't attend the special meeting. Her question is about an audit. I understand that all funding motions from that meeting were denied, according to the City Clerk. Crump said it's dangerous to pursue meetings like that. It can waste people's time.

Regarding an audit, we as a new board should look at it to see what changes in practices should be made. Some things could be problematic. I don't see value in rehashing each item.

Paul Emmons commented that regarding the one-year requirement to be Co-Chair, that is a vestige of a prior era. This is the only neighborhood council in this area that has this requirement. It seems like something is fundamentally unfair about that.

Crump replied you are right. Half of our Board used to be elected every two years. A bylaws change would be appropriate. If the entire board changes, a bylaws change would be required. However, the spirit of the rule is legitimate regarding institutional knowledge. DONE periodically allows bylaws changes.

A Woman asked how will you foster a tone of civility and cooperation? Crump said I will lead by example. He will be civil and respectful. We can ask that in each other.

Reed said that he agreed. We can set an example. I was only here for about 14 months. I said knock it off.

Crump added that we can't do it by ourselves. If 5 of you decide to act up, there is little that we can do about it.

A Man asked Crump why did you resign? Crump responded that I represented Region 3. It was a contentious time for the neighborhood council. The board wasn't functioning. Also, my daughter began preschool so I resigned. I became president of my daughter's preschool.

Taryn Poole made the motion to nominate Anthony Crump and Douglas Reed as Co-Chairs.. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Former Board member Jerome Courshon said that he has two concerns. I have lots of respect for Anthony Crump. I thought you were great on the previous neighborhood council. However, you should not have participated in censure motions against me and Heather Carson. Don't use Robert's Rules to cut off debate before every board member has spoken.

He told Douglas Reed that you are not appropriate to be a Co-Chair. When I questioned the legitimacy of the special meeting, you laughed. You lack the civility to be a Co-Chair. The Board didn't vote to have a special meeting. That special meeting was cancelled by DONE. You have a lot to learn about being civil in this neighborhood. Don't drink the Kool Aid fed to this Board.

Darnell noted that there are now 21 Board members here. 11 need to vote in favor of the motion for it to carry.

Jerome Courshon commented that usually votes are individual. Anthony Crump said that that is correct. *Taryn Poole said I will my pull motion. Barbara seconded.*

Vote for Anthony Crump as Co-Chair

9-12-0

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Samantha Danner
lanthe Zevos
Taryn Poole

No Votes:

Mark Duncan
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Dulce Stein

Present, Not Voting:

None

*Taryn Poole made the motion to have Douglas Reed as Co-Chair.
Janis Purins seconded.*

A Stakeholder commented that seems like the vote wouldn't be legitimate because the Board members haven't been sworn in yet. Darnell commented that the swearing in is ceremonial.

Frida Chen commented that it's sad that you've shut out Anthony Crump as a group. He's fair and knowledgeable.

VOTE for Douglas Reed as Co-Chair:

8-13-0

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

6. Ceremonial Swearing in By City Representative

Council Member David Ryu applauded the work of Darnell and his deputy Rachel Fox. He thanked the new Board. This is what makes your neighborhood great, he said. This is a great service. He said that he works with 11 different neighborhood councils in Council District 4. He is the only City Council member who has served as a neighborhood council Board member. You are one of the more functioning neighborhood councils in the City. Focus on the positive, urged. When I was on a neighborhood council we couldn't even get quorum.

When you discuss community, it's not just people that you like. It's important that you try to bring people together. Whatever the issue is, focus on areas of agreement. More people agree than disagree but we focus on what we disagree on. This is what community engagement is about. This is why Silver Lake is so great. This is why everybody cares. You are making City Hall more accessible to the people. Let's accomplish things together.

Councilmember Ryu then swore in the new Board.

4. Recognition Of Outgoing Board

Councilmember Ryu said that he wants to recognize outgoing Board members too. Jerome Courshon received a certificate. There was applause. David Valdez also received a certificate from the Councilmember.

5. Election of Board Officers – CONTINUED

Darnell said that 3 other people are eligible to be Co-Chair. Are there other nominations as Co-Chairs?

Janis Purins nominated Taryn Poole. She declined.

b. Vice Chair:

Nora Goudsmit was nominated.

Janis Purins nominated Taryn Poole.

Both accepted.

Nora Goudsmit said thank you for opportunity. My skill set matches the responsibilities of vice chair. I've been president of my homeowners' association since 2017. I consider myself organized. I'm comfortable in a leadership role. It's hard to ruffle my feathers. I believe in hearing all perspectives. I want to hear all viewpoints. I believe in equity. I'm a process oriented person. I'm open to listening. I will conduct myself respecting neighbors and Board members.

Taryn Poole said that she was one of only three SLNC Board members who were elected three years ago, didn't resign and who were re-elected to a new term of office. She emphasized that demonstrated her stability and staying power and her tenure gives her a working knowledge of how to help other board members accomplish things. That would be an asset for this board and the community. Taryn said her work for major broadcast companies for almost two decades and then moving on to found and run her own advertising agency the past 19 years, has given her a great deal of knowledge of how to work with many different people. She said that she firmly believes that there is a resident genius inside each person and that she has helped people locate that part within themselves and concluded that she wants to encourage each person towards the greater good.

VOTE for Vice Chair

Nora Goudsmit – 13 votes

Taryn Poole – 8 votes

*Maebe A. Girl made a motion for Nora Goudsmit to be Vice Chair.
Paul Emmons seconded.*

VOTE for Nora Goudsmit to be Vice Chair

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Nora Goudsmit is now chairing the meeting.

c. Secretary:

Seth Copenhaver was nominated. He accepted the nomination.

Seth Copenhaver said I would be honored to serve as secretary of the SLNC. He then read a statement. He wants to dramatically increase citizen awareness and participation in the neighborhood.

Janis Purins asked what's your bandwidth like during the day?
Lots of communication is required.

Copenhaver responded saying I work in a small start up. I reply to emails quickly.

Jerome Courshon said that as a new Board you can change the duties of Secretary.

Former Treasurer and Board member Patty Jausoro said she wanted accountability for those re-elected. I want accountability for what went wrong. I didn't want to quit. I hope that moving forward all of you understand that.

Jeremy Black made the motion for Seth Copenhaver to become Secretary. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE for Seth Copenhaver as Secretary

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Douglas Reed

Janis Purins

Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs

Ianthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz

Nora Goudsmit

Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein

Samantha Danner

Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

d. Treasurer:

Lena Najarian Kaderali was nominated to be Treasurer.

Samantha Danner was nominated to be Treasurer.

Kaderali said I'm honored to be nominated. She then read a statement. She said that she is a compliance officer. She reviews financial statements for her company. Accountability and transparency are paramount.

Danner said that she had served on another neighborhood council with questionable treasurer actions. It's critical to have an organized and thoughtful treasurer. She's created protocols for financial and budget items. The public was well aware about how funds would be spent. She is a scholar who administers grants. She said that she would be honored to be treasurer.

A Man asked Kaderali about her skills in regulatory work. Could there be a possibility for conflict? Kaderali said she doesn't foresee that. Darnell warned that there is no back and forth conversation.

VOTE for Treasurer

Samantha Danner – 8 votes

Lena Kaderali – 13 votes

Elaine Harris Roark made the motion for Lena Kaderali to be Treasurer.

Lena Kaderali said I work in compliance. I don't work in asset management. At the neighborhood council level there are no campaign finance issues to inhibit me. I don't anticipate conflict. I would work within DONE guidelines if there were.

Janis Purins asked her about her experience with City government funding? She said that she has some.

Darnell discussed the required training for funding-related votes.

VOTE for Lena Kaderali as Treasurer
21-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

e. Second Signer:

Samantha Danner was nominated to be Second Signer

Nicholas Fox-Robbins was also nominated. Kaderali made the motion. Black seconded.

Samantha Danner said that she's taken all funding training. She knows the importance of the position. She said I want to do what it takes to have a well functioning Board. I will properly follow all protocols.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I've been a financial manager for several nonprofits. He's a business owner and manages all finances for his businesses. He added that Samantha Danner would make a great second signer as well.

Taryn Poole told Danner that you're entirely qualified, even overqualified. With your other neighborhood council experience, you'd be a tremendous asset. Janis Purins added that it would be really helpful to have someone with nc experience like Samantha.

VOTE for Second Signer

Samantha Danner - 16 votes

Nicholas Fox-Robbins - 5 votes

Paul Emmons made the motion for Samantha Danner to become the Second Signer. Taryn Poole seconded.

VOTE for Samantha as second signer.

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Taryn Poole asked what is the procedure about vacant co-chair positions? Darnell said there are 5 Executive Committee members. You must have 3 for quorum at Executive Committee meetings. He added that it can be put on next month's agenda. The Bylaws process will open soon. He will check tomorrow.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR SPECIAL MEETING AT 8:43pm.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BEGINS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

There is no Roll Call. Everyone is here so these rules are suspended.

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Bank Cardholder to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC)

Maebe A. Girl nominated Samantha Danner.

Darnell said that in-person funding training will be required.

Paul Emmons was nominated by Jeremy Black. He accepted.

Paul Emmons said I work in film business so I have flexible hours. I also have a large truck.

Samantha Danner said I've never lost a credit card in my life. She said that she has neighborhood council financial experience. She works from home so has flexible hours.

Jeremy Black said that to maximize accountability we should have a 3rd person for checks and balances.

Taryn Poole said that she was the second signer. This is a small position. She recommends to combine the cardholder and second signer positions. This is easier. It can eliminate time lapses.

Janis Purins said the City Clerk is very strict about deadlines. Sometimes waiting for a third person to look at something will result in delays. Two signatures are required.

Darnell said you don't need to rush to spend \$10,000. You can roll that amount over. The deadline to use the bank card is June 20.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked regarding problems that you saw in the previous neighborhood council, would having a 3rd person have been beneficial? Danner replied that the bigger issue was communication. There was a lack of prompt responses. Ultimately, I'm not sure that having a 3rd person would have made a difference but that person must be available.

Fox-Robbins commented on his experience with Paul Emmons. He said that his responsibility has been exceptional. He would be a great person to have.

Girl said it's a great idea to have more involvement. So I nominated Samantha Danner. Are you happy with nomination? Danner said yes. She's happy to serve.

VOTE for Bank Card Holder

Paul Emmons – 10 votes

Samantha Danner – 11 votes

Anthony Crump made a motion for Samantha Danner to become Bank Card Holder. Mark Duncan seconded.

Black commented that given the financial audit, it's more important now to have transparency. Keep that in mind when you vote. Copenhaver said I agree with what you're saying. Fox-Robbins said accountability and transparency are important for us. Be accountable for the public and the Board, he urged.

Purins said that from a functional basis, it's more efficient with Samantha Danner handling both roles. Crump said that he is in favor of efficiently to have the same person do both jobs. We are collectively responsible so we must all be transparent.

VOTE for Samantha Danner as Bank Card Holder

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Alternative Signer to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC):

Paul Emmons was nominated as Alternative Signer.

Barbara Ringuette made the motion.

Black said that he wants a vote by acclamation.

VOTE

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Douglas Reed

Janis Purins

Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs

Ianthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz

Nora Goudsmit

Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein

Samantha Danner

Seth Copenhaver

Jeremy Black

Maebe A. Girl

Lena Najarian Kaderali

Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5. Adjourn

Paul Emmons made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Black seconded.

VOTE to end Special Meeting

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ENDS at 9:03PM.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

5. Election of Board Officers -- CONTINUED

f. Assistant to the Secretary:

Sarah Ullman was nominated to become Assistant to the Secretary:

Sarah Ullman said that inclusivity and accessibility are important to the public. That's a really important function of the neighborhood council.

Ilanthe Zevos made the motion for Sarah Ullman to become Assistant to the Secretary. Mark Duncan seconded.

Taryn Poole said that it would be a good idea to record meetings. Why does that fall under the Assistant to the Secretary? Isn't this outreach?

Ullman said it's about transparency. Minutes and recordings would support that mission, having audiovisual recordings.

Girl asked should we record meetings live? Ullman said that allows people to attend remotely. You can also archive it. Poole said I agree. Many seniors don't drive anymore. Purins asked what about people making public comment for live stream?

Ullman said that the Venice and Echo Park neighborhood councils do that. If a person requests to not be filmed, be respectful of their wishes. Don't show their face. Poole asked can we say this won't be used for profit like on reality shows?

Darnell warned that this is turning into a discussion. He issued a warning about the Brown act. Create an area in room where people can film without issue. It's a public meeting. Anyone can film. That's legal. Maybe have the Executive Committee discuss this?

Frida Chin said that's a great idea. What if someone wants to use it for a court case? Would it have to be given to a Court? Crump said you can use the Public Records Act to get access to recordings. Chin said I'm never speaking again.

VOTE for Sarah Ullman as Assistant to the Secretary
21-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Douglas J. Loewy

Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7. Board Designation of NC Liaisons to City Departments

Darnell explained the positions. These are official liaison positions. Any stakeholder can do this, not just Board members. You don't need a Board vote for 5 of these.

Paul Emmons asked what about the public safety liaison? It's listed on the website. Darnell said these are city positions. He explained this.

Nora Goudsmit asked do any of these require votes? Darnell said the Budget Representative position requires a vote.

Paul Emmons asked which 5 positions will require a vote? Darnell responded with agenda items d, e, j, k, and l. There is no vote required for these 5. Poole added that there can be more than one liaison. Darnell concurred, saying you can have an unlimited amount except for the budget liaison position.

d. SLNC Public Works Liaison

Mark Duncan said that he's interested.

e. SLNC Animal Services Liaison

Taryn Poole said that she's interested.

Janis Purins asked does this have to happen tonight?

Darnell said no. It can also happen between meetings.

Seth Copenhaver said that it sounds like something we should put in the newsletter.

Girl asked what about the obligation to attend a certain number of meetings?

Crump said committee co-chairs don't have to be liaisons.

A second female Board member also expressed interest.

j. Film Liaison

Mark Duncan and Paul Emmons expressed interest.

k. Homeless Liaison

Samantha Danner and Maebe A Girl expressed interest. Barbara Ringuette said that I'm happy to coordinate with you.

l. Department Of Aging Liaison(s)

Doug Loewy said that said that Nina Sorkin really wants that position. Crump concurred. He said that Nina Sorkin isn't here because she couldn't find parking.

7.Board Designation of NC Liaisons to City Departments

a. Budget Representatives

Janis Purins, Barbara Ringuette, and Tony Michaelis expressed interest.

Michaelis said I sent an email about my interest and experience. This is our opportunity for our neighborhood to access City services and make sure they are spending effectively. I have developed relationships. We benefit from talking to these people.

At the Bureau of Street Services, I want to set up a neighborhood council advisory group for street services. That would be a good exercise. They meet twice a month. He was at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting today. He'd like to continue.

Barbara Ringuette said I'd be pleased and honored to continue. I have done it for a few years. She has been vice chair. My work is undone, she continued. There is more to do. She wants to be an effective voice for our neighborhood.

She then told the audience about Budget Day on June 29. City Council President Herb Wesson will be there, among others. In the afternoon, we break into groups by region and discuss our needs. There is more work that we can do. If there is no line item for a City service, it won't be provided. So, the liaison is really important.

Black asked Michaelis, as non Board member, are you willing to attend Board meetings to update us? Michaelis said sure.

Black asked Ringuette, you're Chief Trainer? Ringuette said I tell people where to find the information that they need. There is a lot to learn. The budget is very complex. She said that she'd be happy to share information with the Board.

Poole said to Ringuette, I am in awe of what you do. Ringuette said thank you.

Paul Emmons said that Michaelis and I are both Co-Chairs of the Transportation Committee. He's very responsive. It's a good thing to have him as a Budget representative.

Sarah Ullman asked Ringuette what's your process? What will you advocate for for us? Ringuette commented about the giant effort to get information to stakeholders about priority needs. We're educating each other. We meet with department managers. We are well prepared to do an effective job. It's possible to develop relationships with the department. You get people to pick up the phone.

Ullman asked what is the outreach process? Ringuette said that stakeholders can come to their Budget Representatives and indicate their priorities. Budget advocates add weight to things already proposed.

Nora Goudsmit seconded the motion to have Barbara Ringuette serve as Budget Representative

VOTE for Barbara Ringuette as Budget Representative

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Janis Purins made a motion for Tony Michaelis to be Budget representative. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE for Tony Michaelis as Budget Representative
21-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b. Alliance of River Communities Representative

Darnell gave a quick overview of the Alliance of River Communities.

John Engelke nominated himself.

Barbara Ringuette said that she wants to continue as a representative

Paul Emmons made a motion for John Engelke to be an ALC Liaison. Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.

John Engelke said that he's interested in plans to change the Los Angeles River, particularly Frank Gehry's plans and bike paths, the proposed Olympic Village on the side of the River, and also interfacing with FOLAR (Friends of the Los Angeles River). He added that he is a frequent visitor.

VOTE for John Engelke as ALC Liaison

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion for Barbara Ringuette to be ALC Liaison. Sarah Ullman seconded.

Barbara Ringuette said I find it interesting. I like to hear from other neighborhood councils about what they are doing and their concerns. There is a lot to share. There is an opportunity to weigh in. It's important work, so I'd like to continue.

VOTE for Barbara Ringuette as ALC Liaison
21-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

c. Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Citizens Advisory Committee Representative

Black said there is a plan in place to look at the bridge and have an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant sidewalk. There is the question of a plan.

Crump said this is a highly controversial issue in Atwater Village. They established a citizen's advisory committee to chime in. The controversy is about how you enter and exit and deal with traffic. This is tied in closely with river community issues. It's all about access. He added that Nina Sorkin is also interested in this.

Crump said that Nina Sorkin expressed her interest via email during this meeting.

Jerome Courshon said Nina Sorkin sent email a few days ago. Crump said she also sent one tonight.

Barbara Ringuette made the Motion for Nina Sorkin to be Glendale Hyperion Bridge Citizen's Advisory Committee Representative. Mark Duncan seconded.

VOTE for Nina Sorkin to be Glendale Hyperion Bridge Citizen's Advisory Committee Representative

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

f. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative(s)

Sarah Ullman said I'm passionate about this. I worked at my college office of sustainability for 4 years. This is a critical time for our community. We must rally together to fight climate change. Support the Mayor and the State goals, she urged.

Girl seconded the motion for Sarah Ullman to be Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative.

VOTE for Sarah Ullman to be Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Douglas Reed

Janis Purins

Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs

Ilanthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz

Nora Goudsmit

Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein

Samantha Danner

Seth Copenhaver

Jeremy Black

Maebe A. Girl

Lena Najarian Kaderali

Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

g. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Representative

Nicholas Fox-Robbins and Janis Purins are interested.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that neighborhood councils are an amazing opportunity for our community and the City at large. It's the closest thing to democracy that we have access to.

Janis Purins said I'm always interested in best practices. I also wind up on those types of committees. For Hyperion Avenue issues, there is great opportunity to team with other neighborhood councils on issues and share information.

Ilanthe Zevos made the motion for Nicholas Fox-Robbins to be Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Representative. Mark Duncan seconded.

VOTE

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Douglas Reed

Janis Purins

Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs

Ilanthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz

Nora Goudsmit

Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein

Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion for Janis Purins to become LANCC Representative. Jennifer Dibs seconded.

VOTE

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

h. PlanCheckNC LA Liaison

Barbara Ringuette and Ianthe Zevos said that they were interested.

Ringuette said that PlanCheck is fabulous for anyone interested in development in the community City Planning comes and talks about policies that they are working on. We can inform people about upcoming hearing dates and where to look for information. It's an important job for the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. I love going to them.

Ianthe Zaven said the planning process in Los Angeles is opaque and difficult to understand. This is a great opportunity to learn more about it and learn how to get involved in that process. Lots of things are changing in Silver Lake.

Paul Emmons asked does this include building permits? Ringuette replied not individually but as policy. Ringuette gave an example where an historic areas person came a year ago and talked about their designation process.

Purins made a motion for Barbara Ringuette to become an PlanCheckNC LA Liaison. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE Barbara Ringuette to become a PlanCheckNC LA Liaison

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
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Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Mark Duncan seconded the motion for Ianthe Zevos to become a PlanCheckNC LA Liaison.

**VOTE for Ianthe Zevos to become a PlanCheckNC LA Liaison
21-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
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Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

8. New Business:(BOE) Representatives to Stakeholder Working Group as part of the Reservoir Master Plan

9. Training For Board Members: Training session facilitated by a DONE representative

Acting Chair Nora Goudsmit asked about a motion to extend the time for the meeting to 10:30pm?

Jerome Courshon said you may get an extra 10-15 from Irma. Irma won't lock the parking lot if we're still in here. Janis Purins said the gate is locked tonight. Crump said we're supposed to be out by 10pm.

Paul Emmons made a motion to go directly to new business and table others. Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.

**VOTE to move to New Business agenda items and table others
21-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:
Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
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Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that people are under the impression that only those invited could participate. He wants a special meeting to give people the opportunity to consider who they want to represent them. May 22 is the first Master Plan meeting. That date was changed. Everyone is actually eligible to be part of the working group except those involved in other organizations. I just found out today. Maybe today we take nominations?

Acting Chair Nora Goudsmit said that she wants to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

VOTE to extend the meeting by 15 minutes

21-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
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Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Goudsmit said we have to have an additional meeting for funding issues from the non-approved meeting. Darnell said you have \$10,400 left to spend. Goudsmith said the issue was approvals made at the special meeting. All those motions aren't funded. We want to be able to pay those outstanding costs.

Emmons said to call for a special meeting two weeks from tonight. Crump asked can we empower Goudsmit to set the agenda?

Lena Najarian Kaderali noted that the DONE meeting is two weeks from tonight.

Paul Emmons said I withdraw my motion. Have it on the Monday with a location to be determined.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked can we do Tuesday instead of Monday?

Jerome Courshon said we can get you Linda's contact. She's the school principal.

Darnell read the motion to vote for a special Board meeting on May 14 at a location to be determined. Goudsmit said this will be a special meeting to pay for funding approved at the non-sanctioned meeting and for the Reservoir Master Plan.

Paul Emmons made the motion for the special meeting. Goudsmit seconded.

**VOTE for the special meeting
21-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
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Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
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Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10. Old Business: Approval of the April 3, 2019 Board Draft Minutes:

Jerome Courshon said that he wants to address the April minutes. He has corrections. Nora Goudsmit said we'll come back to that at the special meeting.

Paul Emmons made a motion to make comments about the minutes via email to the Secretary.

**VOTE to postpone approval of the April minutes
21-0-0**

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Douglas J. Loewy
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Janis Purins
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
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Seth Copenhaver
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting ended about 10:05pm.