

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes FINAL VERSION
Wednesday, July 10, 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 13 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump (arrived late, left early)
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan (arrived late)
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Tina Lin (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Douglas J. Loewy
Douglas Reed
Jennifer Dibs
Samantha Danner
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

Vice Chair and Acting Chair Nora Goudsmit offered a warm welcome to the students, sound engineers, and young composers from Musical Beginnings. She also mentioned that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) is providing delicious snacks tonight from the Botanica restaurant.

In her opening remarks, Goudsmit explained how the meeting will work and welcomed stakeholders.

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 that with us to better our community outside of this room, she concluded.

Finally, she said if you want to run for office, see Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative John Darnell now to verify your stakeholdership.

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items * 7:10pm

Sara Kate Levy, City Council Candidate, Council District 4,
sarahkate@sarakatelevy.com, (323) 791-1485, www.sarahkatelevy.com:

She said that she is running for City Council. She's lived here for 20 years. She raised four kids in the City and wants them to enjoy it as we did. She is for affordable housing, bike lanes, and the urban forest canopy. These are issues wrapped up in climate action. What we do here has more impact than what they do at the federal level.

5) Presentations

a) (Vice Chair) Move to hear CD4 report upon the arrival of Rachel Fox
[NOTE: approximate arrival 8:30PM]

Goudsmit said that Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for Council District 4, won't be here until 8:30pm. *She made a motion to hear her then. Paul Emmons seconded.*

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Mark Duncan is here.)

6) Committee Reports (Secretary)

Budget Committee: Lena Najarian Kaderali said the group met in June to propose a draft budget and goals for the year. There was a focus on Community Improvement Projects (CIPs), Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) and providing food and beverages to increase attendance.

Government Affairs Committee: Barbara Ringuette said that every month she meets with a work group to ensure that our neighborhood goals are

understood in advance of the Community Plan update, which is a 3-5 year process. There are many opportunities for community input.

Several neighborhood councils have been attending pre-planning meetings and PlanCheck meetings.

She highlighted the Echo Park Neighborhood Council survey being conducted at the Lotus Festival this week as an example.

The work group is preparing to meet with City Planning. We must let the planners know what we like about Silver lake, what we want more of and less of.

Speakers from City Planning will discuss restaurants/beverages policies. There is also concern about the unification of kids separated at border. Also, Council Member David Ryu has ideas about how neighborhood councils should work.

(Note: Anthony Crump has arrived.)

Arts and Culture Committee: Renee Dawson said that because of Dulce Stein the Committee has the spark that it needs now. There have been some things that spilled over from the last administration. She wants to continue them. She mentioned the Learning Hour in collaboration with friends from the library and having someone watch kids for parents during meetings.

From last year, she mentioned pointing out stars in Silver Lake and what they do and getting proclamations for outstanding Silver Lake citizens.

Regarding the Monarch butterfly project, she said that the Green Committee discussed this. Finally, she said mentioned a silent dance party to be held in Silver Lake Plaza.

Green Committee: John said the group wants to engage and empower stakeholders for sustainability and green spaces. Climate change is what we're all about. He said that there are several projects underway, including street clean ups, urban forestry to keep trees as canopy, and rehabilitation of the Silver Lake branch library garden by replacing old plants with native plants.

The Monarch butterfly project will be around the stairway. We want to do education about their migration. We will come to the SLNC to seek funds for education.

He said that a rodenticide ban is desired. There has been a huge legislative victory toward this goal. Animals eat the rats and they die and we can't allow that.

History Collective: SLNC Secretary Seth Copehaver read a statement from the group: They held a May 23 meeting where they re-elected their cochairs. They meet on the first Thursday of the month. However, there is no meeting in July or August.

The statement mentioned a Silver Lake branch library event on June 6 about red cars. A historian spoke. In December the group screened a film about an historical gay bar in Silver Lake. The library recreated a piano bar. There was a huge crowd and live performances. The group has also partnering with the Getty Museum for a project.

Latinx Committee: Dulce: Stein said the group will reach out to those who need representation in the neighborhood council. All meetings will be in Spanish. She is excited to begin this journey.

LGBTQIA Advocates Committee: Maebe A Girl said the group's first meeting will be July 25 at the Silver Lake branch library at 6pm. We want a great turnout. We will decide co-chairs and goals. Everyone is welcome.

Adult Advocates Committee: SLNC Secretary Seth Copenhaver read a statement. In 2016, the neighborhood council set up this group for the needs of seniors. We advocate for the City's older residents. We have a motion tonight for a bridge housing project on Riverside Drive. A Coffee with a Cop session will be held on Thursday. For Co-chair elections, there were no candidates. So Stephanie Vendig and Nina Sorkin will continue to lead. We want SLNC recommendations regarding purposeful ageing. The group is also concerned with emergency preparedness and resilience for a natural disaster. We need to address the needs of seniors for this.

Business Committee: Lorraine Getz said this is a defunct group. I want to reunite local businesses in Silver Lake. She will formulate a group. There is a lot of interest. We will showcase local businesses. Without them Silver Lake would not be what it is. We want to know how we can support business and how they can support us.

Outreach Committee: Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that the group is revamping its newsletter. Their next meeting is tomorrow at 7:30pm at the Silver Lake Recreation Center. They are dedicating the entire meeting to

improving the website. He said that he is very impressed with the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council website.

Their next meeting will consider how the location of SLNC meetings affect representation of lower income community members and those who live south of Sunset Boulevard. The date has yet to be determined. We are working with Dulce Stein's new Latinx Committee about that. He mentioned the creation of a banner in Spanish about the SLNC. That's the first step.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said the group is focused on outreach around the Master Plan process. Efforts include canvassing, fliers, and advertising on social media. Outreach is a crucial function. There will be a document for the website with up to date information. Most people don't know that there's a Master Plan process. We are also looking to turn outreach materials into Spanish.

For the dog park, she mentioned new pooper scoopers and new signage. There are also discussions with Council District 13 (CD13). There are also discussions with the Parent Committee and an ad hoc committee for the DWP modular office building, July 18 will be first meeting for that.

Transit and Safety Committee: Paul Emmons said that Cameron Bard is the new co-chair. On June 22 we met with residents at Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's office and the Department of Transportation. Cut through traffic on Earl Street was the topic. We also met with the new LAPD Senior Lead Officer Jesus Hespera, who is taking over for SLO Lenny Davis. We also met with LAPD Captain Sandoval.

On June 13 there was a meeting about the Kingley Horn study about changes to Rowena. Council Member Ryu supports this. Both motions passed unanimously in SLNC Committee. There are discussions about the conversion of Angus to a one-way street to eliminate cut through traffic. The Transit Committee and SLNC don't have a preference. We're just trying to gather public information. We need to identify funding.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Liza Temple said the group had a heavy agenda last month. She mentioned Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) developments. They aren't obligated to come to our committee. Developers presented a project with 104 units on Sunset Boulevard that includes 9 low-income units. They listened to our feedback.

She added that there was also a 6-unit small lot subdivision on Rowena. We voted to table that and to ask them to return. There are also three letters regarding the demolition of a building wanting to preserve the Tokyo Florist Building and to preserve a hill in Echo Park. The Committee will next meet August 14 to discuss a small lot subdivision, Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), and an old El Pollo Loco.

7) Administrative: Approval of the Draft Minutes [NOTE: Compiled and Tracked Changes reflected in Draft Minutes to be approved]:

a) Adopt minutes from the Governing Board Special Meeting on May 14, 2019. Draft minutes here: <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/SLNC-May-14th-Special-Meeting-Suggested-Changes-1.pdf>

Goudsmit said that changes are requested in the link.

Seth Copenhaver made a motion to approve the May 14 draft minutes. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE for May 14 minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

b) Adopt minutes from the Governing Board Regular Meeting on June 5, 2019. Draft minutes here: <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/SLNC-June-5th-2019-Board-Meeting-Minutes-SuggestedChanges-1.pdf>

Seth Copenhaver made a motion to approve the June 5 draft minutes. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE for June 5 minutes
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

8) Unfinished Business

None

9) New Business

a) (Secretary) Move to select a Region 1 representative to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Doug Loewy effective June 18, 2019 announced just prior to the Special Meeting of the Governing Board.

Candidates:

(1) Jose Mendoza

(2) Adam Sieff

Adam Sieff withdrew from candidacy.

Tina Lin is also a candidate.

Jose Mendoza:

He read the declaration that he'd submitted to the neighborhood council. He's lived in Silver Lake since 1984 and owned property here since 1997. He's interested in helping the community address problems with crime, homelessness, and tenants. He wants to see rising property values. He has a wife and kids. He's a graduate of UCLA and Loyola. He's a real estate trial attorney. He owns apartment buildings. He is Treasurer for his tenants' association. He's a member of the California Association of Realtors Forum. He wants to make Silver Lake the best it can be.

Tina Lin:

She's been a homeowner in Silver Lake for the past 7 years. She lives behind the Salvation Army Project. She rents one unit of her two-unit property to long term tenants. She loves that her street has both renters and homeowners.

She's a former architect who attended the USC Masters Program in real estate development. She is now with the Sunset and Gordon tower in Hollywood. She's learned a lot from that process for the controversial project.

She has a financial background. She currently works for a non-profit and builds for charter schools. She's served on two nonprofit boards in the past for a pro bono law firm. She is also an Asia Pacific Women's Center board member. I would love to help out, she said.

Mark Duncan asked both candidates what is the Board's role in making Silver Lake better for you?

Tina Lin said the committee reports were a good example. It's communication and facilitating difficult questions that we are all facing.

Jose Mendoza replied that education is what drives people into our community. From a real estate perspective, people look at school districts, safety, beautification, etc.. I've lived here for 35 years. I love that you put effort into beautification.

Ilanthe Zevos asked is there an issue that motivated you to join now?

Jose Mendoza said there is no particular motivation for now. My kids' in college so I'm an empty nester. I now have time. Before my plate was too full. I can now give back to the community. I volunteer on other boards too. I have the time. It's time for me to step up.

Tina Lin said she's had concerns over the years. She's been to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee meetings a couple of times. She had a discussion with Nicholas Fox-Robbins yesterday. He said there is a new wave of making positive change that is welcoming to all residents. She's concerned about retail and commercial vacancies along Sunset Boulevard. Greedy landlords are holding out for higher rents. That can cause blight. She wants good development.

Sara Ullman asked the candidates, what can we be doing better as a board?

Tina Lin said outreach is key. That's already happening. Going to the Farmers' Markets is great. Citizens would want to be involved but they aren't getting information.

Jose Mendoza said membership and outreach. I only hear about the SLNC through an email list that I stumbled upon. Others are probably unaware too. There was then discussion with Nicholas Fox-Robbins about enhancing the webpage.

Paul Emmons asked the candidates about the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir?

Jose Mendoza said I don't know what will happen with the Silver Lake Reservoir. He asked about that. Board members replied that said we don't know yet. He said if one of the proposed uses is recreational that would be great but he expressed concern about the possible negative impact regarding traffic, crime, parking, resources.

Tina Lin said that all of those topics are very relevant. I'm not up to date with the Reservoir. I understand that it's very controversial for immediate neighbors versus Silver Lake at large versus visitors. I wrestle with questions about what I would want there, even a bathroom. Bathrooms can be damaged and vandalized. I would like to participate in figuring out what is best.

Seth Copenhaver said you are both really great candidates. That's a good thing. We're attracting the right type of people.

Elaine Harris Roark asked about the candidates' Region 1 agenda.

Jose Mendoza said I don't have an agenda. He said that he wants to make the entire community more loving and accepting.

Tina Lin said retail vacancies on Sunset. The housing crisis affects diversity in our neighborhood. She is also concerned about education.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked what is the role of the neighborhood council in supporting the arts in Silver Lake?

Tina Lim said I appreciate students here working on musical arts. She mentioned public art in private development. The neighborhood council can make known their desire to shape that art, to have local art for residents.

Jose Mendoza said that he's a sponsor for anything related to the arts. His family loves musicals. He loves small theatre. Anything you can do to help the arts is admirable. I was a DJ in high school and a former break dancer, he said.

Maebe A. Girl said I encourage both of you to get involved in our committee system. What committees interest you?

Tina Lin said the Commercial Business Committee. She mentioned connecting with the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce, recognizing that there are business owners who are not involved with the community here. She is also interested in the Urban Design Committee too.

Maebe A. Girl asked Jose Mendoza you own apartments? How many units? Do you have low-income units? Mendoza responded that I own 10 units in Lincoln Heights. They are rent-controlled. I bought them about 5-6 years ago. They are two bedroom units next to the Brewery. The rates are \$650-\$700 per month, very affordable. We've very mindful of our tenants needs. I understand tenants and landlords perspectives.

Dulce Stein asked him about strategies to help the homeless community? Mendoza said that based on my church role, I see that we would offer a resource center where the homeless can go for basics: showers, toiletries, post office boxes, job training, etc.

Tina Lim replied that education to constituents who are not homeless about issues facing the homeless. LAPD sweeps are not effective. She works with a public council helping homeless.

Barbara Ringuette said they are two excellent candidates. I hope that each of you will become involved in committees. She wants Mendoza involved with homelessness in the Silver Lake group and in SELAH. Our tenant and housing group could use your expertise. Tina Lin should be involved in Urban Design.

John Darnell made an announcement about housing and tenants rights. We did a town hall. DONE hosted a purposeful ageing town hall last year.

Regarding business, neighborhood council representative and City departments would come out to explain how we can help businesses. There is a difference between outreach and engagement. You can actually go and talk to people. Engagement is a two-way street. He said he's happy to help set up town halls.

Jane Hook said I don't envy you. Frida Chen said both of them are terrific candidates. You are both diverse candidates like myself. What do you like to do in your spare time, what relaxes you? Tina

Lin said eating. Jose Mendoza said travelling and cars are his vices.

John, a former neighborhood council member, said that he is thrilled with both candidates' qualifications. You both have a real estate background. What about conflicts of interest relating to development?

Jose Mendoza said I don't own any real estate in Silver Lake. I represent developers buyers and investors. I don't see any conflicts. I'm mindful about impacts on community and affordable housing.

Tina Lin said the developer I work for is no longer active in Los Angeles. Also, she works with a bank and with a non-profit for charter schools. However, no charter school can afford to be in Silver Lake so I don't see any issues.

Liza Temple said I want to encourage both of you to join the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. What could the Urban Design and Preservation Committee do better regarding housing development?

Tina Lin said that City Council members are not fair. She wants to require developers to come and make deals.

Jose Mendoza said that for urban development there has to be concessions. I want them to give back, maybe entitlements.

VOTE for Candidates:

Jose Mendoza – 7 votes

Mark Duncan
Nora Goudsmit
Dulce Stein
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Lena Kaderali
Taryn Poole

Tina Lin – 8 votes

Richard Emmons
Nicolas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz

Elaine Harris Roark
Barbara Ringuette
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

Tina Lin now joins the Board.

5) Presentations

a) CD4 report, Rachel Fox -- REVISITED

Rachel Fox, Field Deputy, Council District 4, Council Member David Ryu:

City Council is relatively quiet with the summer recess.

Last year, we had a heat wave during July 4, this year earthquakes.

Council Member O'Farrell, Council District 13, introduced a motion to the DWP for upgrades for outages for older neighborhoods. Now you can log onto your account to sign up for notifications for power and water outages. You can sign up for up to 3 locations at www.ladwp.com/outages.

Prior to the recess, Council Member Ryu introduced motions to address the housing crisis. She mentioned the Ellis Act. This reduces the market size of rent stabilized units. We've lost 25,000 rent stabilized units. They are critical for not displacing people. We are looking at tenant relocation expenses. We are seeking reports for that.

We are also looking at the City's regional housing needs for low to moderate units. We have a lot of incentives for low-income units but not moderate housing. We want to increase that middle income housing. About 220,000 Angelenos spend 50% of their income on rent. She wants a vacancy tax motion like Vancouver and Oakland.

The playground in Griffith Park is being upgraded. It opens July 20. We'll be there. Council Member Ryu will be there.

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and SELAH, a local coalition of neighborhood councils focused on homelessness solutions, is

having a presentation on July 17. There will be discussion about what the City is doing for the housing crisis.

Regarding stories from the Frontline. She urged to create empathy with people experiencing homelessness. There will be an event for this in Hollywood on July 18 at 6:30pm at the Wanderlust Yoga studio. There will be food.

Regarding the Bridge housing site on Riverside Drive, Council Member Ryu introduced two motions: to look at the feasibility in each Council District. They are going through the feasibility study now. The Hollywood earthquake fault line runs through the proposed Riverside Drive site. We are also looking at the feasibility of having a senior center at that same location, or perhaps a community center.

Ryu also introduced a motion for DWP and the Department of Recreation and Parks to look at opening Rowena Reservoir to recreation use. There is some interest.

She said there will be a homeless presentation at the Franklin Auditorium on Riverside drive.

Paul Emmons asked about outage information. What about tenants? Fox said we're check with the DWP about that. He asked about the Ellis Act. Those units are removed from the rental market for only two years? Fox said the tenants have a right of return. Taryn Poole mentioned an: increase of tax credits for rentals.

9) New Business

a) (Secretary) Move to fund NPG in the amount of \$250.00 to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of Melyda Corado who lost her life on July 21, 2018 in a shooting and hostage situation at Trader Joe's:

i) Silverlake Community Church is organizing a memorial service, a "block party" and candlelight vigil to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shooting and hostage situation at the Trader Joe's in Silver Lake on July 21, 2018. The event, which is open to the public, will take place on Sunday, July 21 from 4:00pm to 9:30pm. The purpose of the grant from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council would be to help pay for food, which will be supplied from local businesses and served during the "party"

portion of the even immediately following the memorial service from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

Seth Copenhaver made the announcement. Paul Emmons seconded.

Goudsmith said this is an NPG application.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked is the money going to the Silver Lake Community Church? Goudsmit said yes. The nonprofit will receive the money.

Mark Duncan said it seems that Trader Joe's has plenty of funding for this. Goudsmith explained that the church is organizing the event. Trader Joe's is participating. The money is for food during the ceremony.

Taryn Poole said I live above Trader Joe's. it was a horrific day. This is a great gesture to do this. Some people remember it like it was yesterday. Sarah Ullman said that providing food is an attempt to bring people together, according to the NPG document. Paul Emmons said that he supports this. He attended the memorial service. It's a huge deal for the community.

Tina Lin asked how did you arrive at that amount? Goudsmit said that's what they asked for.

VOTE for \$250
15-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz

Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Ineligible:
Tina Lin

b) (Stein) Move to approve the proposed mission statement of the Latinx Representation Committee. Proposed Mission Statement: The Latinx Representation Committee is dedicated to increasing civic involvement of Silver Lake’s Latinx community, ensuring the Latinx stakeholders of Silver Lake are equitably served by the Neighborhood Council, and fostering awareness of the resources that are available to them. Vision: While the Latinx community in Silver Lake represents somewhere between 30-40% of the neighborhood population (and had previously been even higher), they are dramatically underrepresented and under-served by the Neighborhood Council. The Latinx Representation Committee will take concrete steps, small and large, to ensure that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council be of service to all Latinx stakeholders encouraging participation through empowerment. Several strategies will be employed to meet this goal including a survey of organizations currently serving the Latinx community in and around Silver Lake, forging relationships and partnerships with churches, schools, clinics, businesses, and organizations where the Latinx community spends their time, working to make Neighborhood Council events more accessible and inviting for the Latinx community, and door-to-door grassroots organizing. Values: The Latinx Representation Committee stands for: Participatory Democracy, Equitable Representation, Community Empowerment.

Dulce Stein read the mission statement.

Taryn Poole seconded Dulce Stein’s motion.

Maebe A. Girl said I express my wholehearted support for this. I can’t wait to see what it brings.

Taryn Poole said there are so many ways to integrate this community into the neighborhood council. I'm very excited. Tina Lin said I hope that it's translated into Spanish and disseminated widely. Dulce Stein said all meetings will be in Spanish.

Maebe A. Girl said so many other things that we do should be in Spanish. Can Latinx help with translation? Dulce Stein said it's all Spanish all the time. We want to inform people about everything. We want participation. Come join us.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Secretary) Move to discuss and take action on submission of letter(s) in support of the development of Bridge Housing and the expansion of the Griffith Park Adult Community Center on 3210 and 3258 Riverside Drive as proposed by Councilmember David Ryu. These projects were articulated by Councilmember Ryu on February 6, 2019 and discussed at the SLNC Mature Adult Advocate Committee meeting on June 26, 2019

[NOTE: City Council Motions/David Ryu found here http://davidryu.lacity.org/los_feliz_bridge_home and letters of support are attached].

Goutsmit said that Nina Sorkin, the organizer, is not here. She explained that there are two letters. One is for the Department of Recreation and Parks Commissioner. She explained the contents. Seniors are the fastest growing segment of our population. This calls for active engagement with seniors.

There is also a letter to Council Member Ryu regarding the development of City property for temporary housing and services, Bridge housing. The letter applauds this.

Sara Ullman seconded the motion.

Jane said the Transportation and Safety Committee should also be involved. Riverside Drive is awfully busy.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins commented about the second letter to Council Member Ryu. In the second paragraph, in the second sentence, he is confused. He made a motion to reword this to “we hope to see the development of crisis and bridge housing” is the rewording.

Sara Ullman said that she is curious about the location. Fox said the model is to try to house people living near the site. This site addresses people living around the LA River. Extensive outreach will be done in the area.

Ullman asked about temporary housing? Will there be no need in 3 years? Fox replied that the expectation is that in 3 years, Measure HHH housing units will be approved and getting people off the streets. About 7,000 units are in the pipeline. We have housed 21,000 but more people fell into homelessness.

Ullman said you have my support but I’d like more housing. Fox said we’re always looking for more housing. We’re looking at public properties. We are open to suggestions. Council District 14 is working with a warehouse downtown. We’re holding small group meetings on a bridge housing site.

Tina Lin asked about the location of the homeless. Elaine Harris Roark said this looks like parkland. Fox said it will go onto a parking lot. No trees will be removed.

VOTE for amended motion
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Secretary) Outreach Committee in conjunction with the Latinx Committee move to schedule a Town Hall meeting to discuss "Living in a Sanctuary City" (NOTE: Exact Name TBD] and present information around the rights of immigrants when facing potential ICE interactions. The proposed Town Hall location would be in an area of Silver Lake that is closer to the Latinx community (i.e. Bellevue Recreation Center). The Committee intends to invite speakers from City Hall and existing organizations to assist the immigrant community.

Dulce Stein seconded the motion.

Sarah Ullman asked about the structure of the meeting? Has the Outreach Committee explored alternate structures for more participation that is sensitive to the needs of stakeholders attending? She prefers a less pressure filled environment.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said a format is still in development. Your feedback is appreciated. We want to make sure community members feel safe to come to a town hall. The format of the workshop is intriguing.

Taryn Poole asked what would make the meeting more comfortable? Ullman responded small groups. Having a resource center. People are encouraged to come during the day.

Anthony Crump suggested having an open house format, which is informal. Then move into the core presentation. Will there be a funding motion? Have you considered partnering with public officials for this for funding and expertise and a broad audience?

Fox-Robbins said the next step would be to create the format. From that format figure out the budget and then come back to the Board. We hope to get that done by the August meeting.

Dulce Stein said that for her meeting, there would be translation. She's been a community activist for a long time. She knows how to understand needs and has compassion. The Town Hall would be educational. An opportunity to know your rights. Responding to Anthony Crump's comment about people being uncomfortable asking questions, use paper and put it in a box.

Goudsmit asked should this go back to committee for additional work? Fox-Robbins said I just wanted to make sure the neighborhood council was behind us before we dug into the nitty gritty.

Seth Copenhaver thanked everyone for the discussion. Fox-Robbins seconded the motion.

VOTE to table
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole

Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Secretary) Outreach Committee move to begin live streaming Governing Board meetings via the SLNC Facebook page, starting with the August 7, 2019 meeting of the Governing Board. The original live stream would be recorded and will become part of a SLNC Governing Board archive intended for public access; a version with Spanish closed captioning would be made available. Outreach Committee suggests a strict "no editing" policy for the "live stream video recordings" in order to adhere to the required public transparency and maintain the integrity of the recording (e.g. as recorded in real time).

Copenhaver made the motion. Ullman seconded.

Ullman said we can submit it for translation. You can upload the video in its entirety to YouTube and generate captions in several languages. You can translate it into Spanish. This is a great move, said Fox-Robbins. Can we also put it on the website, in addition to the Facebook page? Ullman said yes. Goudsmit said the recording would go out live and be recorded for an archive.

Fox-Robbins asked what's the live stream? Goudsmit said that it will be live on Facebook. Emmons asked is there a money amount involved? Copenhaver said we will find a free way to do it. if we decide that it's a massive amount of work, then we can explore funding.

Taryn Poole said no profit can be made from this. She expressed concern about that. It should be part of the language.

Ullman warned that once the video is in public domain, it can be used by others in ways that we can not anticipate. No one is attempting to make money for this.

Fox-Robbins wants an amendment, use a strict no editing and no monetization policy, particularly pertaining to Board members. Goudsmit said she wants to put that on hold for the moment.

Anthony Crump said that people have volunteered to do this in the past. They quit shortly thereafter. It was too much work. We should look at rules and guidelines.

Mark Duncan asked about Facebook streaming and Facebooks ever changing policies. Ullman said that she doubts that our meetings could violate Facebook's community policies, unless there is nudity. Anthony Crump said I work for a public agency. Public speech is public speech. It's a risk.

Mark Duncan warned, if we use Google translate, Google translate is not that accurate. Goudsmit said we would want the translation to be as accurate as possible.

Dulce Stein commented on live streaming of government meetings. What is the policy of other government groups? Goudsmit said we can look to other neighborhood councils for experience and answers. The motion should go back to committee.

Lena Kaderali asked about funding for translations.

Taryn Poole commented that NFL (National Football League) programming has language against private use. *Goudsmit said let's move this motion back to committee. Taryn Poole seconded.*

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali

Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Secretary) Move to purchase a banner representing the Silver Lake NC written in Spanish. Funding request for up to \$150 for the banner. Banner to be used and shared by Committees at outreach events, town halls etc.

lanthe Zevos seconded Fox-Robbins' motion.

Fox-Robbins said this would be unveiled at the Silver Lake Picture Show presentation of "Coco" where 300-600 stakeholders are expected. Dulce Stein will be at the event along with Fox-Robbins on Friday, July 19. We'll have a prominent table.

VOTE

15-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Anthony Crump
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

(Note: Anthony Crump left the meeting after this vote at about 9:30pm.)

g) (Treasurer) Move to approve June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Kaderali made the motion. Fox-Robbins seconded.

VOTE

13-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

(Note: Seth Copenhaver is not in the room and did not vote.)

h) (Treasurer) Move to approve up to \$200 in funding for website SSL Certificate to be maintained by GoDaddy.

Ianthe Zevos seconded Kaderali's motion.

Girl asked is this an annual charge?

Barbara Ringuette asked what is an SSL. Goudsmit explained.

VOTE for h

14-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

i) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Seth Copenhaver in the amount of \$75 for May 30, 2019 Mailchimp monthly fee. (Outreach) (Recurring expense initially approved per FY 2018-19 Annual Budget.)

Lorraine Getz seconded Kaderali's motion.

VOTE

14-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

j) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Mark Duncan in the amount of \$492.86 for the purchase of 100 hats for the Green Committee's Litter League events. (Outreach) (Up to \$500 expense

initially approved for “purchase of needed tools, such as “pickup sticks” and manual trash collection devices as needed for teams,” on May 14, 2019.)

Fox-Robbins seconded Kaderali’s motion.

Lorraine Getz said we approved for Pick Up Stix and devices. What happened? Fox-Robbins said we got the Pick Up Stix and trash collection devices. We thought that steady branding would be more successful. People were excited about the hats. Ullman questioned \$500 for hats and stix? Fox-Robbins said the next trash pick up is at the end of the month.

VOTE
14-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

k) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Sarah Ullman in the amount of \$73.68 for Facebook Advertising related to

advertising of the Community Outreach Event for the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Master Process. (Outreach) (Up to \$150 expense initially approved on June 5, 2019.)

Getz seconded Kaderali's motion.

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Note: Tina Lin is out of the room and did not vote.

l) (Treasurer - Motion) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Sarah Ullman in the amount of \$75.00 for Facebook Advertising related to advertising of the Community Outreach Event for the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Master Process. (Outreach) (Up to \$150 expense initially approved on June 5, 2019.)

Getz seconded Kaderali's motion

Zevos asked this is two parts of the \$150? Goudsmit said yes.

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

m) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Sarah Ullman in the amount of \$71.66 for printed materials related to advertising of the Community Outreach Event for the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Master Process. (Outreach) (Up to \$200 expense initially approved on June 5, 2019.)

Getz seconded Kaderali's motion. Fox-Robbins said he would be curious to learn how successful that advertising has been.

VOTE
14-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette

Taryn Poole
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

2) Future Agenda Items

a) (Secretary) Move to accept approved changes to the SLNC Bylaws and Standing Rules that were discussed and voted upon at the Joint Meeting of the Governing Board and the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee on July 2, 2019. Approved changes to the SLNC Bylaws and Standing Rules to be submitted to DONE for review and filed with the City Clerk. [NOTE: Bylaws & Standing Rules revisions will be attached as supplemental information on August 7, 2019 Regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda, revisions can also be found at silverlakenc.org under Committee page in advance of Governing Board Meeting]

Goudsmit said this clarifies that the joint meeting was to hear from as many Board members as possible and to be compliant with the Brown Act on July 2. Many wonderful revisions were discussed. Motions will be heard August 7.

b) (Secretary) Move to take potential action on the selection of an Alternate Representative for the Stakeholder Working Group as part of the Reservoir Master Plan. The selected Alternate Representative would sit-in for (1) of (2) current Representatives only if (1) Representative is not able to attend a scheduled meeting date of the Working Group.

Copenhaver made the motion. Fox-Robbins seconded.

Goudsmit said we were offered an alternate for this work group. It was not agendized. This will be on the August 7 agenda.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Tina Lin
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Secretary) Move to discuss and take potential action on selecting a Parliamentarian.

said the bylaws allow this. This is something that has been a future agenda item for awhile.

Taryn Poole cautioned that rules have been used as a wedge. No final resolution. This can open a strange situation. Fox-Robbins commented that having an awareness of the last council where the co-chair acted as the parliamentarian was a conflict. The point of having a parliamentarian would be to have final decision. Getz said that she wants Emmons as parliamentarian. Goudsmit said we can agendize this for the future.

d) (Secretary) Move to discuss and take potential action on selecting a Sargent-at-Arms.

Goudsmit said this is also in the bylaws. This is basically a bouncer to maintain order. Ullman said I would not want to agendize this. It encourages a culture that might need a sergeant-at-arms. Emmons explained that the Sargent-at-Arms would ask someone disruptive to leave, at direction of the chair. The LAPD would physically handle that.

Seth Copenhaver said we want to anticipate a world where we all get along. Three meetings ago, there was talk in audience and people were confused about what should happen.

Goudsmit said it depends on the level of comfort of who's running the meeting. This is something that can be discussed more. Zevos said I've been at public meetings that were intentionally disruptive. The person should have de-escalation training.

Copenhaver commented on the benefit of it not being a co-chair, the anger could be directed at the person running the meeting and it could be a back and forth.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Barbara Ringuette
Taryn Poole
Tina Lin
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

3) Announcements

a) (Treasurer - Announcement) Los Angeles City Controller, Ron Galperin, has offered to present at the August 7, 2019 session of the SLNC Governing Board. Mr. Galperin is a former member of the NC system and accordingly, enjoys meeting with the various Councils. If any Board Member or stakeholder has a specific question or topic request of Mr. Galperin, please send them to Board Treasurer to compile no later than Friday, July 19th, for consideration by the Controller for presentation.

Kaderali spoke about the Budget Advocates' Budget Day at City Hall. Ron Galperin spoke. He's a very engaging speaker. Barbara Ringuette cautioned to give him a time limit. He likes to speak indefinitely. Goudsmit suggested 20 minutes to present and 10 minutes for Q&A.

Ringuette said to also give a few minutes to the Census Bureau person. He contacted the neighborhood council in March but no one got back to him. They are hiring. It's a good thing to include in the newsletter. Zevos added that it would be great to invite the Census person to the Latinx Committee meeting also. Los Angeles is the hardest town to count in the US.

b) (Treasurer – Announcement) Treasurer's budget report.

Treasurer Kaderali said we are on target with the budget after 10 days into the new fiscal year. We're still wrapping up final numbers from the prior fiscal year but there is about \$750 to roll over.

Ringuette said she was elected vice chair for development at the Budget Advocates meeting. She ensures that each Budget Advocate is effective. There will be a July 20 retreat. And, four days after that they meet with the Mayor. We begin training in August before we begin meeting with departments. Would anyone here be interested in learning more about the budget. You do not

have to be a Budget Advocate to do the training. Stakeholders are welcome if they are passionate about the budget.

Fox-Robbins commented on reworking the SLNC website. Email your suggestions. Take 5 minutes and email us some thoughts to Outreach@silverlike.org

4) Adjournment

Emmons made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:56pm.