

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
FINAL VERSION
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
7:00p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer Street
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:07 pm with 13 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump (elected Co-Chair during the meeting)
Nicholas Fox-Robbins (elected Co-Chair during the meeting)
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair (Acting Chair when the meeting began)
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark (arrived late)
Ben Cassorla (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Dulce Stein
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Paul Emmons
Mark Duncan

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

a) The SLNC will be serving delicious snacks from local restaurateur El Condor 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 the El Condor restaurant.

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

Goudsmit then clarified confusion regarding the meeting. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Urban Design and Preservation Committee is not meeting tonight, as a community meeting notice had incorrectly stated. This is the general board meeting. The Committee meeting is next Wednesday.

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Jack Sherman:

He said that he is here making a documentary about Maebe A. Girl, a Board member who is running for US Congress to replace Adam Schiff.

John Wingle, Co-chair SLNC Green Committee;

He announced 24 Hour Climate Reality, a worldwide event. The Silver Lake branch library is participating in this on November 20 and 21. "Truth in Action" is the title. On November 20 at 6:30pm there will be a presentation by an Al Gore team member who is a local activist active on the Green Committee. On November 21 there will be tables with experts with information about climate change and actions you can take.

Sean Ayash, Bird:

He's a member of the eScooter company's government partnership team. He gave an update on their participation in the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) personal mobility pilot program.

We've increased staff and educated riders. We've done community outreach with over 50 community group meetings to improve safety and operation. There have been over 5 million eScooter rides in Los Angeles, over 30,000 daily.

Contact the MyLA311 app for service requests about improper parking. You can also contact us through our app or through our community relations manager, Morgan Ross. He noted that his colleague, Omar, is also here.

Jean Paul Dreyer:

I'm thankful for speed humps and black top on Descanso. People are slowing down.

I was injured when walking dogs on Micheltorena because of potholes and cracks on sidewalks. I documented this on the 311 app. People came and did some corrections but not all. It's difficult to walk there when it's dark, dangerous.

He wants the Transportation Committee to get back to him regarding the priority list for District 4. Where are we on the priority list for the city? The City says it's been corrected but more work is needed.

Genelle Levin, Silver Lake Improvement Association (Seth Copenhaver read her statement):

She thanked the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council for supporting the Music Box event on October 19. It was truly a delightful day with smiles all around. There were about 250 visitors, more than usual.

She added that Silver Lake's first-ever Day of the Dead event was a hit with the community. It was a delightful afternoon. She offered special thanks to the LatinX and Outreach Committee co-chairs.

David Wheatley:

I've lived in Silver Lake since the 1970s when it was a cool neighborhood. There have been lots of changes since then. There are now lots of mansions and multi-units dwellings. He said that four years ago he came to discuss a mansion on his street. So he joined the Urban Design and Preservation

Committee but discovered that it was pro-development and did little. However, at the last couple of meetings a couple of members took his side which was nice.

He recently visited Carmel and asked someone there how they prevent development and keep the city beautiful. He was told that they have regulations against development. We should have that too.

He noted that there are lots of homeless services on agenda. That's fantastic but the homeless can't afford to live in these new developments. The mainstream is still pro-development. He'd like to speak with people against development.

Teresa, Director, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic:

She discussed the facility's activities, including services for kids and food for low income people. On the 20th, they will host their 39th annual children's Christmas Party. It will feature songs, popcorn, toys, santa, etc. These may be the only christmas activities that some kids have.

She thanked the Board for organizing the community's first annual Dia De Los Muertos celebration. We thought it was so much fun.

Maebe A. Girl asked can donations be dropped off at the clinic? Teresa said yes.

5) Announcements

a) Cannabis Ordinance Hearing: November 18, 2019 – see attached City Planning notice.

b) Newly formed CD13 Alliance, which aims to share information and unify the neighborhood councils within CD13, is having a meeting. CD13 meeting of the alliance is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 at the Tam o' Shanter.

Nora Goutsmit read this statement but said the correct date is November 20, not November 13.

Samantha Danner said that it's open to everyone at this point. Come if you're interested.

6) Presentations

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

She offered a City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee update. The bridge housing site funding is now going to the City Council's Budget Committee for approval. She hopes for construction to begin in January 2020 and the opening in June. There will be a service provider, which will be decided soon. We are helping to sponsor an advocacy boot camp in December at the Griffith Park Rangers Station. It will be an opportunity to learn best practices on advocacy.

Separately, Fox said that the City's Air BnB Short-Term Rental Ordinance enforcement began November 1. The hotline is 213-267-7788 and it's available 24/7.

Also, after 3 years of work, Council Member David Ryu's lead "Opportunity LA" program with LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District) schools opening child savings accounts for first graders with \$50. About 10% of students will be enrolled this first year. Those numbers will rise over time. There are too many families in LAUSD below the poverty line so a financial literacy discussion important. San Francisco and St. Louis have seen positive results with this. They've had a positive conversation. This helps kids prepare for college. The money comes from grants and the State. The program begins the next school year.

She mentioned that the Harvest Festival is this Sunday. There will be a pie eating contest, beer garden, etc. There will be fun things to raise funds for a park. The hours will be 11-7pm.

Sarah Ullman said that sounds interesting. Can you keep us updated about the banks involved? Rachel Fox said that HCID (Housing and Community Investment Department) will oversee this.

Mary Rodriguez, Field Deputy for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13), mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org:

She discussed her monthly field report. There were lots of celebrations. The Descanco Drive construction project was completed. That was celebrated with 60 residents. This was a big capital improvement project for the City.

The Silver Lake Dia De Los Muertos celebration was really fun and really wonderful. She thanked the Board members who participated, particularly Dulce Stein.

There will be a November 13 meeting at the Sunset Triangle, Coffee with a Cop. They will discuss quality of life issues. The new Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Senior Lead Officer will be there along with the City Attorney, the Silver

Lake Improvement Association, and other departments. The event will happen at 9am. There will be coffee and pastries.

a) Presentation of the new General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Raquel Beltran.

Raquel Beltran, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), (213) 978-1551, raquel.beltran@lacity.org:

She said that this visit is part of her Listening Tour. She's been the new DONE general manager for 8 weeks. She's visited 37 of the City's 99 neighborhood councils as of this week. She is thankful for the support of her family. She expects to have visited all neighborhood councils by February.

She said that Jackie Kim is your DONE representative and works very hard. There was applause.

The mission of DONE is to promote civic engagement to make local government more responsive to local needs.

Her background is in public administration. She's worked for elected officials and has been a labor and community organizer. She's also worked as a non-profit consultant. She worked for 3 city council members in San Diego. She's also worked in planning and public health.

She urges a foundation in community work for people who want to become public servants. It makes a difference.

Her family lived in the Bay Area for 5 years where she worked with the Red Cross there to increase diversity. Her family moved to Los Angeles 21 years ago. She founded a cultural association here. She is on the Advisory Board for California State University Northridge. She's worked with the neighborhood council system for 11 years, as well as the Pat Brown Institute and the League of Women Voters. At the Pat Brown Institute she co-produced civic university programs.

She has four goals for DONE:

Strengthen and improve the support that DONE provides to you. It's a hard job to be on a neighborhood council. We should be supporting you;

Build and improve relationships with neighborhood councils. We want to strengthen the relationships. We may not agree but we should have a professional relationship;

To help you to improve your engagement and advocacy. We can try to be partners with you;

And to Improve City Hall's relationship with neighborhood councils. We can make the City more aware of neighborhood councils.

There will be a survey in January. Tell us your experiences and challenges and strengths. We don't celebrate the neighborhood council system enough.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said: we are trying to make ourselves more accessible to Latino members. The Pacoima Neighborhood Council had a fantastic translator. Can you help us to facilitate that? She said it's on a first come first serve basis. There is \$50,000 translation funding for all neighborhood councils, total. Talk to Jackie Kim about that.

Maebe A. Girl said that she is frustrated with being out of the loop with what's happening with other neighborhood councils. We can be more effective if we know what other neighborhood councils are doing. Is there an opportunity to create an alliance or a mass email to facilitate communications?

Raquel Beltran replied that we use social media and send emails. On a monthly basis we send neighborhood council profiles. The annual Congress of Neighborhoods is another way to interact. There are alliances, about 12 neighborhood council alliances in the neighborhood council system by affinity. You can chat with Jackie Kim too. .

Maebe A. Girl said she's been in touch with DONE about forming an LGBTQ alliance. We had to look at each neighborhood council to see who was doing this. Can there be a massive list of committees? Raquel Beltran said to talk to John Darnell.

Sarah Ullman said that she would love to see DONE support candidates more robustly. The candidate orientation didn't truly capture the experience. What do you do when you get elected? There is little guidance beyond that. It's difficult to navigate City government.

Raquel Beltran said that the City is talking about cutbacks. But I plan to ask for stuff. In the non-profit world, there is a best practice onboarding process before people join Boards. That's what I want here. To learn what it means to be on the neighborhood council system in depth. I'd like that orientation to be mandatory. In the non-profit world they sign service agreements, an understanding.

Everyone who gets elected should start with the same understanding and resources. Pay attention to budget. It will take resources.

Samantha Danner said thank you for coming! She commented on communication between Board members and DONE. I've had wonderful communication with Jackie Kim. Samantha Danner said that she likes the newsletter. In the past, there have been times with issues on Board and between Board members that required more help. At times more accountability was needed from DONE. This is a great opportunity to implement new policies for the future.

Also, there are some issues working with the City Clerk's office. Can DONE increase the responsiveness of the City Clerk?

Raquel Beltran said to talk to Jackie Kim about navigating with the City Clerk's office. We meet with the City Attorney and the City Clerk every two weeks. We bring up neighborhood council issues at those meetings. The funding representatives at the City Clerk's office are pretty good.

For events, neighborhood councils do lots of this. The City Clerk requires that everything is packaged together to get approval and submitted at least 30 days before the event. Submit months in advance if you can. Some events that you do are huge. Try not to wait.

Change will have to be a 2 phase approval. I want them to give you preliminary approval so you can save the date, secure venue, and advertise the event. I've never had anything packaged up before I began an event. The City Clerk wants 60 day submissions. Budgets must be approved by Boards before then. Other funding guidelines will be rolled out at once.

Nora Goudsmit thanked Raquel Beltran for coming. There was applause.

b) LADWP Fletcher Pump Station Suction Line Replacement Project, January 2020. Discussion of significant traffic impact, especially at the intersection of Fletcher and Glendale Blvd.

Michael Venturi, Community Relations, Department of Water and Power (DWP):

This is happening nearby. We gave a presentation several months back. The project was postponed but now it's happening again. We have new information for the new Board. Gabriel Vargas, Project Manager, will give the presentation. He is a civil engineer.

Gabriel Vargas explained that this is about the Fletcher pump station suction line replacement. It was installed in 1937. We found four leaks

there in 2017 near the LA Express Car Wash. When a pipe of this age leaks this much, it should be replaced. There will be no work at the pump station building.

Most of our pipelines are in the streets. Our first option would be to put a new pipeline in the street. That would have a major traffic impact. We can replace the pipeline in place by putting in a new pipeline. That's expensive.

Under the third option we would be able to put a pipeline behind the church to minimally impact the community. That's our best option. The second phase of that begins in January. Phase one, which happened away from the street, is complete.

Phase two is along the street. This will impact traffic. There is a holiday moratorium so we will wait until January. We will replace the pipe in front of LA Express and the power station.. This will take 3 months if we begin January 6. We expect to be done by April.

We're removing existing pipe and putting in new pipe. New pipes are heavier and longer than existing pipes. We have to remove one tree. However, if the second tree begins to fold, it may also be removed. For further information about the trees, contact the Urban Forestry department at 213-847-3077.

For phase one, we removed two pine trees. We will replace them around Christmas. A Woman asked where do trees go? Gabriel Vargas said said it will be cut. It won't survive.

David Wheatley asked a question about lane closures. Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked about trees. Gabriel Vargas said that Urban Forestry will replace trees and will decide where they go.

Ianthe Zevos encouraged DWP to plant more trees than were required. DWP said they consider, but had to make sure there was enough room to make sure the trees don't encroach the pipeline

Elaine Harris-Roark asked will you resurface the sidewalk? Gabriel Vargas said we will put concrete there.

A Woman asked about pedestrians. Gabriel Vargas discussed the traffic control plan: You will not be able to make a right hand turn from Fletcher. You can only turn left onto Glendale Boulevard. This is the minimally impactful construction option.

On Silver Ridge, you can only make a right turn. There will be a big trench. The entire sidewalk will be closed. You can only walk on the south side of Fletcher. There will be only one Westbound lane open on Fletcher west of Riverside.

There will be detours. There will be three traffic control officers at 3 intersections. The DOT will check traffic patterns. If necessary there can be more traffic control officers. They will be there during rush hours and during our working hours of 7am to 4pm.

A Woman noted that the Atwater Bridge reconfiguration will also happen in 2020. Are you coordinating with them? Council District 13 Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez said that will be in the spring so there should be no overlap.

Another woman asked a question regarding cycling. Gabriel Vargas said that after construction, lanes will be just as they are now. During construction, there will be bicycle signs.

Steve, another DWP representative, said that he has signs asking cyclists to share the road.

Scott Gamzon noted that from Glendale, the sidewalk ends. It's not there at the intersection. Vargas said crosswalks will remain open.

David Wheatley asked how will you compensate businesses for loss of business? He expressed concern about the tree. Vargas responded that there is no payment plan. We have the right to replace pipelines in the City. There is no compensation program.

David Wheatley commented that 3 months seems like a long time. Can pipelines go in concurrently? Vargas replied we will work concurrently.

Sarah Ullman said that this is something that people should know about. What's the plan for publicity? Vargas responded that we have an outreach plan. We sent information to the Council Districts. There will be a mass mailer. There will be changeable message signs. We are sending out blasts via Next Door and Twitter. We hope you can help spread the word.

Sarah Ullman asked can you put signs on the side of the freeway? It would be great to tell people to avoid the area to make your life easier.

Seth Copenhaver asked about rush hour. What is the current time frame for commuters to get through that area? Vargas answered that we have not done that analysis.

Seth Copenhaver said that traffic flows are pretty good right now. Once there was major work for a year. It was awful. Vargas warned that it's going to be impactful. There will be only one Westbound lane on Fletcher.

Seth Copenhaver asked do you ever work outside of rush hour? Vargas said we do but we may not be able to get the okay because of residents. We would like to work longer. We are looking at a Saturday option.

Ilanthe Zevos said that she echoes what Sarah Ullman and Scott Gamzon said. Many people go through that intersection. Signage on the freeway is encouraged.

Lorraine Getz asked why can't you work during holidays? Vargas explained that there is a holiday moratorium between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lorraine Getz noted that in December traffic is low. For your public awareness program, lots of families will be impacted. Will you work with schools to give them a heads up?

Vargas said we are doing a mass mailing and community relations. We also go door to door.

Steve, another DWP representative, said that that will happen within 2 weeks. We sent out mailers. Lorraine Getz urged them to come to school and speak with administrators. Steve said we'll reach out to the schools.

Anthony Crump asked you're working with the LAPD and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Are you working with the DOT to adjust signal times? Vargas replied that the DOT designed the traffic control plan. There will be traffic officers there. Anthony Crump asked can you ask them to adjust signal times? Vargas said yes.

Venturi said we can't put signs on the freeway. Caltrans won't allow it. They handle that. Our traffic plan doesn't affect the state. Vargas added that we'll reach out to Caltrans for options. Lena Kaderali asked have you reached out to the navigation apps? Vargas said no. Anthony Crump said I work with Metro. You can interact with Waze, etc.

7) Committee Reports

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

Budget Advocate: Barbara Ringuette gave an update. She said we completed 38 meetings with City departments. The Budget Advocates

are working very hard. In the first quarter expenditures for the City exceeded revenues because of negotiated contracts with employee unions. Raises are not included on the budget. Each department has been asked to cut back 3%.

Housing and Tenants Rights Committee: Samantha Danner said there was an agenda item about short term rentals that is not here. For an affordable housing and rent control and caps update, she referred people to the Committee meeting minutes.

There are two agenda items tonight relating to the Homelessness Committee. There is a letter to Council Districts 4 and 13 about housing in Silver Lake. Also, we moved to support SELAH, the group of nearby neighborhood councils seeking a solution to homelessness, on providing hot meals before monthly board meetings at the community church.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said that there were was a workshop last Saturday that was widely attended. High school students participated. The survey is open about what people think should happen at the reservoir.

Dog Park Committee: The group is disbanded for now. Does anyone want to be Co-Chair of that committee, asked Goudsmit.

Homelessness Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the group has two agenda items. She is excited about the bridge housing project on Riverside Drive. However, she dislikes that it's only open for 3 years. We'll still have a homeless problem there. We want permanent housing. She's been working with DONE to create a homeless advocate committee that would be citywide. The last two homeless committee liaison meetings were cancelled.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A Girl said there will be a meeting on November 21 from 6pm to 8pm at the Silver Lake branch library. We will elect a new co-chair. We are seeking candidates.

LatinX Committee: Nicolas Fox-Robbins said that the Dia De Los Muertos event was hugely successful with over 150 people. Thanks to everyone involved.

Outreach Committee: Nicolas Fox-Robbins said we are revamping our website.,

Green Committee: John said we have four agenda items. We are asking for an alternative representative for the Sustainability Alliance. Ianthe Zevos said that she wants notification about tree removals. The group is

seeking funding for education and publicity for the Monarch project. We want to provide education about migration of the butterflies. We want to give out milkweed to take home.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Liza Temple said that at the last meeting the Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) came and presented a letter. We'll piggyback on that and present our letter at our next meeting. At our next meeting, we'll consider small lot developments and an addition for a church.

8) Administrative:

a) (Secretary) Adopt Minutes from:

i) September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

Seth Copenhaver made a motion to approve the September minutes. Lena Kaderali seconded the motion.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Seth Copenhaver made a motion to approve the October minutes. Nicolas Fox-Robbins seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Vice Chair) Move to nominate an Alternate Representative to the Neighborhood Council Alliance: Cyndi Hubach, was recommended and put forth by the Green committee.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman

Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Vice Chair) Move to discuss and take potential action on the request from DONE that all Neighborhood Councils designate two (2) Census 2020 Liaisons to be trained as Census Goodwill Ambassadors. Move to appoint Samantha Danner as one (1) Census Liaison for the Census count in 2020. The Liaisons do not have to be board members. Once liaisons sign up, they will be invited to a training just for NC Census Liaisons. Time and location TBA. (Mid-November 2019)

*Nora Goutsmith made a motion to appoint Samantha Danner as a liaison.
Nicolas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Treasurer) Move to approve September 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Lena Kaderali made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.

VOTE for September MER
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

Abstain

Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Treasurer) Move to approve October 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Lena Kaderali made the motion.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

Abstain

Tina Lin

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Treasurer) Move to designate Board Member(s) to Conduct SLNC Inventory comprised of 1) "FY 18/19 Inventory" report and 2)"DONE Inventory" report, which are due on December 1, 2019. Per the City Clerk, "The task of reviewing and updating the reports can be completed by a board member(s) as designated by your Board. The task is not an automatic responsibility of NC Financial Officers. It is up to the Board to determine who tracks its inventory."

Seth Copenhaver seconded Kaderali's motion.

Sarah Ullman volunteered for the position.

VOTE for Sarah Ullman

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl

Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

g) (Treasurer) Motion to approve reimbursement to SLNC Board Member Samantha Danner in the amount of \$82.30 for healthy snacks purchased for 2019 Halloween Celebration at Bellevue Center (motion originally approved for up to \$300 at September 4, 2019 Governing Board Meeting).

Lena Kaderali made the motion. Lorraine Getz seconded.

VOTE

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9) Unfinished Business

a) (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

Sarah Ullman proposed an amendment as such a buyback program already exists and we would like to promote it. She wants to add language that says “support the existing buyback program with communications and an outreach plan and ask the Governing Board to request discretionary funds from the City Council District”.

Seth Copenhaver seconded her motion.

VOTE for amendment

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Sarah Ullman said that gas powered leaf blowers are incredibly damaging to our environment. They can emit almost 300 times the hydrocarbons of a pick up truck. A half hour of gas-powered leaf blower use is equivalent to driving a pick-up truck for 3,900 miles for hydrocarbon emissions..

They are illegal already in Los Angeles but It’s an equity issue to transition from gas powered to electric. It’s very difficult to ask someone to

purchase a commercial grade machine for so much money. The users are often just trying to get by. The South Coast Air Quality Management District has a program that allows participants to receive up to 60% off the price of new electric equipment.. *Ianthe Zevos seconded Ullman's motion.*

A Man said I've worked in construction most of my life. Construction workers won't use that. You need to find a plug for it. Take the money and tell people to rake and get rid of the machinery. I don't see it happening.

A Woman said the technology has really improved. They can run on batteries for awhile. Electric leaf blowers are essentially blow drying the Earth. That's not a good idea.

Scott Gamzon said there are existing programs. Sarah Ullman said you can receive up to 50% off of a program. It was difficult to find this information. Encourage homeowners to provide them. Every leaf blower off the streets would be better for the Earth.

Elaine Harris-Roark added that the impact of this can't be undersold. Half of our air quality issues can be attributed to leaf blowers. Lorraine Getz said what about having a public awareness program? Sarah Ullman said that can be really great. She wants to add language "and asking the Governing Board to seek funds from the Council District."

VOTE for amended motion

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Vice-Chair) Move to select Region 2 representative to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Douglas Reed

Two Candidates:

Ben Cassorla
Ma'ayan Dembo

Ben Cassorla said he works with LA Forward. He is a housing advocate. He has appeared before the neighborhood council before. He is an active member of the Homeless Committee. He is a songwriter and producer. He has a studio in Silver Lake. He also hosts monthly concerts. He walks his daughter to school. He wants to focus on housing, homelessness, safety, and transportation.

Ma'ayan Dembo said that she's lived in Silver Lake for 4.5 years. She is an urban planner and graduate school. She has worked with the DOT. She wants the community to be safer for walkers, bikers, etc. She is aware of affordability issues around housing. She wants to be more engaged.

A Man said I've known Ben Cassorla for awhile. He's encouraged me to get involved. He'd be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood council.

Maebe A. Girl said you both seem like fantastic candidates. However, she supports Ben Cassorla because she's seen him support the community and is already involved.

Scott Gamzon said your areas of interest seem to intersect. Can you elaborate more on transportation and housing? Ben Cassorla said there's no Metro bike station. He wants to see more parks. For housing, develop plans to build affordable housing via nonprofits. Ma'ayan Dembo said we need more community input to planning.

Samantha Danner said that she supports Ben Cassorla. I've seen him in action. What committees interest you, she asked the candidates? Ben Cassorla said Urban Design and Preservation and Homelessness. Ma'ayan Dembo said Transportation, Green, and Arts and Culture.

Sarah Ullman asked the candidates what can we be doing better as a neighborhood council? Ben Cassorla suggested to engage more people

in the community, particularly for housing and homelessness. Ma'ayan Dembo said I echo that as well.

Barbara Ringuette said that as the sole representative for Region 2 on the Board. I have a transportation idea to discuss with both of you. She asked Ma'ayan Dembo have you attended any committee meetings so far. Ma'ayan Dembo said no.

Anthony Crump asked the candidates what can we do to increase engagement? Ben Cassorla said more canvassing, more knocking on doors. Ma'ayan Dembo said to engage with schools and community groups. Having a personal connection matters. Moving the meetings to a more transit accessible location would help.

Elaine Harris-Roark said that in the past two months, I have been going door-to-door. What businesses should we be targeting in Region 2? Ben Cassorla gave a list.

VOTE

Ben Cassorla -- 10 votes

Nicolas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Elaine Harris-Roark
Samantha Danner
Tina Lin
Barbara Ringuette
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl

Ma'ayan Dembo -- 4 votes

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Kaderali
Scott Gamzon
Sarah Ullman

Ben Cassorla now joins the Board.

10) New Business

a) (Vice Chair) Move to open the floor to nominations to seat SLNC Governing Board Co-Chairs. Two (2) seats are pending selection. Seats will be voted upon separately, per SLNC bylaws and standing rules, further, majority vote is required

to seat each Co-Chair position. Thus, plurality voting will be utilized if there are more than (2) nominees per seat.

Prior to the selection of Co-Chairs, Goutsmit gave her final remarks as Acting Chair:

“I wanted to extend my appreciation to the Board for allowing me to serve in the role of Acting Chair. I have appreciated the challenges of this leadership position and look forward to continuing on in the role of Vice Chair.

To whomever might be interested in Co-Chairing, it was my expressed hope to begin to reshape the culture of this Board and to create an open space for dialogue and discussion as neighbors. I hoped to do so regardless of the discomfort any one of us might feel, I do not believe that the Board’s comfort is something to expect to be afforded by the public.

As Co-Chairs, you will likely be asked to respond to negative feedback rather than relish in positive acknowledgements. I hope that the newly selected Co-Chairs will recognize that never will there be complete satisfaction or approval of your decisions and choices, appreciate that learning and governing inevitably involves taking missteps and that any mistake made or achievement reached be reflected upon in the larger context for change and progress in Silver Lake. Be principally driven by a commitment to welcome diversity of opinion, have an openness toward a range of viewpoints and keep your focus on the people’s business.

It seems to me that Neighborhood Councils, especially in our current national political climate have an obligation to our respective communities to approach grass-root matters by being welcoming, respectful, and open minded – to not get lost in the past, but to look ahead while taking in the fullness of our history and our hope for ongoing progress.”

Nominations for Co-Chair seat #1:

Lorraine Getz seconded Goutsmit’s motion.

A Woman asked whether Nora Goutsmit could resign as Vice Chair and then run as Co-Chair? Goudsmit declined.

Anthony Crump nominated Nicolas Fox-Robbins. Scott Gamzon seconded.

Barbara Ringuette nominated Seth Copehaver, who declined.

Sarah Ullman nominated Ianthe Zevos, who declined.

Lorraine Getz nominated Anthony Crump, who declined.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins is the sole nominee.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I am cognizant of the time commitment and responsibility of the position. Nora Goudsmit has done a fantastic job. I have big shoes to fill. I have strengths and a cool head and fairness.

My grasp of Robert's Rules is still developing. I may not be able to run meetings as well as Nora Goudsmit. He said that his number one priority will be to encourage discussion guided by the principles of kindness and fairness. We will organize agendas based on time sensitivity. I will do the best that I can.

Samantha Danner asked do you foresee conflicts? Co-Chair Nicolas Fox-Robbins said I will have to step down as co-chair of the Outreach Committee. It makes me sad. I will; try to remain involved with Outreach but I will prioritize this.

VOTE for Nicholas Fox-Robbins as Co-Chair
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins is now chairing the meeting.

Nominations for Co-Chair #2:

Lorraine Getz seconded the motion.

A Woman asked has any Board member not here expressed an interest? Nicolas Fox-Robbins said I have no such information.

Lorraine Getz nominated Anthony Crump, who accepted the nomination.

Lorraine Getz nominated Scott Gamzon, who declined.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins nominated Sarah Ullman, who declined.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins nominated Maebe A. Girl, who accepted. She said that she is running for Congress in this district. However, I intend to fulfill my two-year term and serve my community.

Anthony Crump said that he is committed to fairness, openness, and honesty. Nora Goudsmit did an incredible job! I'm excited about the opportunity. Maebe A. Girl has done incredible work in the community so we are in good hands. I'm impressed with everyone's commitment.

Maebe A. Girl said that Nora Goudsmit will be a hard act to follow. Thanks for stepping up. I've learned a lot from you. I love to speak with crowds. I have a lot to learn. I am willing to learn what it takes to make this a successful Board.

A Woman said that she supports Anthony Crump because of his experience.

Barbara Rigquette said that she was on the Board when Anthony Crump was Co-Chair. I can't imagine anyone doing better.

Samantha Danner asked about conflicts? Anthony Crump said no. I work in community relations. I can rearrange my schedule. Sarah Ullman asked when you were last on the Board, can you discuss the gang injunction vote? Reflect on what happened and what you take forward.

Anthony Crump said there was a proposal to enforce a gang injunction in this area by the City Attorney. There was a series of contentious meetings. There was lots of infighting within the neighborhood council. There were lots of accusations from the public and between Board members. I voted against taking a position, which was seen as being pro

gang injunction. I would not change anything at this point. I think my vote represented my region. That debate became ugly over the issue of respect. I was called many names. That type of discussion doesn't have a place in civil society. I appreciate all opinions and viewpoints. Seth Copenhagen said when you speak it's well thought out.

VOTE

Anthony Crump -- 15 votes

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhagen
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

Maebe A. Girl -- 0 votes

None

Anthony Crump is now a Co-Chair.

b) (Co-Chair) Move to schedule a Special Meeting the 3rd week in November to hold a 1-hour funding training following the financial audit of the previous SLNC Board. On April 17, 2019 the Office of the City Clerk emailed a letter to the SLNC board (previous Board) in regards to the conducted limited review investigation of the Silver Lake NC Funding Account. As a resolution to the findings of the conducted review of the prior fiscal year it was requested that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council schedule a Funding training at an upcoming board meeting.

Lena Kaderali explained that this is a one-hour training on November 19 or 21 the Silver Lake Recreation Center. Which date works best? The time would be 6pm to 9pm.

Maebe A. Girl said that there is an LGBTQIA Committee meeting on November 21.

Straw Poll VOTE for Tuesday, November 19:

9 people

Straw Poll Vote for Thursday, November 21:

9 people

Nora Goudsmit and Ianthe Zevos can attend either night.

Thursday night is chosen.

c) (Co-Chair) Move to take potential action on adoption of a resolution for Miry's List, see attached resolution to be discussed and voted upon by the Governing Board.

Ianthe Zevos seconded the motion.

Tina Lin explained the agenda item. They asked each neighborhood council to pass the resolution that is verbatim from their website. Goutsmit said I took out the first two sentences that were too broadly defined.

A Man said I've been working with asylum seekers. Can you address agenda item m? Can you add asylum seekers to the language? Seth Copenhaver asked is all that covered under what Miry's List is all about. The Man said we're pushing her to add it to her website. Sarah Ullman said we could support a broader definition. I would support that.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins suggested "we encourage immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers". Tina Lim made the motion to support that amendment. Anthony Crump seconded.

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon

Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

VOTE for amended motion

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said that agenda items 10.d, e, l, m will be addressed next.

Liza Temple noted that agenda item 10.f.ii is time sensitive.

Anthony Crump suggested to address agenda items 10.e and f first.

e) (Co-Chair) Discussion and possible action item recommended by the Homelessness in Silver Lake Committee requesting the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council host a dinner service every first Wednesday at SELAH's Wednesday Night Shower and Potluck, in conjunction with Silver Lake

Community Church's Food Bank, from 4:30 pm to 6:15 pm, where council members, committee members, and community members will bring prepared food items, serve dinner, and engage with their neighbors experiencing homelessness

Ianthe Zevos seconded the motion.

Samantha Danner nominated Nithia as Co-Chair.

Nithia said this is a motion related to SELAH. Twice a week the Silver Lake Community Church on Wednesdays and Saturdays there are services to serve homelessness. Once a month there is a hot meal, not just for the homeless. This brings the community together. It embodies the spirit of how the community responds to homelessness. This neighborhood council is progressive toward homelessness. It would be great if the SLNC could act as a conduit for people who want to help. We have a system set up at SELAH. There is a spreadsheet for the signup process.

Samantha Danner said that the program serves a lot of people. It's a great community event. Maebe A. Girl added that it's right down the block so it's easy to participate.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

f) (Co-Chair) Move to discuss and take potential action on the following recommendations from UDP

i) Case Number ZA-2019-5128-CUB NC Region 5 CUB request for the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption and onsite instructional tasting for 4121 W. Santa Monica Blvd (Erewhon)

Seth Copenhaver seconded the motion to adopt agenda item 10.f.i.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

ii) Adjustment to allow a 10-foot front yard setback in lieu of the required 40-foot prevailing setback along Sayre Lane in conjunction with a new single-family dwelling with attached 2-car garage, retaining walls, and grading at 3314 Descanso Drive

This was seconded by Lena Kaderali.

Liza Temple explained that this seems like a drastic setback but it's a weird lot. Lorraine Getz commented that it does seem quite severe. Liza Temple commented that there is the issue of the front yard. This is a difficult lot to build on. It has a weird shape and a slope. The neighbors are supportive, she noted.

Maebe A. Girl said I read the report. This is 3 stories? What about the surrounding buildings? Liza Temple commented that they are building into the hill. Elaine Harris-Roark said they did a good job. Ianthe Zevos noted that Descanso is a steep slope. Houses appear tall in height but they may only be two stories.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

I) (Co-Chair) Move to discuss and take potential action on the Green Committee's recommendation to support the attached letter regarding the construction of a gas-fired power plant on the site of the Intermountain Power Plant.

Sarah Ullman seconded.

Lisa Hart thanked Sarah Ullman and the Green Committee. This is time sensitive because we want to get the letter to the City within a week. Mayor Garcetti is open to persuasion. Now is the time to persuade him.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

m) (Girl) Discussion and possible action on the SLNC supporting a fundraiser, organized by the LGBTQIA Advocates Committee, at a local venue in Silver Lake to raise money and collect donations to benefit El Jardin de las Mariposas, an LGBTQ rehab center in Tijuana that assists asylum seekers. The fundraiser will consist of a drag show with ticket sales and performer tips benefiting El Jardin. SLNC would not be contributing any financial contributions, but would rather assist in getting the word out via the SLNC Newsletter and/or add it to the SLNC calendar. The motion to have a fundraiser for this organization was approved unanimously by the LGBTQIA Advocates Committee.

lanthe Zevos seconded.

Maebe A. Girl said we've been discussing this for a couple of months now. I want to help asylum seekers. We are considering a fundraiser for the people in Tijuana. The fund raiser is not supported financially by the

neighborhood council. This would be just symbolic support. This is organized through the LGBTQIA Committee.

Tina Lin asked do you have the dates?

Maebe A. Girl said not yet but hopefully it will be in December at the Lyric Hyperion Theatre.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Harris-Roark
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

o) (Co-Chair) Discussion on the location of Governing Board meetings as set in SLNC Standing Rules [SR 10. Meeting Location. Unless otherwise notified, all regular monthly meetings of the SLNC Governing Board will be held in the auditorium of Ivanhoe Elementary School, located at 2828 Herkimer Street, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

Anthony Crump said we will discuss this at the special meeting.

12) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:05pm.

