

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
[FINAL APPROVED VERSION]
Wednesday, September 4, 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 11 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary
Anthony Crump (arrived late)
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark (arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Taryn Poole (resigned)
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
Barbara Ringuette
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Douglas Reed
Jennifer Dibs
Lorraine Getz

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

a) The SLNC will be serving delicious snacks from local restaurants Tomato Pie and Say Cheese this evening.

Vice Chair and Acting Chair Nora Goudsmit explained how the meeting will work. She offered a warm welcome to the audience. She also mentioned that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) is providing delicious snacks tonight from Tomato Pie and Say Cheese.

Goudsmit 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.

(Note: Ianthe Zevos arrived by 7:07pm)

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Waldo Wood:

He said he went to the LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual) Committee meeting and presented something he's working on with a group in Tijuana, Mexico. These are asylum seekers. I want to raise funds for an organization. People are in dire need of assistance. They came from war torn places. They were assaulted in their own countries. We want to be placed on your next agenda to have an event in Silver Lake to raise funds.

Vicky Tuchman, Food and Water Watch:

She said that she wants to be on the October agenda for a CIS (Community Impact Statement) regarding a request for a plan to demand that the DWP (Department of Water and Power) come up with a plan for 100% renewable energy by 2030. The State law says that by 2045 the goal is to be carbon free. That is much too late. She also wants Los Angeles to be fossil fuel free.

Los Angeles wants to build a gas plant for 50 years. She said that renewable energy is cheaper. Methane from fracking fluid, and related transportation is bad for the environment.

(Note; Anthony Crump arrived by 7:12pm.)

Craig Scott:

He said that he works with Waldo with the group in Tijuana. Many of these people will come to Los Angeles. Recently a mob threatened them with death. Some of them have horrible stories of rape, murder, and violence. We were there Sunday. We provided clothing and money for supplies. However, our personal resources are limited. We want to get on your agenda. We are working with the LGBTQIA Committee for a fund raiser.

Daniel Tam, Department of Sanitation and Environment, www.lacitysan.org, (800)-773-2489 Customer Care telephone number. For a free tree: www.lacitysan.org/freetree.

We are the City's largest environmental protection agency. We are focused on sustainability, livability, climate change, dirt, and resiliency. Regarding dirt, he said it's about recycling food. Some 40% of food is wasted in the US. In Los Angeles we are beginning to wake up to that. Composting recycles this scrap. There will be a new program over the next year to recycle food waste.

We are in the midst of preparing for wet weather. We will clean storm drains in Silver Lake to handle rivers of water coming down from hill.

Regarding single use plastics. Straws on request will become law October 1. If you are being given a straw you that you didn't request, you can alert 311. Partner with people for compliance.

The Department of Sanitation and Environment is planting trees. It's important to be able to reduce our carbon footprint throughout the city, to eliminate heat items. For a free tree: www.lacitysan.org/freetree.

Miry Whittehill, Miry's List (Empower LA partner):

We have a program on the agenda tonight. She lives in Eagle Rock where she had been on their neighborhood council.. She said that she wanted to say hello.

There are refugees from Syria with kids here. She visited them. There were five people in a barely furnished apartment. They needed basics. So she has created a list of things that the family needed. California is a top state for refugee resettlement.

Welcome Neighbor is for neighborhood councils to get involved. About 14 of them have enrolled since January. She wants the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to join too.

5) Presentations

a) Rachel Fox presenting Certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge Taryn Poole's service to our Silver Lake community while on the SLNC for 3+ years.

Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for Council Member David Ryu, Council District 4, Rachel.Fox@lacity.org, (213) 473-7004, (323) 957-6415:

She said that a bridge housing project in Sherman Oaks with 64 affordable units is beginning construction. Next week we will open a women's bridge housing project in Hollywood with 30 beds with an event. The Weinberg center will be the service provider.

Fox also announced that today, Council Member David Ryu received approval for a bridge housing project on Riverside Drive with 100 beds. There will be showers and bathrooms too. We will probably hold a community meeting about this soon

We are hosting an arts festival in Los Feliz with the Department of Cultural Affairs. This will showcase local artists and what makes the community special. This will bring people out for food and discussions. There will be international cuisines. We are seeking recommendations for artists. We want them to be local. The event will take place October 26, noon to 5pm on Vermont between Franklin and Melbourne. There will be flyers available next week. For information: www.losfelizartsdistrict.com

Separately, she thanked Taryn Poole for her service on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and gave her a plaque. There was a photo opportunity and applause.

Taryn Poole said I loved being here for the past 3.5 years. It was an honor to represent the people and animals of Silver Lake. There was applause.

Mark Duncan asked Fox when is the Silver Lake arts festival? Fox said we would be happy to have that. We have discretionary funds available. The Council Member wants to bring people together through events.

Seth Copenhaver asked how much advance planning would be needed? Fox said that for a street fair, all departments must sign off and be involved. A festival producer must coordinate everyone. A couple of months in advance is good.

*Josh Nuni, Assistant to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
Board member Jackie Goldberg, 5th District:*

He said that he is Jackie Goldberg's legal and policy deputy. He is also a member of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council.

He is here to represent and publicize LAUSD community meetings in northeast and southeast Los Angeles. There will be one at Marshall High School on September 25 and at the Sandra Sotomayor magnet school on October 3 to help us formulate our agenda for the year. We want input from parents, teachers, administrators, and concerned community members. We want ideas on how schools impact community and how they can work better. We want to hear your concerns. This is an open invitation. There are fliers.

b) Los Angeles City Department of Emergency Management Presentation, 20-minute presentation followed by 10-minute question period.

i) The Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) program. RYLAN is a free service offered by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department that empowers neighborhoods to be more prepared for the next big disaster.

*Jennifer Lazo, Emergency Management Coordinator,
(Jennifer.lazo@lacity.org, 213-484-4809) and John Darnell,
Chief Resilience Officer, Department of Neighborhood*

Empowerment (DONE), john.darnell@lacity.org, (213) 978-1551:

John Darnell said there are four categories. Neighborhood councils work on emergency preparedness. We want to make sure that every area has at least 5 neighborhoods that have gone through RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) training. It's a 10-hour program. You can train your neighbors yourself.

There are 1800 neighborhood council Board members in the City. That's an army of people. We are starting to do presentations at neighborhood councils.

He mentioned that Jackie is here, the new DONE representative for the SLNC. He said that he was impressed that after the Trader Joe's shooting, this neighborhood council did an event for people hurt. That's what neighborhood councils are all about. This Board does a heck of a job. You've come along way. Elections matter. I'm really proud of you.

Darnell added to enroll as many stakeholders as you can for this.

Jennifer Lazo said that she is part of the first responders with the police and fire departments. She began July 1 so she jokingly blames herself for the earthquakes on July 4 and 5.

RYLAN is a way for us to help you prepare to help your neighbors for disaster. Prepare, organize, practice, connect, communicate, and train, she said.

You are by far the most likely to be rescued by the person next to you. For example, on July 4 during earthquake, an elderly shopper was sought out by neighbors to see whether she was safe. They helped her.

The training is for 10-30 homes or one big apartment building. There will be a presentation at the Silver Lake branch library on Monday. It's all about personal preparedness. What do you do in the initial minutes after a major disaster? Your initial response is in your building

You also check in with your neighbor. Where can you get reliable information and food and water? Care for your neighbors. Lazo stressed that this is not CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. That's 17 hours. This is 90 minutes. We will build a plan for you. You will have contact information for your neighbors.

We offer a 90-minute presentation. Often these happen in people's living rooms. However, the location can be a library, church, yoga studio, etc. We can work with any schedule. We'll make a map of your neighborhood and create invite to the workshop. She is coordinator for this area along with Veronica Hendrick.

There are program materials and handouts. You need to provide the location and invites to the neighbors. Refreshments help. We can do this for apartments and condominiums. We make plans for floors and buildings. We create neighborhood maps. We can provide translations. Then, we'll return after 6 months and do a practice drill.

Go to www.Notifyla.org to sign up for alerts. For more information: Emd.emdweb@lacity.org, (213) 484-4800, <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/tylan>. For social media: @readyla for Twitter and readyla on Facebook.

Lazo said we can discuss wildfire evacuation too.

Maebe A. Girl asked how many people should be there for meetings to be effective? Lazo said the minimum is five. We can do them outside too. We would love to invite commercial businesses too. We do 60-minute presentations for businesses.

She added that our messages are really specific to your neighborhood and your block. is emergency management coordinator. Previously worked in Berkley.

c) SoCalGas, presenting on "clean energy" in California, 10-minute presentation followed by 5-minute question period [NOTE: Supplemental information attached].

Sara Rubalcava, Marketing, Communications, and Community Outreach, Southern California Gas Company, www.saraigroup.net, Sara@saraigroup.net:

She said we provide clean air solutions. The Gas Company wants to face challenges together. There is new technology. One of the highest methane emitters is anything that decomposes: food, landfills, dead trees, etc. We will take this and put it into a biodigester and create renewable natural gas.

Many policies are being discussed including 100% electrification. What about power outages? Imagine a cold rainy day without electricity. You can't take a hot shower or make coffee. However, you can still use gas. That's a rationale for balanced energy solutions. Berkeley just passed a mandate for 100% electrification. All gas outlets/pipes will be changed out for about \$7,200 per household. They must rewire too. There is no existing grid that can take 100% electrification.

We want to introduce a resolution for your Board. She is reading a paragraph of it: "Therefore, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council resolves to support balanced energy solutions that provide us the ability to make a decision to achieve State and local climate goals. We support proposed state legislation and regulation that allows our residents and businesses the right to choose the policies and investments that most affordably and efficiently enable them to comply with State requirements. All technologies and energy resources that can power buildings, fuel vehicles, while also meeting or exceeds emissions and reduction regulations should be an option."

We're looking at reliability. You can choose 100% electrification but we don't want it to be mandated. She mentioned various impacts on restaurants.

She announced that on September 12, at California State University, Los Angeles, there will be an open workshop on the topic. She asked what is cheapest on your utility bill? She said that gas is less expensive for her.

Lisa Hart, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance:

She said that she lives in Silver Lake and is a former chair of the Green Committee. She responded saying that we are horrified by this. Framing this as a matter of choice is misleading, whether it's

renewable or biogas. It's like putting lipstick on a pig. It doesn't make it pretty. We have a major climate crisis and we have to change things fast. The cost of solar and batteries is falling. She cited the new buildings in Berkeley without gas outlets.

We have a biogas factsheet. It doesn't remove emissions out of the air. We have to reduce emissions. This does not do that.

Vicky:

She said that a misunderstanding is that there is no such thing as renewable gas. That is unsustainable. Don't prop up farms and landfills. Once bio methane is in the pipeline it's the same as any other gas. Just as bad as coal this is a false argument.

Catherine Varney:

She said that biogas is not clean. It leaks. It's almost entirely methane. It's more potent than carbon dioxide. We have technologies for cheaper electricity than building a new gas infrastructure. They are a gas company that is desperate to stay relevant.

Liza Temple:

Are there subsidies and rebates for 100% electricity? Several cities are doing this but not Los Angeles, said Sara Rubalcava.

Maebe A. Girl:

I appreciate choice. If we give everyone the choice, how can we guarantee that people will do that? Will anyone use the renewable gas if it's an option?

Sara Rubalcava responded that I'm not here to argue. Keep yourself aware of what's going on in all sectors. Just take a look at it.

Anthony Crump:

He thanked the speaker for coming. I appreciate the diversity of opinions.

I used to work at a nonprofit that studied health and the human environment. We encouraged people to buy organic. Many

people couldn't afford it. As we look at these issues, consider that not everyone can afford to make the best decisions. Look at entire society as a whole, he urged. Sara Rubalcava commented that gas is less expensive.

Mark Duncan asked what percentage of gas will you get from renewable sources vs. fracking? Rubalcava said they are not doing fracking in California anymore. Duncan expressed concern about bringing in the gases from other places. Rubalcava said she didn't know about that. The goal is to have 5% renewable gas by 2020 and 20% by 2035.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins thanked Anthony for perspective. How much money will Southern California Gas lose with total electrification? Rubalcava said she doesn't know. Fox-Robbins said it's important to take into account that you're incentivized by profit.

Tina Lin asked who is proposing the mandate for 100% electrification? Sara Rubalcava said it's a study. The City of Los Angeles is already beginning to build 100% electric buildings. There is no mandate currently. There is a State study, not a proposal or a mandate.

d) Eastside Los Angeles (ELA) group of advocates for Medicare for All presentation, 10-minute presentation followed by 5-minute question period.

i) ELA is a grassroots, all-volunteer group working to add Los Angeles to the growing number of municipalities across the country that have passed resolutions in support of Medicare for All – specifically the Medicare for All Act of 2019 introduced in the US House by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (HR 1384) and the US Senate by Sen. Bernie Sanders (S 1129).

The Representative said that she wants the SLNC to endorse a representative for Congress supported by Bernie Sanders. We want the City Council to pass City Council President Herb Wesson's motion to put the City on record for Medicare for all.

We have a healthcare crisis in America. We pay double for healthcare than other wealthy countries yet life expectancy is declining, even with Obamacare.

Healthcare costs are the most common reason for bankruptcy. Some 530,000 families become bankrupt for this each year. There are about 250,000 GoFundMe campaigns for medical bills.

Single-payer Medicare for all would cover everything. You could visit any doctor that you choose. All doctors would be in the network. Healthcare would be decoupled from employer insurance.

We want to make Medicare For All a reality for all Americans. We believe it would have a beneficial impact.

Eight neighborhood councils have approved this resolution so far, including Los Feliz. We want to show that there is support in Council District 13 for this. However, Council Member Mitch O'Farrell is not a supporter. We want you to set an example for your Council Member.

Mark, her colleague, said that he was on the SLNC Board for 8 years. He's offering a senior perspective for this. Many senior citizens are filing for bankruptcies. That's increased 204% from 1991 to 2016. Older citizens filing has increased five fold in the same period.

He had been with Samuel French. He lost his job and was hit with \$800 an per month insurance bill with over \$2,000 in deductibles. It was devastating. He is now with Kaiser. Even with Medicare, it's still expensive.

Alex Bloom, another colleague who lives near Echo Park Lake, said that he'd changed jobs recently. He takes medication for anxiety, which has severe withdrawal issues. It's sick to me that people need to depend on their bosses for healthcare. It's a means of control. We need to support Medicare For All.

Nina Sorkin said that medical insurance for everyone is important. We must understand that many people don't have insurance because their employers don't provide insurance.

Seth Copenhaver read Nina Sorkin's statement: I agree that there is a need for universal healthcare coverage. Not

everyone agrees that Medicare for All is the only or best way. I come from a union family. Though the Nurses Union is in support. Other unions like SEIU (Service Employees International Union) hold different positions. She is concerned about undocumented residents. Her late husband had a free clinic in Pasadena. Once a clinic accepts Federal funding, it can only treat people with documentation. Will Medicare For All just be for those with documentation?

The Representative replied that the Medicare For All Act in Congress is for all residents. It prevents medical tourism though. It's like getting a drivers license. You don't have to be a citizen for that.

Frida Chen asked how to implement a program in a system based on profit? This is a long process. It took 4 years for Obamacare to be implemented. What do you foresee as problems?

The Representative said that Medicare For All is not socialized medicine. It's publicly funded and independently run. It would be paid through taxes to the government. Under single payer, instead of paying insurance companies, pay through taxes. This removes the profit making middle man.

The business model for health insurance is denial of care. This is how they make a profit. According to studies, we would save \$2 trillion over 10 years. A different study estimated as much as \$5 trillion in savings from insurance company executives and ads. This will improve and expand care and still save money.

What will help people in the health care industry? We don't want to punish workers. There is transition with retraining and guaranteed pensions and one year of full compensations for people who lose their jobs. This covers relocations too. We don't want to punish workers in the health care industry.

Motion to take action.

Joanna Pawlowska said that she is recusing herself. She works in a newsroom. She cannot have a public show of support for a policy brought by a political candidate. She left the room.

Anthony Crump asked how is this paid for? The Representative said it's paid for by the Government. What are the specifics, asked Crump. The Representative explained. The proposal by Bernie Sanders is not in the bill itself but in a white paper. There are several options: creating a 4% income based premium for employees with a \$29,000 exemption. Or a 7.5% premium paid by employers, or making the Federal income tax more progressive or taxing earned and unearned income at the same rate, making the estate tax more progressive or a tax on extreme wealth or closing loop holes, imposing fees on large financial institutions or sales tax on non-essential items.

Maebe A. Girl said that she supports this. I don't have health insurance. I work really hard. She works at a restaurant, does nightlife work and neighborhood council work. I can't afford insurance. This could be a blessing.

Dulce Stein said she had been quite ill. She needs inexpensive medicine to remain healthy. She is a grandmother.

A Man said I've had it for a long time. The co-pays are minimal. I go to Kaiser. I get the best treatment in the world.

e) (Vice Chair) Discuss and take possible action on CIS to be attached to Council File #19-0002-S157 to address Medicare for All [NOTE: CIS attached as supplemental information; resolution attached; http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-s157_reso_08-23-2019.pdf].

Liza Temple asked what are you all voting on at the moment? A CIS? Goudsmit said we will vote on the statement that was submitted.

Frida Chen said I support this. However, I am concerned about the undocumented.

The Man said I had Hepatitis C. They gave me \$90,000 in drugs. It cured me in 6 weeks of expensive medicines.

Ianthe Zevos seconded the motion.

VOTE
12-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible/Recusals:

~~Tina Lin~~
Joanna Pawlowska

(Note: Elaine Harris-Roark is here and voted.)

6) Committee Reports a) SLNC Advisory Committees each have an opportunity to provide up to 2 minutes of reporting regarding Committee matters.

Arts and Culture Committee: Dulce Stein said we are preparing an event to celebrate the Day of the Dead at the triangle plaza. There will be an art exhibit and music festival. It will be very small and intimate and will share our culture. This will be done in collaboration with the Latinx Committee. She is a co-chair both Committees. She thanked the Silver

Lake Improvement Association and area businesses and artists. The event will be held on November 1, beginning at 2pm until 8pm.

Separately, Dulce Stein also mentioned an Art at the Reservoir event on October 5, from 9am -3pm. Come and paint! Also, the butterfly project has been postponed until September.

Green Committee: Seth Copenhaver read a statement from the chair: We are continuing to pursue of planting of new sidewalk trees. The Committee wants to develop a relationship with the new forestry officer. We need a brochure to warn against rodenticides. We are working with other neighborhood councils regarding changing City pursuing policy on notification of tree removal by developers.

Separately, the Monarch Butterfly Art Project has been moved to 2020. The Committee may seek funding for the event.

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner said the group met August 22. There was a discussion about having a homelessness roundtable with the community and government officials. This was an initial discussion. Law enforcement, LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority), and community members and other groups can participate.

Stakeholders wanted to discuss a Reservoir plan for bathrooms in the Silver Lake meadow. The Homeless and Reservoir Committees are looking at this and how this might work.

We also discussed the vehicle dwelling ban, which has been extended for 6 months. The Homelessness committee sees City Council's decision to extend the vehicle dwelling ban as counterproductive. The Committee would instead like to see an expansion of the Safe Parking program that offers resources and security for those who have no other shelter besides their vehicles.

Maebe A. Girl added that DONE is working to establish homeless advocates to provide ideas and solutions. There will be an exploratory meeting this Thursday at City Hall. She will attend.

Latinx Committee: Dulce Stein said the first meeting went great.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl mentioned that the meeting featured the two guest speakers who went to Tijuana (and spoke earlier). They dropped off donations for trans people, who feared being murdered

in their home countries. We voted to hold a fund raiser to collect clothing, electronics, and toiletries.

Mature Adult Advocates: Seth Copenhaver said that the Committee is still inactive. It is seeking a second co-chair. It hasn't met in awhile. Email him with volunteer suggestions.

Neighborhood Business Committee: Seth Copenhaver said they had their first meeting. They elected co-chairs. That Committee had been inactive for a long time.

Outreach Committee: Nicolas Fox-Robbins told all committees that we want to support you. Keep us up to date and let us know how we can support you. We met for second time to work on the SLNC website. It's a bit hard to digest. It could be more welcoming. Come to our meeting and give input. We passed 6 mini motions about the website.

We admire the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council governing Board webpage. We want to adopt a similar format. We want to create an archive page. Every committee page should adhere to a uniform template. Every committee page would house agendas and minutes from the present and previous year only.

Seth Copenhaver commented that this is still in the committee stage. There will be opportunity for the public to weigh in.

Reservoir Committee: Joanna Pawlowska said there was a DWP (Department of Water and Power) workshop on August 24. We'll welcome feedback on that. She wasn't there.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said the reservoir walkthrough happened. As many as 700 people attended. The online survey is still available. The next community workshop will be October 30 or November 2. It will probably happen at 1:30pm at the Friendship Auditorium on November 2 to avoid a conflict with Halloween activities.

There were questions about construction. No decisions about the Reservoir have been made.

Modular Building Ad Hoc Committee: Paul Emmons said we had two meetings. He met with the DWP and received a tour of the site. We are developing our mission statement. We will be meeting shortly.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Paul Emmons discussed the Angus Street cut through traffic and the possible conversion to a one-way street between Kenilworth and Moreno. Community driven changes require 60% support from the residents affected. We received over 350 responses from a survey. The one-way solution received 35% support. But 40% of residents voted for no changes at this time. However, 60% are eager to continue analysis of results. We will share results at the next meeting later this month.

He thanked Council Member Ryu's office for their work.

The Silver Lake flea market has been notified by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). They can't operate there without an open air permit. Emmons thanked Josh Nuni for a temporary use permit today to continue operation for 6 months until a more permanent permit can be issued.

Urban Design Committee: Co-Chair Liza Temple said that Sweet Green was approved at the last meeting. There were also two renewals: Modern Eats and Night Market and Song. There was an application for a 6-unit small development rent stabilized project. That did not receive approval.

Also, a 6-unit project on Waverly Drive was tabled. She also mentioned a 4-unit small lot project on Hyperion and a Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine at the Ivanhoe restaurant.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins offered the survey website:
www.Surveymonkey.com/r/silverlakereservoirs

7) Administrative: (Secretary) Adopt Minutes from the August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board:

a) Draft Minutes can be found here: <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/SLNC-August-7thGoverning-Board-Meeting-Minutes-DRAFT.pdf>

Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b) (Treasurer) Move to approve August 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). [NOTE: *This item may be tabled to October 2019 Governing Board meeting if City Clerk does not publish the August MER prior to September 4, 2019 meeting.*]

Acting Treasurer Samantha Danner said this will be tabled. The August MER is not available. Ianthe Zevos seconded the motion to table.

c) (Treasurer) Move to retroactively approve additional expenses of \$67.35 for printed materials related to advertising of a Community Outreach Event for the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process. (Outreach)

Samantha Danner made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded. Danner explained that this is for fliers for the workshop, for the remaining balance, for the community workshop.

VOTE

11-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

(Note: Tina Lin is ineligible. Maebe A. Girl stepped out and did not vote.)

d) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Joanna Pawlowska in the amount of \$195.69 for printed materials related to advertising of a Community Outreach Event for the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process. (Outreach) (Up to \$200 expense initially approved on June 5, 2019, of which \$71.66 expense was previously incurred and reimbursed to Sarah Ullman. Balance remaining of initial approval is \$128.34. Full reimbursement contemplates aforementioned motion to retroactively approve an additional \$67.35 for such expenses.)

Samantha Danner made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded.

VOTE

11-0-1-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan

Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
Maebe A. Girl

Ineligible:
Tina Lin

e) (Treasurer) Move to retroactively approve expense of \$33.29 for Facebook advertising related to the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process Community Workshop event #2.

Samantha Danner made the motion. Maebe A. Girl seconded.

Paul Emmons asked has done weighed in on retroactively spending money? Samantha Danner said she wasn't sure but there is a precedent.

VOTE
12-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

f) (Treasurer) Move to approve Board Member Reimbursement for Sarah Ullman in the amount of \$33.29 for Facebook advertising related to the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan Process Community Workshop event #2.

Samantha Danner made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE

12-0-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Seth Copenhaver

Anthony Crump

Ianthe Zevos

Mark Duncan

Dulce Stein

Maebe A. Girl

Joanna Pawlowska

Samantha Danner

Paul Emmons

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

8) Unfinished Business

a) (Outreach) Move to take potential action on funding for SLNC Outreach event. The Park Advisory Board and Outreach Committee recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council purchase up to \$300 on nutritional snacks, such as granola bars, with SLNC logo label for annual 2019 Halloween Celebration at Bellevue Center. [NOTE: Motion request attached as supplemental information].

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Dulce Stein seconded.

VOTE
12-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

Nina Sorkin said that she's a member of the park advisory board for Bellevue. We want a safe environment for kids to knock on doors and get goodies. The SLNC has participated for the past 4 years. The original Board, 5 years ago, wanted nutritional snacks. DONE requires items to have a neighborhood council logo. One year John Winkler was there. We gave items to parents too. So, it's a good opportunity for outreach.

Maebe A. Girl asked what are the hours? Nina Sorkin replied 4pm to 7:30pm. We'd like to have volunteers from the Board. Come in costume. Granola bars have to have the SLNC logo on them. Seth Copenhaver, Maebe A. Girl, and Nicolas Fox-Robbins all volunteered.

Dulce Stein asked does it have to be granola bars? Nina Sorkin said something without much sugar.

VOTE
12-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

9) New Business

a) (Ullman) Discuss and take possible action on the funding request for dog poop bags in the amount of \$375.00 (1/4 the cost of bags for 1 year). Motion was passed unanimously on 08/05/2019 at the Reservoir Committee meeting. Funds in the amount of \$375.00 will be applied to the purchase of dog poop bags to be used at the SL Reservoir walking path

[NOTE: <https://silverlakenc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/08/8.5.19-Reservoir-Draft-meeting-minutes.pdf>].

Joanna Pawlowska made the motion. Elaine Harris-Roarke seconded.

Acting Chair Goudsmit said that she has public comment in writing from someone in support of the motion. CD13, CD4, and other agencies are contributing too.

Maryanne, Silver Lake Conservancy, said the group had partnered with the SLNC for awhile. We use 60,000 bags a year. It's a lot of bags. They are biodegradable. The cost about \$2,000 per year more for biodegradable. There are 4 dispensers around the reservoir.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins expressed concerned that the bags are not biodegradable. They should be biodegradable in the future. Maebe A. Girl asked are there garbage cans for disposal? There is concern that they are not biodegradable. We should do this in a more green friendly way.

Maryanne said there are trash cans. People do abuse the free bags. We should do some outreach.

Lisa commented that if it's all going to landfill, biodegradable may not be an issue. A Woman suggested to please include instruction to use public trash bins, not private trash cans. She cited the smells.

Paul Emmons seconded the motion as written. There had been a discussion about increasing amount to have biodegradable bags.

VOTE
10-1-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein

Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

Maebe A. Girl

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

(Note: Paul Emmons is out of room and did not vote.)

b) (Secretary) Discuss and take possible action on position letter/CIS to be submitted to DWP to represent stakeholders' position on the exclusive DWP use modular office building for 29 non-essential employees to be constructed on the Reservoir, breaking ground in November 2019. Position discussed at both Modular Office Ad Hoc Committee and Reservoir Committee meetings, as well as Governing Board meetings. This letter is of utmost import since DWP continues to side-step public process in the discussion of and interest in community input in their construction despite SLNC's ongoing efforts. [NOTE: letter attached]

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Mark Duncan seconded.

A second woman named Maryanne said that she's been involved with reservoir conservancy for 30 years. DWP initially said the site would be temporary. Now it will be a 50-year building. No one in the building will have anything to do with the maintenance of the reservoir.

The area zoned as open space. The DWP didn't file environmental documentation. It will be a 3,500 square foot building with 30 asphalt parking spaces. At least 30 people will be coming and going all day. None of this was addressed.

Pat said that she is against the CIS. She wants to work with the DWP. What's at reservoir now is very unattractive. It will be an enormous improvement.

Nina Sorkin said the process concerns me. I attended the first modular meeting. The motion says the overwhelming majority of constituents that we've heard from. That statement should not be there. The June 5 meeting had perhaps 25 people. There were 14 people at the first ad hoc meeting. That's not an overwhelming amount of people.

Paul Emmons said that despite numerous requests for more details about the building, they have refused to provide more information. We asked a couple of times why this building needs to be here. There has been no response. This will occupy 9-11% of the reservoir space, including the water. Without the water, it's about 20% of the land. They are telling us to go away and leave them alone. They are exempt from EIR (Environmental Impact Reports) and zoning restrictions and providing plans to the Planning office. This area is not zoned for this. They will do that without community input.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked what effort has been made to gauge community opinion besides an ad hoc committee? Mark Duncan said we haven't done full community outreach. When you ran for office you ran against having the DWP building there. People preferred open spaces. I agree. What's there now is an eyesore. That should not be the bar. DWP has been really difficult to get info out of.

Paul Emmons said part of outreach is the meeting. It's not our intent, but their intent.

Elaine Harris-Roark said we are embarking on a Master Plan process that's years in the making. We've engaged some of the world's best planners and architects and they are trying to slip this in before considering that process. The way they are doing it is sneaky. There's something going on here and we should address that.

Anthony Crump said the DWP is not required to do an EIR. They are a super agency so it's not necessary. The committee name said it's opposed to modular building. That starts off on the wrong foot. I can see why they are uncooperative.

We must be open to other viewpoints. Many people can't attend meetings. It's a luxury. This excludes a huge part of the population. Location and timing determine who can participate.

Look at newsletter, Facebook, etc. Our energy should be put into the Master Plan process as a whole.

Debble Slater commented that the banner on the SLNC website was offensive. It seemed hostile. I would like to request that that banner be adjusted or changed. This Board is supposed to be neutral and to engage, not be hostile.

VOTE
8-5-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Paul Emmons
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Samantha Danner
Tina Lin
Anthony Crump
Maebe A. Girl

Abstentions:

None

c) (Zevos) Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council request that the Urban Forestry Department place a notice on any tree intended for removal and provide a 30-day notice regarding any tree removal authorization to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment which will forward the notification to the Neighborhood Council. [NOTE: July 15, 2019 Green Committee, unanimous approval: 8-0-0 Minutes: <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Draft-Green-Minutes-July-2019.pdf>]

Ianthe Zevos wants to table this to coordinate with other neighborhood councils.

Goutsmit read the motion. Mark Duncan seconded the motion to table.

Goutsmit said that she wants to move up letter e for the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. Paul Emmons seconded.

Samantha Danner said that she wants to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Paul Emmons said we can't.

Liza Temple:

We have 3 letters. One is in support of Tokio. One supports Kite Hill. One disapproves of an illegal demolition.

Howard Peterson, a Kite Hill representative, said the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy is concerned about connecting open spaces. On Donaldson Street there is a series of open lots next to Kite Hill. Getting a letter to the Santa Monica Conservancy is really great and is the best resolution for Kite Hill.

e) (Coleman/UDP) Discuss and take possible action on submission of position letters [NOTE: Motions and Letters attached as supplemental information]

i) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee (UDP) would like to register its' disapproval regarding the illegal demolition of [1626 Silver Lake Boulevard](#), a streamline moderne building and local landmark built in 1937. The Committee voted unanimously at its' June 10, 2019 to express our disapproval.

ii) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee (UDP) would like to express its' support for the preservation of the "Kite Hill" site in Echo Park. The Committee voted unanimously at its' June 10, 2019 to express this support.

iii) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee (UDP) would like to express its' support for the preservation of the Tokio Florist site at 2718 Hyperion Avenue.

Goutsmit said that she wants to bundle agenda items e.i, ii, and iii. Anthony Crump seconded.

VOTE for e.i, ii, and iii
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark
Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

d) (Stein/Arts and Culture) Discuss and take potential action on funding, up to \$300.00 for the Los Muertos de Silver Lake Festival. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Arts and Culture Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve a Funding Request for up to \$300 to cover the insurance cost for the Dios de Los Muertos (Day of the Day) Celebration in the Sunset Triangle Plaza.

Dulce Stein said this covers insurance. Nicolas Fox-Robbins seconded.

Samantha Danner asked this is put on by the Arts and Culture Committee? Dulce said yes. Samantha Danner asked about other sponsors? Dulce Stein said we have the support of the Silver Lake Improvement Association. We are looking for more sponsors.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said we need liability insurance. All of our events in the plaza have insurance. Joanna Pawlowska asked

about other costs? Dulce Stein said this is the only thing that I want from the neighborhood council.

Goudsmit said we can say that funding can be used for liability insurance on a contingency basis.

VOTE
12-0-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Tina Lin

f) (Ullman) Move that the Green Committee propose a gas-powered leaf blower buyback program and ask the Governing Board to request discretionary funds from City Council districts [Note: Unanimous approval 8-0-0, Green Committee, July 15, 2019: <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/DraftGreen-Minutes-July-2019.pdf>.]

Goudsmit made a motion to table. Maebe A. Girl seconded.

11) Announcements

a) SLNC is looking to participate in Miry's List (Empower LA partner) and their work with Refugee Families to be welcoming neighbors:
[\[https://miryslist.org/welcomeneighbor?fbclid=IwAR0I5Xiv309lr5T8pcJbDCPnRB_oB7vfzOov7Su-kMXYJuEe0ASt0hFdNA\]](https://miryslist.org/welcomeneighbor?fbclid=IwAR0I5Xiv309lr5T8pcJbDCPnRB_oB7vfzOov7Su-kMXYJuEe0ASt0hFdNA)

i) Participate as a Council in Welcoming Actions - tangible activities, curated by Miry's List, that directly impact new arrival families. Welcome Actions are ala carte, and councils can choose the ones that align with their goals and capabilities. Welcome Actions increase stakeholder participation with the Neighborhood Council through events, education, and the enthusiasm generated by seeing direct, tangible impact.

Goutsmit said this will be a future agenda item.

10) Future Agenda Items

Samantha Danner mentioned a proposal to consider a CIS. (to oppose Council File 19-0602/s1, the "Sit, Sleep, Lie" law or LA Municipal Code 41.18) and where people can sleep in public. The homelessness committee sees the proposal in this council file as setting a dangerous precedent that will criminalize homelessness and poverty, and will prevent people experiencing homelessness from accessing needed services.

Seth Copenhaver said that Doug Reed, Region 2, is stepping down. There will be an election for that Board seat and the Region 6 seat being vacated Taryn Poole at the next meeting.

Ilanthe Zevos offered an update about the Happy Foot | Sad Foot sign. We've been unable to engage with the property owner. The city cannot put a stay on the sign during the Historic Cultural Monument process, as removing the acrylic panels does not require a permit from DBS. So instead of HCM status, we are going to plan B, where the sign will come down and we'll look for another permanent location. One community member has been researching the new Foot Clinic office location, which they discovered had a pole sign in the past. the base structure is covered with turf at the moment, but they are exploring the costs of getting a pole rebuilt and the possibility of getting a variance from the city to let it rotate sign should the sign go up in that location. right now, this is the most promising lead to date, though the location is unfortunately outside of Silver Lake.

Fox-Robbins said there will be a Silver Lake event for community trash pick up with the Silver Lake Litter League on September 15 from 9am to 11am in the Sunset Junction area.

12) Adjournment

Paul Emmons made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:59pm.