

**Joint Meeting of the Governing Board and Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee  
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
07/02/2019**

MINUTES

1) **Call to Order:** Nora Goudsmit (Vice Chair) reads opening remarks. Meeting Called to order at **6:13pm**

2) **Roll Call:** 10 present.

3) **Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items.**

4) **Public comment on Non-agenda items.**

a. Nina Sorkin: Meet the New SLO from the north east division. Meet Jesse at Alt-community club. I do miss the visions and goals meetings. This used to be held at the Russian church at the south part of Silver Lake. Please think about putting these on your agenda. Rusty, who passed away last year was instrumental.

b. Janelle: I feel that the standing rules and bylaws being changed without community input was appalling. I feel this has no regard for the community. 11 is supposed to be a quorum, I don't think there is quorum for this meeting.

Nora: This Joint meeting was called to include as many interested Board members as possible and to hold this Committee meeting without violating the Brown Act. This is the meeting where we are discussing changes to the bylaws and standing rules, revisions will then be brought to the Governing Board for a vote.

Quorum would be necessary for the Board to take action by vote. This is a joint meeting that allows more than 5 committee members to attend. This is the by-laws review meeting where its forwarded to the Governing Board.

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i. Consistently apply throughout Bylaws: Allow for grammatical changes of no meaning-based consequences.

Nora Motions, Paul Emmons 2nd's. Unanimous Yes's across the board.

ii. Article IV stakeholder: Change first paragraph to read:]

Public comment by Nina Sorkin: What's stricken from this is not where we were involved in this. Look at Atwater village and what they have. It's more comprehensive.

If you look at all the neighborhood councils, the first sentence is the template.

lanthe zenos arrived at 6:29pm

Nora: I'll review that.

Discussion of stakeholder, as defined by the City and language adopted by DONE.

Point of Clarification: If someone claims themselves as a community stakeholder, they need to cite an address? If its a club that has no official address, that holds meetings in Silver Lake, but has no specific address, is that allowed for voting specifically.

Nora: The City defines what specifically qualifies as a stakeholder vs what qualifies as a candidate. If you're within the Silver Lake boundaries and fill out the self affirmation form, then that's acceptable. The form is provided by the City Clerk and the City Clerk is responsible for validating voters as stakeholders. You do have to specify a qualifying address.

Jeremy: Where did this language come from?

Nora: From DONE.

Sarah: Will there be another meeting about the bylaws being incorporated further?

Nora: I could include that as a description and get it approved by DONE. It is a case by case, so I can't say. The public will be able to read all these changes.

Motion to change the first paragraph presented in front of you by Nora. Nora Motion's Paul 2nd's.

Objection from Elaine: I find the language redundant.

Nora: What's written in the current bylaws and standing rules , should be in accordance with what the City and DONE has defined for stakeholder and it is not, which requires changes to our bylaws and standing rules.

Paul: The laws of the city supersede bylaws of any council.

Roll Call Vote. 10 yes' 1 objection from Maebe. Motion passes.

Public comment: Nina Sorkin: It's a matter of outreach and not sure what's going on with that. It's important because we doubled the vote count last year.

iii. Article V Governing Board- Section 8 Censure- Change first section to read:]

No comments.

Nora, Paul 2nd's

Unanimous Votes yes. Motion Carries.

iv. Article V Governing Board- Section 9 Removal- Change item A7 to read:]

Paul Comments that the last paragraph was added by the request of DONE.

Ilanthe comments that not all board members don't use email due to age.

Nora responds:. Everyone on the Board is issued a SLNC email address and is required to do business from that email account. Also, none of this happens overnight or from 1 email, nobody is just removed. The emails would also provide a written record.

Nora Motions to change the item. Paul 2nd's the motion.

10 yes. 1 no. Motion carries. (Maebe objected)

v. Article VI selection of officers - Change paragraph to read]

Sarah comments: I do think we should add something about training and notifying people. I think it's the responsibility of DONE. I think for a lot of us, we didn't know what that meant. I'm not sure what the solution is, frankly it's DONE's responsibility. As a body, we should have a responsibility to make them successful if DONE fails.

Paul: That came up on a previous meeting. the changes here are to clarify when board members on seating. They do need to reach out to newly elected board members on what responsibilities are.

Nora: Paul's point is that it's beyond the purview of the bylaws so we have to move forward.  
No public comments.

Nora Motions, Paul 2nd's Unanimous yes's 11 yes, 0 no. Motion Carries.

vi. Article X election- Section 3: Minimum Voting age- Change Sentence to read]

Public Comment: Nina: I do applaud you making this change, one issue though is that in 2016, an issue was it prevented 16 years olds from running for office. I don't see that in this document.

Nora: the requirement from the City is 18 to run, and that can be changed. The voting age can be 16.

Paul: Point of information, if they are doing that, it's a violation of city bylaws.

Point of Clarification: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council has a Youth Representative seat and that is acceptable, but it is a designated youth seat on their Board, which is likely part of their bylaws.

Public Comment: I was working several elections, I saw people under 18 working the elections, they couldn't vote, but they did participate, and they were very smart.

No further comments.

Voice Vote. Nora Motioned, Paul 2nd'd. Unanimous yes. No objections. Motion Carries.

Article X Elections Section 4 Method of Verifying stakeholder status.

Nora Motions, Paul 2nd's. Unanimous yes's. Motion Carries.

**B.** Goudsmit/Emmons Move to discuss and take possible action on the following changes and edits to the SLNC standing rules.

No public comments.

Nora we will amend "The" in there.

Nora Motions, Paul 2nd's. Unanimous Yes's Motion Carries

i. Consistently apply throughout Standing rules: Board committee.

Nora 11-0. Nora Goudsmit made motion. Paul 2nd'd.

ii. Standing Rule 1- Process for Election of Board Officers- Change text to read]

Nora reads the text of the changes.

Sarah Comments that it should be Poll as in taking a poll (spelling error) third line of C.

No public comments.

Nora Motions. Paul 2nd's 11-0 Motion Carries.

iii. Standing Rule 3- Placement of Items on Agenda- Change Text to read]

Sarah asked: When you say motions can be submitted on the website, is there a form?

Answered: Yes there's a form.

Sarah: wow! there's layers. Can we make that more obvious? I've been on it and it's hard to find.

No public comment.

Nora Motions, Paul 2nd's. 11-0 Motion carries

iv. Standing Rule 6- Procedure of Presenting a Motion to the Board- Change to read]

Paul: This is my contribution. The standing rules is you ask all your questions and you have 2 minutes each and then the presenter answers. And during the process, it makes remembering questions very difficult. The idea here is operates the same as a congressional hearing. The Questioner has 2 minutes, and you can pause the time and then reclaim the time.

Jeremy: I would like to strike the last part. And to clarify that it all has to happen within a 2 minute period. I also think reclaiming time will be a nightmare because in congress, they have people keeping track of that. So the idea here is to keep everything within 2 minutes.

Nick: Problem here, What if they take the entire 2 minutes and they want to filibuster it to run down the clock.

Sarah responds: I think it's the responsibility/power to be able to allow for more time if necessary.

Paul: And that's already possible. Why don't we vote on the modification?

Nora Motion is to modify and to strike the last 2 sentences. Paul 2nd's 11-0. Last 2 seconds struck.

Main motion to standing rule, just on the 1st sentence.

Nora motions. Paul 2nd's. 11-0. Motion carries.

v. [Standing Rule 10]

Nora: We have a history with Ivanhoe.

Public comment: Nina, there was an issue of seeing a cockroach which blew up. In terms of really looking at outreach, Ivanhoe is ridiculous. The bus does NOT run after 8. One night the minute taker couldn't get home because the bus didn't run. If you really want to outreach to region 2,3,5 you really have to be open. I'm not going to walk down from Waverly. You're not living in region 6-7. Beyond the Bell has everything you need.

Sarah: My suggestion is to strike a specific location from the standing rules all together. We don't have specific locations for committee meetings, this does not seem necessary.

Ilanthe: Same issue, Ivanhoe has basically no way to get there unless you live there and get lucky with parking.

Elaine: I think we should pick the central location. ( Discussion of Micheltorena

Jeremy: I don't think we should pick a different one every time. It's not that its a bad choice to move it to Micheltorena, but there are economic factors.

Dulce: I think we should have 3 locations so it covers the whole area. Outreach should be ready for each. So if you can't make it to this one, you can make it to the other one.

Paul: I think we should just strike rule 10, that way we can decide where to hold each meeting.

Lena: One reason I want to be sensitive to, Ivanhoe made a NPG request to the council and got laughed out. The money we do get them goes towards services at the school.

Maebe: I think it would be confusing for stakeholders to look it up each time where the meeting is. I'm in favor of moving it to Micheltorena. The Central location takes away the need to move it around at all.

Question by Elaine: Do the subcommittees pay for the meetings?

Answer: Certain locations do not charge, like the Library and the Rec Center, but others do have a cost.

Paul motions to strike rule 10. Nick 2nd's.

Nina asks: Striking it is one thing, but it may continue at Ivanhoe till I die. When will the board notify us that its changing?

Nick: Outreach will priority this. Our next meeting is concerning the website, the following can cover this.

Paul Motions to Strike his previous motion, Withdrawn.

New Motion by Paul to Table this till August General governing board.. Nora 2nd's. 11-0 Motion Passes

Sarah Ullman Left at 7:31pm

vi. Standing Rule 12- Order of business. Change text to read:]

Public comment by Nina: Where do liaison reports come in?

Nora: It would fall under special reports and presentations.

Nora Motions. Paul 2nd's 10-0. Motion Carries.

vii. Standing Rule 21- Limited Number of Board members on each advisory committee.

Nora: a 6th person entering a committee meeting becomes a non participant silent observer. This Clarifies the rule. If 1 person leaves, that opens up the ability for the observer to become a participant.

Nina: I saw people abuse this, 11 people were in it. they would "leave" and say I'm out. and then the observers would jump in and that's how 11 people in a committee meeting got into 1.

Nora Motions. Paul 2nd's . 10-0, Motion Carries

viii. Standing Rule 26. Roll Call- Change text to read].

Paul: This saves a step to make a motion to do a roll call vote. This saves an enormous amount of time. This makes it easier to have voice votes by the discretion of the chair.

No public comment.

Nora Motions Paul 2nd's 10-0 Motion Passes

ix. Standing rule 29- Advisory Committee Co-Chairs Elected Annually\* Change text to read]

Clarifies the seating date.  
No comments.

Nora Motions. Paul 2nd's 10-0, Motion Passes.

x. Standing Rule 31. Issuance of office keys:]  
To clarify how to get keys back.

Nora amends that ANY AND ALL KEYS that are issued to officers are to be returned to the secretary at the end of each officers term.

Nora Goudsmit Motions, Paul Emmons 2nd's. Motions Carries 10-0 Unanimously.

Nina: You have earthquake supplies in a storage unit at the church. I could never get the keys to it being on the public safety committee.

Nora: When was the last time this was open? What year?

Nina: About 10 years ago.

Nora: We will look into that!.

xi. Standing rule 38- Community Impact Statements- Change Text to read

Jeremy stepped out at 7:47pm

Nora Goudsmit Motions, Paul Emmons 2nd's. Motions Carries 9-0 Unanimously.

xii. Standing rule 42. Posting of Agenda and Minutes - Change 2nd sentence to read

Jeremy returned at 7:51pm.

Nora Goudsmit Motions, Paul Emmons 2nd's. Motions Carries 10-0 Unanimously.

xiii. Update SLNC advisory committee list to include LGTBQIA and Latinx

Maebe: I'd like to amend it to LGTBQIA but also say advocates.

Dulce: I'd also like to change it to Latinx representation.

Nora: So now it will read Latinx representation and LGTBQUA advocates:

Ilanthe: Also, Advisory and youth. Youth needs to be its own separate line as a typo.

Nora Goudsmit Motions, Paul Emmons 2nd's. Motions Carries 10-0 Unanimously.

Nora: At the Special meeting there were approximately 12 Board members who were interested in being at this meeting, who would be interested in being on the Bylaws and Standing Rules committee going forward? There will be a limit to 5 Board members, essentially 3 because of Co-Chairs, who is interested?

Nick  
Dulce  
Jeremy  
Maebe  
Lena

Jeremy Leaves at 7:58pm

No additional comments.

Nick: July 19th Our picture show will have Coco and Astec dancer. We will premier a Spanish language neighborhood council sign.

Maebe: Tentatively the first LGBTQIA meeting will be on Thursday July 25th Its tentative because I need to confirm with the library.

Nina: In terms of Rule 47, they did change it to include at-large stakeholders. \*Clarification on email chain sizes\*

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm**