

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GREEN COMMITTEE

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:30 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:36 pm, due to preceding Joint Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting running late.

Attendance – 10: John Wingler, Lee Conger, Dulce Stein, Ianthe Zevos, Jane Cook, Olivia BarrioNuevo, Hugh Kenny, Renée K. Dawson, Genelle LeVin, Pat Posey

2. Public Comment on Non-agenda Item

- Lee distributed a calendar of upcoming local sustainability events
- Jane reported on a successful cleanup event with the Litter League on Sunday, June 16 with about 20 participants.

3. Co-chair elections

Genelle agreed to conduct the elections, explained the rules for voting and nomination, and called for nominations.

Renée nominated John Wingler and Hugh seconded. John agreed to accept nomination.

Lee nominated Elaine Roark, John seconded. As Elaine was not present, Genelle questioned whether Elaine was willing to accept nomination. Lee replied that he had spoken with her and although she was unable to attend, she indeed was interested in being nominated and that he would like to read a statement she had sent expressing her interest.

Genelle asked for further nominations, and there being none, she asked for the two nominees to give their qualifications. John summarized a report of the Green Committee's activities during his two preceding years as co-chair and stated that he was indeed interested in continuing.

Lee read a statement from Elaine expressing her qualifications and interest. In summary, "she has worked at environmental think tank World Resources Institute, as an attorney at an environmental and land use law firm, and in landscape architecture... She also hopes to help Silver Lake embrace sustainability, foster education about green initiatives and practices, and enhance our vital outdoor spaces as Co-Chair of the Green Committee."

Genelle asked for hands of those in favor of John as co-chair: Unanimous, 10-0-0

And for Elaine as co-chair: Unanimous, 10-0-0. Genelle congratulated the newly elected elected co-chairs, and John resumed the meeting.

4. Presentations

As this was a joint meeting with Arts and Culture, the presentation had been completed in the previous period with artist Olivia BarrioNuevo discussing her art installation project, "The Monarch". Olivia stated that a time frame of September 2019 would be reasonable. Further discussion ensued under agenda item 6 below.

5. Administrative Items

The minutes from the May 16, 2019 were approved as written.

6. Motions and Resolutions

- A. The Green Committee consideration was whether to collaborate with Arts and Culture, and if so whether a stairway would be an appropriate venue. It was agreed to move ahead with the project, noting that the monarch migration as a phenomenon is fundamental to the biological balance of the ecosystem and relevant to the Green Committee's mission statement. Greater awareness of the migration and the precariousness of the monarch's survival and our area's role would benefit the community.

Lee recommended the Silver Lake Avenue stairs near an area where he has fought to preserve stands of native milk weed, the required plant for survival of all stages of the monarchs' lives. He agreed to schedule and lead a tour of the area for the artist and other interested parties. (A date of July 7 has been established.)

A discussion of whether to request funding from the governing board ensued. All felt that a funding motion should be placed on the next agenda for consideration. John felt that asking for support for an opening event would be worth consideration. Dulce asked about how much the project would cost. Olivia estimated \$3000 to \$4000. And she said that she would be willing to pay if funds were not available otherwise.

- B. Patrick Posey is a musician and relatively new homeowner in Silver Lake; he expressed interest in adopting the Hamilton Stairway near his residence. The committee unanimously agreed and welcomed him enthusiastically.
- C. A very brief discussion due to the time ensued about establishing a better way of pre-emptively discovering tree-threatening construction. Ianthe noted that she does make calls to city agencies regarding trees. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.
- D. Confirmation of Peggy Gorelick as the liaison to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance – confirmed unanimously. Question as to whether Bob Lisauskas also wishes to continue as liaison; John will inquire.

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

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will be Thursday July 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.