

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
(Draft) Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:04pm with 18 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

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

Non-Attending Board Members:

Douglas J. Loewy

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

Vice Chair Nora Goudsmit is Acting Chair as the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) has not elected co-chairs. She read an explanation of how the meeting would run.

She said that as chair she wants to open space for hardy discussion and public comment while all parties respect each other as neighbors. At first brush, challenging ourselves to move beyond past hurts, misperceptions, uncertainties, differing ideas, and preconceived notions may seem nearly impossible.

My first step will be to work very hard to create this space among us all to hear you, to take in your ideas, frustrations, and criticisms and concerns with equal value and weight.

I will not leave anyone out of this space. I hope to create it with you and will do so at each meeting with the express desire to have an impact on how we see one another and I hope with the respect and regard that I show to each of you, we will reshape our culture in this room and take with us to better our community outside of this room, she concluded.

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Natalie **Selzer**:*

She said that she is speaking on behalf of Sarah Ullman, whom she's known for years. The first conversation I had with her was about her getting involved in the community and she's been active in the community for years.

*Michael **Desmond Goetzman**:*

The stakeholder said that he lives in Region 7. He wants to express support for Sarah Ullman. He said I want to encourage compromise and civility within this council. Ullman is an excellent and passionate organizer. A few years ago she started One Vote At A Time, a group of all female filmmakers supporting gun control legislation. She wants to support the majority rather than any narrow interest groups. I hope we devote energy into supporting her, he said.

Sarah Peterson:

The stakeholder said that she lives in Region 2. She is speaking in support of Sarah Ullman, whom she's known for many years. Ullman

puts the community above herself. Silver Lake means so much to her. Personally, she has high ethics and morals.

Olivia:

She is wearing art and discussing her project. She has been a photographer for all of her life. She is now working in mixed media and historical projects. She has interacted with the Arts and Culture Committee. This project examines migration. It is a specific project for Silver Lake that calls for hope endurance and courage. She wants to make an art installation.

Heather Carson:

After 2.5 brutal years, the lending library was funded. Nina Sorkin jumped in to make it happen. Despite the previous leadership's attempts to defund them, we were able to get that approval. The artist may do three lending libraries, instead of two, with locations at the Triangle and at Bellevue and/or the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

Bill Webber:

The stakeholder said that he is from Region 7. He wants to express support for Sarah Ullman. He met her when she was canvassing. She wants to make the community a better place. In her business work, she started a political film thing. She took him to lunch last week to discuss it. I have the highest regard for her.

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

She discussed the history of the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. In 2016 she was a member of Silver Lake Now. At that time the idea to create a sanctuary was inspired by comments from outgoing Assemblymember Mike Gatto. Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Board members Jerome Courshon and Anne-Marie Johnson were enlisted along with several community members.

In 2017, we took this idea to incoming Assemblymember Laura Friedman, who sponsored a bill for it in the State legislature. Other neighborhood council members were enlisted for support including Betsy Isroelit, Terrence Jackson, and Taryn Poole. We received outstanding help from this neighborhood council.

Two years ago the bill stalled due to the suggestion from the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and some City Council members that this was a community matter, not a State matter. Assemblymember Friedman withdrew the bill. We turned to creating a community advocacy group, TheChange.org. We began a petition.

At this juncture, all neighborhood council members stepped away to avoid conflicts of interest. The Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary was born and continues to grow to realize the vision of people and wildlife sharing the reservoir complex as a community. We look forward to working with all of you.

*Lee **Concord Conger**:*

He said that he is a 27-year resident of Silver Lake and a 25-year resident of Region 7. He is the coordinator of the Silver Lake time bank and a big fan of Sarah Ullman. I stumbled upon her campaign materials. She blew me away. I was impressed with her resume and interest in Silver Lake issues, as well as her forthrightness and her passion. I canvassed with her. I put the rest of my life in hold for two weeks. I have experienced joy and relief at her strength of character and integrity. Go Region 7!

Peggy Gorlick:

The stakeholder said that she lives in Region 7 and is a representative of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. I really love Sarah Ullman. It's a dream relationship with a politician. She is so engaged with what I care about. To have someone who actually listens and has open office hours. She continues to learn. She is an incredible business person. She is taking extra organizing training. I have the highest regard for her.

*Michael **Hammersley**:*

The stakeholder said that he lives in Region 3. He is concerned about comments made about Sarah Ullman at the previous Board meeting. She's been a good friend for several years, he said. He praised her impeccable character and her support for gun control legislation. He said that he hopes that less time is spent on petty personal attacks and more on important tasks.

*Mara **Tasker**:*

The stakeholder said that she lives in Region 6. She is here to support Sarah Ullman. She has worked with her for years. Ullman has a true ability to incorporate different views and opinions.

Rick Green:

The stakeholder, who lives in Region 6, announced that on Saturday there will be an annual party between Angus and Putnam. They will close the street. There will be free yoga. Kids can play. There will be games. At 2:30pm there will be free snow cones. Then bands will perform. This is a community potluck. There will also be a movie after sunset: "Star Wars, Episode 4.

Acting Chair Goudsmit said that she wants to move up announcements. She wants board announcements to be made during the comment period.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded. There were no objections.

5) Presentation from LADWP

a) LADWP will provide a briefing on the general operations at the Reservoir Complex.

Ms. Halla:

She gave the introduction for the multi-person team presentation. She discussed the Silver Lake operations complex. It is no longer part of the Los Angeles water system. It is now under the jurisdiction of the Division of the Safety of Dams. That includes the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe dams. Their focus is on public safety. Over the past five years, the Silver Lake bypass pipeline and regular substation sought to preserve the Silver Lake Reservoir as a body of water.

There is infrastructure to support the reservoir including towers, gate wells, a pipeline network, and vaults. There is also a landscape yard, security, landscaping, and maintenance. The National Park Service monitors the coyote habitat. Vector Control people are also active.

The reservoir is open to the public for recreational use. The pathway was created by the meadow so joggers won't have to run in the street. There are several licenses.

Susan Avila, Project Manager, Susan.avila@ladwp.com, (213) 367-4750:

She discussed aeration and recirculation systems. The goal is to bring benefits and address potential odors and go through the process of becoming a natural body of water. Construction will begin next year. The design phase started last year. It should be operational by 2022.

There are aeration projects in both the upper and lower reservation, called Ivanhoe and Silver Lake, respectively. Once the construction begins, the only things visible will be pipes running into the reservoir. The idea is to create motion in the water. During construction, we'll use existing infrastructure so neighbors won't notice.

Scott Bejack:

He discussed the modular office site, which will be placed in the northeast corner of the reservoir near Tesla Street. They will repave the road into site and put in a parking lot. The site will be near Sunshine House (the old caretaker's house) and the green garage building (where the landscape staff is now). They will remove all materials and supplies. They will clear the site and put in the foundation for modular offices, which will have a color similar to the garage building.

Work starts in November for the foundation. Installation will probably happen about 4 months later. Why are we putting modular offices here? We have facilities throughout the city with staff doing work in that neighborhood. It's more convenient, he explained.

(Note: Anthony Crump arrived by 7:41pm.)

This will be a Bureau of Engineering project funded by the DWP. The project is to save and refill the reservoir with well water. To save water for domestic use we'll do as storm water capture system. This is the storm water capture project.

Currently, water drains to Marina Del Rey and to the Los Angeles River down toward Long Beach and the sea. This will prevent dirtier water from going out to the ocean. Before it goes into the

reservoir, it will be cleaned. There are ten catchment basins around the reservoir. Hydrodynamic separators will clean the water, separating debris, trash, oil, and sediments. Clean water goes into the reservoir. This also happens at Echo Park Lake. This will be installed by the Bureau of Engineering and maintained by the Bureau of Sanitation.

For information about the Master Plan: www.Eng.lacity.org/slrcmp-home or email: eng.slrcmp@lacity.org

*Dawn **Cutterwell Cotterell**, Community Affairs, DWP,
Dawn.cotterell@ladwp.com, Dawn.Cotterell@ladwp.com, 213-367-4208:*

She said that there will be a community workshop this month. What do you want to have at reservoir will be discussed at this June 27 is meeting. Council Districts 4 and 13 are involved.

The DWP representative noted that they had been here in May 2018. Ivanhoe Pathway opened in January 2019. The South Dam Pathway opened in February 2018

A Woman asked a question about the modular building. Why are people building it there at the Reservoir? Scott Bejack said they will be resident engineers for operations in the area. Our offices jam packed downtown. We're buying facilities throughout the City to place people.

In response to a complaint about trucks and a question of what are you getting rid of before November when construction begins, Susan Avila said that all trucks will be gone by then. We will clean up everything and everything will look nicer as landscape people leave and engineering people come in.

Heather Carson commented that the project is a public relations nightmare. This is a world class opportunity and you're putting in a modular building? It makes no sense. You don't need to be on the Reservoir.

Frida Freda Chen asked will the structures be environmentally sustainable? Scott Bejack said we will put in a top coat on the asphalt. It will be light grey to reduce the heat island effect. In response to another question, he said that he's not sure how great

the effect of permeable pavement would be. There are no specific plans for that.

Chen asked will you consider native plants that are specific for that habitat, those that might be beneficial for coyotes? For the run off, what will happen to the water flow to Bologna Creek? Scott Bejack replied that it's a very small amount, in the scheme of things. It would be a drop in the bucket.

Ilanthe Zevos asked where is the power coming from for **separation aerators**? Avila explained.

Jennifer Dibs asked about plates at end of the lines in lake for aeration, Avila explained. In the last two months, two people jumped into the Reservoir. Would anyone get hurt, asked Dibs? Avila explained that the plates are bubblers and they are deep. They don't have blades.

Douglas Reed asked what's happened on the east side on the hill that's enclosed? That's a most precious sanctuary for wildlife. There is a road there and a construction debris field to north east. Avila said there is no activity in the knoll. She's not sure about the debris field. Scott Bejack the terraces were there but were overgrown. They cleared it to re-establish the nursery. It wasn't heavily wooded.

Taryn Poole asked a question about separators. They will be placed in the street? Are there filters for oils and metals? Scott Bejack, who said that he represents the Department of Engineering, not the DWP, said they are intended to separate oil, debris, and sediment.

Barbara Ringuette asked where does debris go? Bejack said sanitation comes with vacuum truck to clean them out.

Mark Duncan thanked them for their presentation. He said there are thousands of office spaces available in Los Angeles but very few green spaces. We would much prefer to have that as a green space. There was applause.

DWP needs to increase staff at this site? How can this take more maintenance people if the role of the Reservoir is shrinking? Avila said the office space would be for managers. Duncan, who said that he is in real estate, noted that there are lots of buildings out

there. If you need help to find one, I'll help you. The modular office building is set in one of most beautiful areas.

Jeremy Black asked how do you define modular office building? Bejack explained. It's like a prefab mobile home. So, we'll have a mobile home park on the Reservoir, asked Black. Bejack said that it will be nicer than a standard modular office. They will use superior material.

Black commented that this is prime real estate. We should preserve this for wildlife. I encourage you to rethink this office building. It will probably be a big public relations nightmare.

Elaine Harris Roark asked about the longevity of the modular office? They just tore down a modular parking lot from the 1960s downtown. Bejack said he can't say. There was then a discussion of temporary libraries. This will be better than those you see at schools. It should last 40 years. Black said in that case, why not create a permanent structure?

Paul Emmons thanked the representatives for coming. He said he attended a Master Plan meeting earlier this year. If they are modular, implies that they are temporary. If they house people in the neighborhood, if you purchase nearby facilities, you can move offsite? Who is responsible for landscaping at the Reservoir and the meadow? About 20% of the plants are dead. Avila said that the Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible. It's the decision of senior management about the building.

Seth Copenhaver said on April 3, at the neighborhood council meeting, other DWP representatives came and briefed us. He read from the minutes. Is the Hoover Yard Project a viable space? Bejack said this is a water system. That's a power system project. He can't address it. He said that he's also working on project at Venice and Fairfax.

Bejack said we propose 29 staff. We did a tree survey. He mentioned a large old eucalyptus. There will be 26 parking spaces. The big trucks will be gone.

Lena Kaderali ~~asked why is that building there~~ **said "While I echo the opposition of my community and colleagues to the office space at the reservoir, if it does indeed need to exist there, why can't it be modeled after Hoover Yards projects that LADWP presented to the SLNC earlier this year. It is**

architecturally fitting and interesting and serves as a community space as well. I understand that is a 'power' project and the reservoir is 'water', however, both are LADWP projects."

Lorraine Getz asked how many employees are on site now? Avila said about 10 plus equipment and materials.

Kaderali noted that you're tripling the workforce, and the traffic. Avila commented that they did a traffic study. Lorraine Getz said it's creating a bottleneck in an area with traffic problems. Avila explained that they are typically there early, about 6:30am.

Lorraine Getz asked will they come during the weekday? Can the community use it on weekends? Avila said they were working with the neighborhood nursing school to relocate the site entrance because of a concern about children and safety. This will happen in a few weeks.

Sarah Ullman asked what is the urgency of this project? It seems like it's being done in advance of the Master Plan process. Avila explained that we are very short on personnel. Downtown we're struggling with office space. We are hiring. We are looking at other locations too.

Sarah Ullman said her understanding is that this land was set aside and it may be off limits for the firm assessing the Master Plan. Why wasn't this site chosen in conjunction with the firm hired to review the overall Master Plan?

Another DWP representative, Chris Liu, explained that we looked at what we need for current operations. This is also for the future, not just what they are working on now. They aren't just looking at this area. We are working with the Department of Engineering. What we have carved out is what we need to maintain for our own purposes.

Samantha Danner asked about cranes? Water aeration efforts? How do concrete banks affect your efforts? Bejack said there will be little impact outside of site. Regarding the concrete liner, we are looking at opportunities to make it permeable.

Maebe A Girl thanked them for coming. She asked the modular buildings will be 12-15 feet in height. How long will it be? Bejack said about 60 feet. The nature of modular buildings is that they can

be expanded, asked Girl. Will you add more space to the building? Bejack said no.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked will care be taken to protect wildlife near the modular building? Can your footprint grow over time? Your employees will create garbage. People will take breaks outside. He wants to make sure that the land is taken care of. Bejack commented that we have environmental oversight. He's been working on projects at Silver Lake for 25 years. We check for nesting birds. We use an arborist. We are well aware of those issues. That area will look a lot better.

Dulce Stein asked how big is the hydrodynamic separator? Bejack said he doesn't know, perhaps 10-12 feet? It's all underground. There will be 10 of them.

Crump and Goudsmit thanked the representatives for coming. There was applause.

11) Announcements

Sarah Ullman said that she wants to speak for 3 minutes and 15 seconds. Goudsmit asked if there were any objections to this. There were none.

~~Sarah Ullman said that in recent weeks there has been lots of emotion and confusion. A former political opponent voted out of office did a disinformation campaign against me. People that I've never met disparaged me. This attack was aimed at a political goal of securing a seat on the Master Plan Board group for a particular interest group.~~

~~Many of us ran for office because we saw toxicity. We ran on civility and respect. Character disparagement turns people away. Bullying causes people to resign. Toxicity causes people to disengage.~~

~~Is this who we want to be? I don't think so. The community demanded a change. A culture change takes more than an election. We can advocate fiercely for our interests and perspectives. She urged the group to seek out facts before disseminating a rumour. Treat each other with kindness and respect. That will make it easier to accomplish our goals to make this community a better place.~~

~~I invite you to get to know me. She said that she has regular office hours, 3-5pm on Fridays.~~

Sarah Ullman read from a prepared statement:

I'm Sarah Ullman, a Region 7 Representative.

I wanted to take a few moments tonight to address our community. In recent weeks, there has been a lot of emotion, confusion, and disinformation in emails, newspapers, and at the last special meeting of the board.

For those of you not in the loop, in short -- a former political opponent who was recently voted out of office authored an email about me. It was riddled with disinformation and designed to instill fear and distrust. A community group disseminated this attack to their e-list, and people who I've never met stood up to disparage my character at the last meeting.

But I don't think this attack was really about me. It's the latest episode in a conflict with many years of history, long before I came on the scene. This particular attack was aimed at accomplishing a political goal, securing a seat on the Master Plan Work Group for a particular interest group.

I decided to run for this office, many of us decided to run for this office, because we saw toxicity as commonplace at Neighborhood Council meetings. We know this community deserves better.

We ran on civility, kindness, and respect not to make ourselves feel better or claim some moral high ground but because this petty practice of character disparagement turns people away from participating in the business of this Council. And I think we are weaker for it.

The bullying causes people to resign. Toxicity makes people stay away from our meetings and decline to get involved.

Is that who we are? Is that how things get done on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council? I know that's how it's been in recent memory. I guess a better question is: is that who we want to be?

I don't think so. This community demanded a change, and I know it because I'm standing before you, and all these new faces have joined the board.

But a culture change takes more than just an election. We have to work diligently for the change we want to see. And we, as a Board, can't do it alone. We need your help.

I think we, as a community, can advocate fiercely for our interests and perspective, but we can do it without disparaging the character of another.

I think we can and should seek out the facts before we believe a rumor, and especially before we print or disseminate one. If we make a mistake, let's correct the record.

Let's treat each other with kindness and respect. Because it's the neighborly thing to do, yes, but also because, when we do, it's easier to accomplish our mission—making this neighborhood a better place. We should invite this community to participate because more participation leads to better outcomes.

I am a member of this community. I am a stakeholder in Region 7 and I am eligible to serve in the role in which I was elected to serve.

To the people who expressed concern about my character at the last board meeting: I invite you, I ask you, to get to know me. I am available to you by phone, email, text message, Facebook message, in person at Board meetings. Or, you can attend the regular "office hours" that I hold in coffee shops around the neighborhood. The next one is this Friday from 3-5PM at Silverlake Coffee in Region 7.

I look forward to seeing you there.

There was applause.

Barbara Ringuette spoke about Budget Day. It will be June 29, beginning with breakfast at 7:30am. Plenary session begins at 8:25am in the City Council Chambers for 2 hours. Then we break out into regions. There will be a homeless report. Speakers will emphasize homelessness and the city's plans to address that concern. You can reserve your ticket now online. There will be parking under City Hall. This is special, she concluded.

Jeremy Black said when I left the meeting on May 14, there were emails distributed by former members of this Board. I am disappointed and disgusted. These were fear mongering tactics. Sarah Ullman was away because of a pre-arranged trip. None of my fellow Board members here are here for any other reason. There is no ulterior motive. We need to think about how we debate.

Many of us ran to give the Board a fresh start. Commenting on the use of fear, he said to ratchet down the anger. There is nothing to be angry about. It's not us vs. them. I won't stand anyone maligning Sarah Ullman. She is a thoughtful, rational, and caring person.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins announced a community trash pick up event dedicated to community building and picking up trash. We'll offer cool hats and tools. The first big event will be June 16, from 9am to 11am. What better way to get your child involved in community engagement? This Litter League will offer free coffee and good spirits.

Ilanthe Zevos said the Board received emails about tree removal notifications. We have 3 days to respond. We can't deal with this within the Brown Act. This is something that we should address as a Board. We need to take care of our urban tree canopy. With only 3 days to respond, we have to respond individually. I would like us to discuss it, agendaize it.

6) Administrative

a) (Treasurer) Move to discuss and take potential action that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Budget and Finance Committee shall meet in June 2019 to draft a proposed 2019-2020 budget to be presented the Governing Board at the July 10, 2019 meeting for formal approval.

Lena Kaderali made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded.

b) (Treasurer) Approval of March 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Total \$5,424.51)

Lena Kaderali made the motion. Samantha Danner seconded.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Treasurer) Approval of March 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
(Total \$13,977.61)

Kaderali said this is the April MER (Monthly Expense Report)
There is a typographical error.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Treasurer) Payment of office funding in the amount of \$10.49 to Domain.com to maintain silverlakenc.org domain

Kaderali made the motion. Copenhaver seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Seth Copenhaver

Lena Najarian Kaderali

Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole

Douglas Reed

Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs

Ianthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Lorraine Getz

Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein

Samantha Danner

Jeremy Black

Maebe A. Girl

Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Treasurer) Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Re-Allocation [

Kaderali made the motion. Copenhaver seconded.

She wants to take \$500 from community improvement projects (CIPs), \$1,336 from NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grants), and \$96 from elections to fund outstanding and expected expenses through June. The funding would go to office expenses (\$125) and to outreach (\$1,807).

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Treasurer) Approval to move all remaining Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget balance to bank card in order to accommodate expenses incurred (recurring and ad-hoc, as approved) between June 5th and June 20th (Administrative).

Kaderali made the motion. Samantha Danner seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

g) (Treasurer) Approval for Board Member Reimbursement to Mark Duncan in the amount of \$492.86 for the purchase of hats related to the Inaugural Litter League Event on May 18, 2019. Funding of up to \$500 previously approved at 5/14/19 Special Meeting, agenda item 6 a) (i) (14) (Outreach)

h) (Treasurer) Approval for Board Member Reimbursements to Seth Copenhaver in the amount of \$75 for advancing payment for the Mailchimp

Agenda items 6.g and h will be tabled. We will deal with them in July, said Kaderali.

VOTE to table agenda items 6.g and 6.h

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Mark Duncan was out of the room.)

i) (Treasurer) Funding request for up to \$175 for FB Advertising for Angus Transportation Meeting. (Outreach)

Kaderali made the motion. Taryn Poole seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

j) (Treasurer) Funding request for up to \$175 for FB Advertising of Community Outreach Event re: Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process. (Outreach)

Kaderali made the motion. Ianthe Zevos seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali

Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

k) (Treasurer) Funding request for up to \$200 for printing materials to Advertise Community Outreach Event re: Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process. (Outreach)

Kaderali made the motion. Lorraine Getz seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos

Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

l) (Treasurer) Funding request for up to \$150 for space rental related to Angus Transportation Committee Meeting. (Outreach)

Kaderali made the motion. Getz seconded.

Emmons asked now that we know that that meeting will be here, do we need \$150? Kaderali said it will be less than \$150.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark

Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

m) (Treasurer) Funding request for up to \$150 for space rental related to Reservoir Committee Meeting/Community Outreach Event re: Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process (Outreach)

Kaderali made the motion. Getz seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

n) (Secretary) From the May 14, 2019 Special Meeting of the Governing Board: Board members discussed the process of reviewing and adopting minutes to include the (4) following steps: (1) Review of prior meeting draft minutes [once posted to SLNC website] by each Board Member (2) Submission of ALL revision(s) to the Secretary, [prior to next scheduled Governing Board meeting] (3) Secretary to compile ALL submitted revision(s) and to provide tracked revisions to draft minutes to Board Members [prior to next scheduled Governing Board meeting] (4) Discussion of tracked revisions of draft minutes to take place at the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Governing Board for potential adoption of minutes.

i) Review and adopt minutes from Governing Board Special Meeting on February 26, 2019. Draft minutes here: <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Silverlake-NC-Special-MeetingMins-2.26.19.pdf> Note: Revisions furnished to Secretary were provided to Board for review.

ii) Review and adopt minutes from Governing Board Meeting on April 03, 2019. Draft minutes here: Draft minutes here: http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/SLNC-MeetingMinues_April-3-2019_DRAFT.pdf Note: Revisions furnished to Secretary were provided to Board for review.

Copenhaver made the motion.

Heather Carson said you voted on this already at the last meeting. Goudsmit explained that we want to maintain the integrity of the record. Did anything come to light that was inaccurate from the February minutes?

VOTE for February 26 special meeting minutes

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Seth Copenhaver

Lena Najarian Kaderali

Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Goudsmit said that vote will stand.

Heather Carson said I read from prepared statements. Goudsmit asked was anything inaccurate? Carson said I read my comments publicly and handed them to you now. You can't submit submissions privately to the entire board before the meeting. Goudsmit asked are there any objections for the April 3 minutes regarding accuracy?

VOTE for the accuracy of the April 3 minutes

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Heather Carson asked are you including my comments? I read them at the last meeting and handed them out tonight. Jerome Courshon said I suggest that you guys just include them. Paul Emmons asked did you review the minutes to see whether your comments are there? Heather Carson said you didn't put corrected minutes on the website.

Seth Copenhaver explained that at the May 14 meeting there was concern that corrections were being made and in that moment we were to approve them. We want to streamline that more. We want to open the process to additional feedback.

Goudsmit said for april 3, we'll incorporate your statements. You were asked to submit them. This is not the Board that can say whether comments were accurate. We will take into consideration that you brought them here tonight.

Emmons made a motion to approve the minutes.

Douglas Reed said we don't have the comments. Crump suggested to set the deadline as the agenda deadline. The point is people don't have an opportunity to review changes but must vote immediately.

Heather Carson said you have to make it public at the same time that the Board gets it.

John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (john.darnell@lacity.org, (213) 978-1551), said that supplemental documents must be received by the public at the same time. Send in everything at once.

Copenhaver said we will send that out as part of the agenda. Darnell said you can put it on the website and place a link on the agenda. Black asked is there a revision tab on website?

Goudsmit said we can post the draft minutes. When we receive corrections, we can repost that. Anyone can see the tracked changes. The time frame was for this to happen in advance.

Duncan asked will we begin to record this in place of minutes? Goudsmit replied there will always be minutes. Copenhaver commented that when you look at the timing, we need to speed this up. This is a good intentions process. Jeremy Black said we should describe the process on the website.

Paul Emmons said we can simply announce the changes now. To approve the minutes with corrections now. Goudsmit said that in the interests of time, I suggest to accept these and include Carson's corrections and move on. Taryn Poole commented that I want to applaud you for this process.

VOTE for April 3 minutes with corrections
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump

Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Joanna Pawlowska

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

7) Unfinished Business

a) (Secretary) Move to select Co-Chairs for the SLNC Advisory Committees based either on (1) nominations or (2) confirm elections of Co-Chairs selected between 4/15/2019 and 5/13/2019 of the SLNC Advisory Committees.

We will begin in order, as listed in SLNC Standing Rules, based on the following (14) SLNC Advisory Committees [NOTE: Date of last Committee meeting on record is listed]:

- i) Arts and Culture [May 16, 2019]
- ii) Budget and Finance [January 24, 2019]
- iii) Governmental Affairs
- iv) Green [May 16, 2019]
- v) History Collective [May 23, 2019]
- vi) Homelessness in Silver Lake [May 13, 2019]
- vii) Housing and Tenants [May 13, 2019]

- viii) Mature Adult Advocates [May 13, 2019]
- ix) Neighborhood Business
- x) Outreach [March 12, 2019]
- xi) Silver Lake Reservoir [April 23, 2019] + Dog Park
- xii) Transportation and Neighborhood Safety [March 20, 2019]
- xiii) Urban Design & Preservation [April 10, 2019]
- xiv) Youth (Previously the Education, Youth & Families Committee)

Lorraine Getz said that she wants to address the Region 7 question first.

Lorraine Getz made the motion. Jeremy Black seconded.

**VOTE for consideration of Region 7 candidates now
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

8) New Business

a) (Secretary) Move to select a Region 7 representative to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Janis Purins effective May 14, 2019 announced at the Special Meeting of the Governing Board.

The following persons (in alphabetical order) indicated interest in the Region 7 position through June 1, 2019 [

- Cameron Bard
- Brian Fisher
- Joanna M. Pawlowska
- Adam Pergament
- Elizabeth Prestel

Cameron Bard:

I believe in local government. I ran for the neighborhood council this year but didn't win. I don't take that experience lightly. I met lots of constituents. I am a senior leader at a national solar company. I joined sub committee and met new friends and neighbors. I met with Frida Chen and Silver Lake Now, and the Silver Lake Reservoir Conservancy. This position comes with great responsibility. I'm driven. We are so fortunate to have the Reservoir. This is an opportunity to make it better. We must do everything to keep it public.

Brian Fisher:

I grew up in Silver Lake. I've been a house provider for over 40 years. I'm a retiree. He's done community policing from the Northeast Station. He's on the Stairs Committee. Contractors are destroying the land there with two new constructions. I want to keep the community clean and make it better.

He was an electrical engineer who built two houses in Silver Lake. He wants to volunteer and do something for the community.

Joanna Pawlowska:

She said that she's been an **Angelino Angeleno** since college. Silver Lake is where I fell in love and bought my first home in Region. 7 Her focus would be the well being of everyone in the community that we love. Communities where people feel a sense of place are happier and healthier.

She's a creative producer for NPR (National Public Radio) who does programming and events. We have so much potential to create community. We must decide what we want to change.

Adam Pergament and Elizabeth Prestel are not here.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked the candidates do you have any affiliation with any of the Silver Lake advocacy groups? They all said no.

Seth Copenhaver asked you are interested in serving as Co-Chair of the Reservoir Committee? Cameron Bard said I have a child on the way on August 2. There was applause. I am absolutely committed to serving. He said that he wants to find a balance between work and family.

Sarah Ullman asked can the candidates discuss the role of the Reservoir Committee?

Joanna Pawlowska said that the Reservoir is an absolute treasure. We need green spaces and the community wants that. Parks promote our health. I'm pretty bummed by the report today.

Brian Fisher said I have a dog so I walk the Reservoir about 4 miles a day. It's not kept up well. We own the DWP. I don't understand why they're in the area. We own the Reservoir. I want to make the Reservoir more walkable and more open. The DWP has a bad attitude.

Cameron Bard said the Committee is the democratic representative of the Master Plan process. I've worked in city government. The priority of the Committee has to be creating an environment and creating one that is broad and diverse.

Barbara Ringuette asked what committees they have attended or been active on for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC)?

Cameron Bard said that he moved to Silver Lake two years ago from New York. He worked for Governor Cuomo. He went to an Urban Design and Preservation Committee meeting. He's very proud of that. I was enthralled by the participation of Silver Lake. He's attended meetings of other committees, including the Dog Park Committee. He said that he is concerned about quality of life.

Brian Fisher said I ran for the neighborhood council 5 years ago. The previous neighborhood council was very difficult for getting involved. They did whatever they wanted to do and it didn't matter.

Joanna Pawlowska said I've not participated. I want to be part of the Outreach Committee. When we have a conversation about the Reservoir, she wants it to be as democratic as possible. I do lots of community work with radio across the country.

Brian Fisher said my vision is for it to be a more usable space. I would like greater public access to the Reservoir.

Joanna Pawlowska said there would have to be lots of community discussions. The Reservoir is such a treasure! It's so important and vital. I would love to see more access and a celebration of beauty, make it a community space.

Cameron Bard said our role is to usher in a process. I feel strongly that any green space must be as accessible as possible. In Los Angeles we have a dearth of green space. There is also the wildlife. That must be prioritized. We need to remember its history.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said to the candidates that I hope that you all will get involved in committees. You are all really great. How will you engage with someone that disagrees with you extremely about something very important to you?

Cameron Bard said I experience that every day. We are building solar farms in rural communities across the world. Every day someone stands up with a NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) attitude. The reaction is not about the project. It's about change in general. That brings out emotion. Never lose sight of your self and your ethos. We all have a role to play to make that conflict more respectful.

Brian Fisher said you have to be respectful. You have to listen and assume that you're not always right. When you spend money for a repair, you must fully understand what you're paying for.

Joanna Pawlowska responded love and kindness. Illustrations of anger are not about you, it's about them. She commented about emotional maturity. Take a breath and focus on things in common. We're all on the same team. Finding common ground should be attainable. It's like families who scream and then they are fine.

Mark Duncan said Region 7 is more than just the Reservoir. What else are you passionate about?

Joanna Pawlowska said the tree cover and maintaining a healthy built environment. Homelessness.

Brian Fisher said homelessness. I walk around the canyon daily. People don't pull trash cans in from the street. I'd like Silver Lake to be a cleaner place. I live in a \$2 million house and it bothers me. Help the homeless to find lodgings.

Cameron Bard said that he wants to make incremental progress, working with neighbors. He's met with Council Member Mitch O'Farrell about traffic flows. He's zeroing in on what we can make change. Our job is to do, not talk.

Paul Emmons said that he supports Cameron Bard. During the campaign, Cameron was always friendly, always nice. I was impressed. He seems very prepared.

Jerome Courshon asked about the validity of the candidates Region 7 stakeholdership? Goutsmit said that John Darnell will confirm that.

Jill said that she supports Cameron Bard. He's ethical, kind, and reasonable. He will be great for the Reservoir. He'll have the time to do it. However, with a baby on way, he might not be fully available for a couple of months.

Heather Carson commented that he ran with Silver Lake Together. They are running a shadow neighborhood council behind the scenes. They put out a newsletter in the style of the old newsletter. Who does he represent?

Cameron Bard responded that I can't speak to Silver Lake Together now. I'm not a part of it. I ran on their slate. That ended when we lost by a large margin.

Crump commented that I also ran on that slate. It's not fair to associate us with that at this point. It is a separate organization.

Darius Derakshan commented that I also ran on same slate. Most people on that slate are not involved with that new group.

Goutsmit described the election process. There will be a straw vote of the 3 candidates. Then that winner will be voted in.

Sarah Ullman said that she supports Joanna Pawlowska. I've known her for years now. She is a fabulous organizer. I'd love to work with her. She is really skilled.

VOTE

Joanna Pawlowska – 10 votes

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Kaderali
Sarah Ullman

Cameron – 9 votes

Mark Duncan
Richard Emmons
Lorraine Getz
Samantha Danner
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Taryn Poole

Brian Fisher – 0 votes

None

Sarah Ullman made the motion to approve Joanna Pawlowska as Region 7 representative. Seth Copenhaver seconded.

**VOTE for Joanna Pawlowska as Region 7 representative
19-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Joanna Pawlowska said I'm a little shell-shocked. She joined the Board.

b) (Girl) Move to discuss and take potential action on the approval of a draft Mission Statement of the newly proposed LGBTQIA Standing Committee (May 14, 2019; SLNC bylaw Article VII, Section 3). Proposal of the establishment of a standing LGBTQIA Committee called "Silver Lake LGBTQIA Advocates" that focuses on LGBTQIA-related matters and

advocates for LGBTQIA people in our community. Silver Lake is rich in LGBTQIA history and has been a gathering place and home for queer people for decades. [Mission Statement:] The purpose of this committee would be to ensure that Silver Lake remains a safe and welcoming neighborhood for LGBTQIA people, businesses, and events, and for the exchange of ideas relating to LGBTQIA matters as they pertain to Silver Lake stakeholders and Angelenos at large. The committee would advocate for LGBTQIA people and work to ensure that LGBTQIA people are fairly represented and considered for every community issue. (Co-Chair role would be) to invite guest speakers from various LGBTQIA agencies and from the City to attend committee meetings to educate committee members and attendees on available resources, and to have a list of those resources available online on the SLNC website. There would be interface with other SLNC committees and the SLNC board to relay information and ideas. Subtopics would include LGBTQIA youth, LGBTQIA seniors, homelessness, hate crimes, and HIV testing outreach, and would thus provide the opportunity for joint committee meetings with Homelessness in Silver Lake, Mature Adults Advocates, and Public Transportation and Safety committees. Meetings would take place monthly or quarterly and would be open to the public and to all LGBTQIA people and allies.

Maebe A. Girl said that she wants to vote on the formation of the LGBTQ Committee now. This was moved and seconded.

Girl read the mission statement on the agenda.

It was moved and seconded to take action on the creation of the committee, said Goutsmit.

Taryn Poole asked what is the single most important function right now? Girl said making sure that we are fairly represented. We deserve a say. I live in Region 5. I've noticed the disappearance of queer spaces. That's not discussed enough. We need a space where we can discuss issues. We need to ensure that Silver Lake remains a safe and welcoming space.

Jennifer Dibs said I'm an L but I don't know what the I and A are? Girl said she preferred simply LGBT but that's not inclusive enough. She explained that Q is for Queer or questioning, I is for Intersex, and A is for Asexual or allies.

Sarah Ullman said that she's interested in the queer history of Silver Lake. She'd like to take an historical walk. A Man

commented that I'm really impressed with everything you've done with everything on the Board. It's important to have a committee to represent that.

VOTE to Create LGBTQIA Committee

20-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Lorraine Getz reminded the group that we have a hard stop at 10:15pm and the parking lot closes then.

*Goudsmit said that she wants to extend the meeting to 10:10pm.
There was no objection.*

7) Unfinished Business -- REVISITED

a) (Secretary) Move to select Co-Chairs for the SLNC Advisory Committees based either on (1) nominations or (2) confirm elections of Co-Chairs selected between 4/15/2019 and 5/13/2019 of the SLNC Advisory Committees.

Emmons wants to table agenda item 7.a. He suggested to submit committee reports by writing. Crump said we need to discuss that. We can pick it up next time.

Paul Emmons made a motion to table agenda items. Girl seconded.

Emmons said to submit committee reports. Read them aloud next month.

The Transportation Committee meeting will be here at 7:15 pm next Thursday.

Seth Copenhaver thanked committee representatives for coming out.

Goudsmit said if you can elect co-chairs, please note that in your agendas. Make selections for Civic U training. She said we can schedule an additional meeting. Do we want to move committee reports to July 10?

Nicolas Fox-Robbins seconded Dulce Stein's motion to begin a LatinX Committee.

VOTE to table committee reports and move them to the July 10 meeting

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
lanthe Zevos

Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Joanna Pawlowska

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Secretary) Move to select (1) male-identified and (1) female-identified board member of the SLNC to attend this summer's Civic U 1.0 training. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in collaboration with the Mayor's office and Cal State LA and the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs invite each Neighborhood Council to attend Civic U 1.0 training.

Female-Identified Candidates:

Sarah Ullman

Male-Identified Candidates:

Nicolas Fox-Robbins

Jeremy Black

Taryn Poole said I went last year. It found it to be extremely valuable.

Jeremy Black asked is it all day for the 3 days? Poole said the hours are 6-9 pm.

Joanna Pawlowska said she is also interested. *Sarah Ullman said that she will cede to Joanna Pawlowska.*

Jeremy Black said I want to understand how local government works so we can be more effective.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said I ran primarily on a platform of good governance. That's the core of my being involved in the neighborhood council. I want the neighborhood council to operate in a better fashion.

VOTE

Jeremy Black – 10 votes

Mark Duncan
Richard Emmons
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Harris Roark
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Lena Kaderali
Sarah Ullman
Joanna Pawlowska

Nicolas Fox-Robbins – 8 votes

Nicolas Fox-Robbins
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Barbara Ringuette
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Maebe A. Girl
Taryn Poole

Joanna Pawlowska is the female-identified representative. Jeremy Black is the male-identified representative.

Fox-Robbins made the motion to elect Joanna Pawlowska and Nicolas Fox-Robbins. Ianthe Zevos seconded.

VOTE for Joanna Pawlowska and Jeremy Black

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole
Douglas Reed
Anthony Crump
Jennifer Dibs
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris Roark
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Joanna Pawlowska

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Secretary) Move to select (5) Community Impact Statement Filers. Filers will file through EmpowerLA.org. More information can be found at: <http://empowerla.org/self-serve/> with regard to the filing process. EmpowerLA allows for 5 filers, for efficiency, filers to be considered may want to be Advisory Committee Co-Chairs that will likely be writing CSI. [Standing Rule #38, "The SLNC Co-Chairs and the Secretary will be granted the password to access the Early Notification System to submit Community Impact Statements (CSI)"]

Goudsmit said to submit statements to Copenhaver.

A former Board member said we have to do it now, City Council will vote on it.

There was a motion to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) this evening. It was seconded.

e) (Secretary) Move to discuss and take potential action on filing, with regularity, Community Impact Statements coming out of Advisory Committees (SLNC Standing Rule #39). Potential Community Impact

Statements from Committee(s) to be discussed with the Governing Board at the July 10, 2019 meeting for approval:

iii) (Danner) Homelessness in Silver Lake to consider writing Community Impact Statement regarding individuals experiencing homelessness in Silver Lake.

A Woman explained that this is a motion brought to City Council two years ago by Council Member Huizar. After study, in May the Housing Committee voted to approve this particular motion. We want this anti-tenant harassment motion to include RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance) residents and other tenants. It's important that all tenants are covered. We want the CIS to reflect that.

The Housing Department said it's not fully funded but they would like to find the funding. She's asking other neighborhood councils to do this too. It's a Citywide issue. It will help with homelessness.

Crump asked where is the statement?

Goutsmit said that it's for Council File 14-0268-S43. Sarah Ullman said it seems like a very important thing for us to get done.

Crump asked what is our statement that we are attaching to the CIS?

Samantha Danner said it's a letter of support for a feasibility study that adds the point to cover all tenants.

The Woman said that the study is done. Now it's up to City Council to vote.

Crump said that it's important to have exactly what we are voting for. The link goes to the council file.

Goudsmit read the letter.

"The Housing and Tenants Rights Committee requests the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council draft a Community Impact Statement in support of Council Member Huizar's anti-tenant harassment legislation, which was passed by the Housing

Committee on May 27, 2019. It will now go to the full City Council for vote.

Landlord harassment can take many forms and it is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. Presently there is no standing protection against landlord harassment but in 2017 Council Member Huizar, at the recommendation of the LA Tenants' Union, produced an anti-harassment ordinance to define the nature of harassment and make it strictly illegal.

Two years later the ordinance has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and the Housing Department and is now very close to becoming law. The LA Tenants' Union brought this to our Committee and stressed the importance of support for the ordinance to delineate and make illegal certain harassments and impose strict penalties.”

“Huizar’s motion is based on the LAPD recommendations that are already in effect in West Hollywood, Santa Monica, and Berkeley. The anti-tenant harassment ordinance will help those tenants in Silver Lake who are vulnerable to harassment by giving them legal protection from abusive property owners. It is urgent. LATU estimates that up to 100,000 tenants have been evicted in Los Angeles the last few years, the harassment being a primary contributor to those evictions. The CIS will demonstrate to Council Member Ryu and Council Member O’Farrell that their constituents are in favor of this law and will help us to continue our efforts to ensure that the ordinance gets implemented.”

Black asked what is the process to determine whether harassment has taken place? The Woman explained that the tenant would go to the Housing Department and there would be an investigation. They can file civil lawsuits.

Mark Duncan said that he is not familiar with Council Member Huizar’s motion. The Woman said it doesn’t exist yet. The Housing Committee approved it only for RSO tenants but they were thinking that it could cover all tenants. The money is there. We’re asking them to find it. Non-SRO tenants have no protection. The Ordinance would define harassment.

Jeremy Black made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.

VOTE to add a CIS to the Council File
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Crump suggested that at the next Board meeting we discuss the CIS process.

12) Adjournment

Goudsmit said thank you to everyone. Other agenda items will be moved to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:12pm.

