

SILVER LAKE LGBTQIA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 7.25.19

WELCOMING REMARKS: 6:00pm –

Call to Order

Maebe - Silver Lake Neighborhood Councilwoman – Welcome to the first LGBTQIA Advocates Committee Meeting. When I submitted the motion to form this committee, part of the idea was preserving our queer history and also making sure we have a voice in community matters and are fairly represented, on top of focusing on LGBTQIA specific matters as they pertain to Silver Lake.

Maebe A. Girl:

Goals of this meeting are elections of co-chairs, laying foundation for what the committee is going to be, still deciding how often the committee will meet, at the very least quarterly, possibly monthly future meeting times will be voted on as a group.

Self-Introductions of guests:

Aman Chaudhary -lgbtq vertige cover artist

Ryan Floyd - 33 taps

Rob Reyes - LAUSD teacher, chair lasts teachers union

Heather Carson - council 5 years, helping new team, on friends of Silver Lake Library, artist

Matthew Farrell - writer marketing attends council meetings

Gwyneth Bulawsky - stylist, artist, resident, support community,

Dylan Thomas Cotter – marketing, Indigo Fitness, trans and queer person

Chloe Sprague - asst. talent management, photographer, currently running campaign

Malik Smith - resident, support

Seth Gottesdiener – Owner at Indigo Fitness

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

Rob Reyes:

How do we normally get the word out about meetings?

Maebe A. Girl:

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Website, DONE Website, and posted at the Silver Lake Recreational Center. We will also create a specific committee mailing list. and will have to first look into the rules on creating a Facebook group and then would have to submit a motion for closed facebook group for LGBTQIA committee notifications. We can look into whether or not we can do this in accordance with the Brown Act.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: 6:10pm □

Rob Reyes:

Have noticed more and more private parking streets. How much access are we allowing. We may be shutting LGBTQIA people out by restricting parking.

Maebe A. Girl / Heather:

We may submit a motion to Maebe or SLNCC, possibly to the Transportation and Safety Committee ties into that.

Gwyneth Bulawsky:

Rudy's Barbershop is hosting and trans and queer art reception from 7-9 on August 25th 2019. Rudy's has partnered with the LA LGBT Center in the past and raised over 11,000 dollars this year for them. The event was created to reach out to and support the trans community. Rudy's will be accepting donations for Trans Latina Coalition at the event as well.

Heather:

Send Rudy's August 25th event information to the Silver Lake Arts Committee so they can possibly share.

Aman:

Wanted to let everyone know that there is an LGBTQ book club at the Silver Lake library and they are always welcoming new members. Current book discussions happen once a month on Saturdays at 11:30am. Homocentric, is

a queer poetry event that happens at 7 pm the last Tuesday of every month at Stories Books on Sunset. Erica Silverman is the head Librarian.

Maebe A. Girl

Attended one of homelessness liaisons LAHSA meetings, which had a panel with SELAH, Everyone In, city agencies, and neighborhood councils.

Rob Reyes:

We should find out if the city is doing anything specially to address LGBTQIA homelessness and youth.

Maebe A. Girl

Learned at the meetings that 40% of Youth homelessness is within the LGBTQIA community, the statistics demonstrate the need to see how the LGBTQIA committee can help.□

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: 6:15pm □

A. Co-Chairs will preside at meetings, prepare agendas for meetings, and will perform other duties as needed for the Committee. Co-Chair positions are open to all Silver Lake Stakeholders.

Maebe A. Girl

Expectation to be here for every meeting and stay in contact. We will elect two co-chairs. The co-chairs will help run the meetings and be involved, they will need to take ethics training, sign a pledge and code of conduct, learn about the Brown Act and all decisions have to be made publicly.

NOMINATIONS:

First Position:

#1 Dylan: Self nominated

Self Introduction: Is a Silver Lake resident, works in marketing is a trans and queer person looking to get more involved.

#2 Gwyn: Self nominated

Self Introduction: Interested in getting more involved in community. Work and live in silver lake, would like to be more involved in planning.

#3 Maebe: Self nominated

Self Introduction: Maebe would love to be co-chair, submitted the motion to create the LGBTQIA Committee is already on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, a SLNC homelessness liaison, has helped to organize joint committees, is a gay person, drag queen and would love to get more involved.

NEW PERSON:

Leda:

Self-Introduction: Running for Latinx co-chair attending to see how to best interface with LGBTQIA committee. Latino population, Silver Lake's issue of housing and displacements, would like for Latinx people to have support as Silver Lak has a huge pool of people working and what is their support. Homeowners, professors, looking at a mixed representation.

Heather:

Point of Information: Only talk about what is on the agenda.

VOTES:

Maebe: 9 (Maebe, Aman, Ryan, Rob, Heather, Matthew, Dylan, Chole, Malik)

Dylan: 1 (Seth)

Gwyn: 1 (Gwyn)

Leda abstained from voting.

MOTION TO: Elect Maebe as one of the co-chairs

Chloe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

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VOTES:

Dylan: 9 (Maebe, Leda, Aman, Seth, Ryan, Matthew, Gwyn, Chole, Malik)

Gwyn: 3 (Rob, Heather, Gwyn)

MOTION TO: Elect Dylan as one of the co-chairs

Ryan seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: 6:30pm

A. Discussion and Possible Action on creating goals and discussion topics relevant to the committee, such as partnering with various city and non-profit agencies, compiling LGBTQIA resources for the SLNC website, HIV Outreach, LGBTQIA Homelessness, etc.

Maebe:

Open discussion on all goals and future agenda topics for the committee to discuss and possibly act on.

Heather:

Procedurally: everything is actionable can make a motion.

Rob:

MOTION TO: Discuss Sunset Junction festival (LGBTQ & Latino communities to come together)

Begin discussing other opportunities to bridge communities and homeless youth.

Maebe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

Maebe:

Hosts a drag brunch at Lyric Hyperion and partners up with HIV testing truck in the front. We could see if APAIT or another testing truck would be interested in connecting with resources like that and pairing up for community events such as movie in the triangle, the Rudy's queer art show on the 25th, etc.

Malik:

MOTION TO: Add organizations to partner with for Rudys art event 8/25, LA Prep, Beniestar, The Wall Las Memorias Project and also HIV outreach for this and future events.

Leda:

Request a spanish speaking person be in attendance.

Maebe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

Gwyn:
LGBTQ Homeless school year starting - fundraiser for LGBTQ students returning back to school. Fundraiser that supports LGBT Center program for LGBT students.

Gwyn:
MOTION TO: have this LGBTQIA committee move that the SLNC board to partner up with LAUSD schools specifically to Silver Lake and local silver lake businesses to create fundraiser for school supplies for LGBT Youth.

Maebe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

Heather:
There's a limit of 3 people who can research, craft a motion and communicate about it externally.

Ryan:
Are there stats on Silver Lake homelessness?

Rob:
Local business could also donate in-kind for homeless youth. Contact Dir. at center ask the kids what they need and send a mass email to local businesses. Possibly we submit motion for fundraiser for back to school in the future. Will get in touch with LAUSD.

Heather:
Ask for dollar amount for SLNC to provide funds and then would the SLNC would vote on the motion. Next SLNCC Meeting is first week of August: next committee meeting sometime in august.

Heather:
Moves to create committee webpage with mission statement and pertinent info resources, contact info

Maebe:
MOTION TO: Submit motion to create committee webpage on SLNC webpage of dealings of the committee and LGBTQIA resources.

Rob seconds,

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

Maebe:
MOTION TO: Have LGBTQIA partner with homelessness committee

Chloe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

B.
Discussion and Possible action concerning ways the committee can partner with Friends of Silver Lake Library (FOSLL) for activities at the library. Suggestions include: Drag storytelling hour, curating collections of LGBTQIA books for adults and for kids, DRAG Bingo, LGBTQIA lecture series, etc.

Partner with Friends of Silver Lake Library (FOSLL) for the launch of the SLNC funded Little Free Lending Library Pods later this fall to curate a selection of LGBTQIA readings for adults at the Silver Lake Triangle Plaza location and for kids at the Bellevue Rec Center location to coordinate with LGBTQIA events such as

Heather:
Moves to collaborate with Friends of Silver Lake Library and create ongoing series at the library including:
-Drag Queen story hour
-Ongoing Lecture Series
-Social Events to promote Queer and Trans inclusion

FOSLL meets on second Thursdays 6pm - 8pm

Dylan:

-Include Coffee or Tea With a Trans Person Social Series

Gwyn:

Discuss adding budget for drag queens.

Maebe:

MOTION TO: Create an ongoing program for LGBTQIA committee to collaborate with the Silver Lake Library on events, drag queen story time, lecture series, trans specific events to promote trans visibility.

Gwen seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

#4 AGENDA ITEM LETTER C

Partner with friends of silver lake library for launch of silver lake funded library pods to create a selection of LGBTQIA readings for the community that would be available at Silver Lake triangle.

Curate ideas: LGBTQIA could recommend books and request funding from SLNC to keep stocking LGBTQ. Literature, book marks, outreach,

Rob:

BOOK: "Queer History Across The United States"

Books by: trans authors, trans women of color, curate a list of queer books.

Aman:

MOTION TO: Compile list of LGBTQIA literature that we can recommend to Silver Lake library and Los Angeles public library in English and Spanish.

Maebe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

Heather:

MOTION TO: Collaborate with FOSSL to create selection of LGBTQIA themed materials in English and Spanish for the free lending library pods.

Maebe seconded.

All in favor. No objections. Unanimous all in favor.

NEW PEOPLE:

Dulce Stein, and Christopher Johnren

#5 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Rob:

Weho Gay Sports, LA Gay Varsity League, Rugby, Soccer. Starting or connecting with existing VGL. Discuss in future and take possible action on intramural LGBTQIA sporting events

Heather:

to purchase books selected from the lists.

Seth:

Form an LGBTQIA Business Association. Discuss ways to support LGBTQIA businesses forming an alliance.

Dylan:

LGBTQIA Business Association stickers.

Christopher:

PURCHASING BOOKS: ***When compiling the books list see if there are any local authors to collaborate.

Maebe:

MOTION TO: Adjourn meeting ADJOURN MEETING

Seconded by Rob.

Motion passes unanimously