

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
FINAL VERSION
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer St
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:04 pm with 15 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
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
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon (elected during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Barbara Ringuette
Jennifer Dibs
Elaine Harris-Roark

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

a) The SLNC will be serving delicious snacks from local restaurant Maury's Bagels 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 Maury's Bagels.

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.

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Teresa Padua, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic:

We're working with the homeless once a month, providing clothing and showers. Looking for warm clothing for them. There are more people coming. We welcome your help.

She explained that the homeless will need to take a tuberculosis test (TB) to be placed in a shelter. They must test negative.

We are looking at having two more doctors to come in at least once a month.

We're getting into the holiday season. We provide Mariachi's and a children's Christmas party and food for Thanksgiving.

Darius Derakshan, representing City Council Candidate Nithya Raman:

The Homeless Committee member, SELAH representative, and former Board member said that we have a new candidate to represent Council District 4, Nithya Raman. She is an urban planner and mother of twins. We've served as chairs of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Homeless Committee. She wants to hear from all of you. She wants to make an impactful difference in lives of the homeless.

Darcy Harris, Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council,
darcy.harris.epnc@gmail.com:

She said that she wanted to introduce herself. Her neighborhood council is dealing with homelessness. They offer new mobile showers.

We created a new Planning Policy Committee to address long-term policies. We are trying to get ahead of the Community Plan update for Silver Lake, Echo Park and Elysian Valley. Barbara Ringgit has attending some of our meetings informally. We would love it if each of our local neighborhood councils formed a similar committee. The more we are organized, the more effective we'll be.

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

She gave an update of her monthly report. Regarding Sunset Plaza maintenance she said we held series of meetings with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA), your neighborhood council, Council Member David Ryu, among others, to discuss pigeons, the homeless, Film LA, etc.

She mentioned that Council Member O'Farrell will go to the Alisandro Avenue Elementary School on October 24.

We held a fitness challenge in Belleview Park. There were about 100 5th graders there from several different schools. We had a celebration of Maury's Bagels this week to welcome them to the neighborhood.

We will have a celebration date for the Descanso Drive roadway refurbishment. It's beautiful and has a completely different look. The event will happen Friday, 6pm to 7pm at the intersection of Larissa and Descanso Drive.

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

She announced the Harvest Festival. Proceeds will go to the Parks Foundation. The November 10 family friendly event will feature a Kids Zone, food trucks, music, and a beer garden. The hours will be 11am to 7pm.

She mentioned the availability of a \$3,000 security fund. There has been a 17% rise in hate crimes. Funds could be used by religious, cultural, and LGBTQ-related organizations in Council District 4. They can apply to improve security around their facilities.

The Riverside Drive bridge housing project has been approved. She has rendering. It will contain about 100 beds for women and men. There will be showers, toilets, a pet care station, and services. The population will reflect the homeless population overall in the City.

Next steps: Introduce motion to allocate funding for site. Identify service provider. We'll have a larger meeting once we find a service provider.

Sarah Ullman asked what about people who identify as non-gender. Fox said there will be minimal hurdles to be housed at the shelter. However, this is just for CD4.

Samantha Danner asked can we have a heads up when the motion is introduced? Fox said we're waiting for the Mayor's Office to identify funding.

Fox also mentioned the Harvest Festival at Griffith Park at Crystal Springs by the merry-go-round. It will happen Sunday, November 10, from 11am to 7pm.

Laura Santos, representing an institute in Lincoln Heights:

She spoke about big projects on the tributaries of the Los Angeles River. They are going to phase 3. Community engagement is important. The group's next meetings will be in Pacoima, October 10 and at the LA River Gardens on October 15 from 6pm to 8pm.

(Note: Anthony Crump arrived at 7:26pm.)

5) Presentations

a) Vector Control presentation regarding mosquitoes

Helen Kuan, Community Liaison, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, glavcd.org, hkuan@glacvcd.org, 562-944-9656:

We cover 1,300 miles, a really big area with 6 million residents.

There are concerns about West Nile Virus in your area. When a mosquito bites a bird it can transfer it to humans. There are 112 human cases in California. However, only 7 of those are in Los Angeles.

There is a new daytime biting mosquito that arrived around 2011, the Aedes mosquito. They are now nationwide. They are very smart and they know how to lay eggs. It can be difficult to identify their source.

There are four stages for mosquitoes. They need standing water, a tablespoonful is enough, like found in the little pockets of water surrounding plants. They also like man made containers. They can fly up to a 0.5 mile radius.

We need a community effort. Our goal is to work with different neighborhood councils for this mission. We hope to educate people and minimize mosquitoes. You must avoid having standing water. They hibernate in the winter. Also, use repellent.

We can come out to educate your residents. We have emergency response volunteers. Our service calls are up to 209 in the 2018/19 year from 163 in the 2017/18 year for Silver Lake.

There are five vector control districts. The Aedes mosquitoes like to bite ankles.

Janis Purins asked about the proposed wetlands on the Silver Lake Master Plan. What impact would that have? What kind of abatement would you use for a wildlife area? You can't use pesticides.

Kuan said that there is a natural product for mosquito larvae. You can buy it at Home Depot. It's called "Mosquito Dunks".

Darius Derakshan asked about the water fountain at the Silver Lake Reservoir. If it's stagnant should we contact you? Kuan

responded that we do treat those areas frequently, public spaces. You can call Vector Control.

Sarah Ullman asked about a pilot program regarding male sterilization in El Monte. Kuan said we had that program in 2015. It only affects a specific type of mosquito that wasn't big in that area. We hope to pilot that again in the future.

6) Committee Reports

Acting Chair Nora Goudsmit said that in interest of time, she wants to move ahead and skip Committee Reports, except for top priorities.

Sarah Ullman discussed 3 versions of a potential design. Habitat, preservation, hybrid model were priorities. There will be a workshop on November 2.

LatinX Committee: Dulce Stein spoke about donation items needed for a shelter housing transgender and lgbtq immigrants waiting in Tijuana to enter the US.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said we are doing another fund raiser. This will be on the agenda next month. Also, she announced that our other co-chair stepped down because of time commitments. We will select new co chair later this month.

She also mentioned that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council wants to form an alliance. All neighborhood councils can appoint a liaison if they choose.

Transportation Committee: Paul: Emmons mentioned survey results and the conversion of a street. This was discussed at the last meeting. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be October 15.

7) Administrative:

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

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Treasurer) Move to approve August 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Lena Kaderali made the motion. Samantha Danner seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin

Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Vice Chair) Move to accept the recommendations from the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee, meeting held on September 24, 2019, in compliance with the recommended clarifications by DONE following the submission of the bylaw revisions discussed at the July 2, 2019 Joint meeting of the Governing Board and Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, voted upon (passed unanimously) at the August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.

Nora Goudsmit made the motion. Ianthe Zevos seconded.

VOTE

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black

Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

8) Unfinished Business

None

9) New Business

a) (Treasurer) Move to discuss and take potential action on funding up to \$400.00 to support the annual Armstrong Halloween Trick-or-Treat event in conjunction with CD4.

Lena Kaderali wants to table this. Council District 4 will handle permits for this. They are paying for the event.

Rachel Fox added that we want it to run smoothly and safety. We hope everyone has a good Halloween.

b) (Outreach) The Outreach Committee, along with the Arts and Culture Committees, recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approves a budget of up to \$1,000 for costs associated with the First Annual Dia De Los Muertos Event scheduled for November 1, 2019 at the Sunset Triangle Plaza. The Outreach Committee is working with neighborhood organizations (SLIA) and CD13, CD4 to support this community event and recommends to the Governing Board that the SLNC support up to \$1000 to engage with the community of Silver Lake, at-large, to promote inclusivity while celebrating and honoring culture.

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Nicolas Fox-Robbins seconded.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this is a collaboration between the Arts and Culture and LatinX Committees, Council District 4, SLIA, etc. It's a community-wide operation to create a tradition. We came to the conclusion that if we do this we need to do it right. He put the budget together.

Debbie said this is a great idea. Hit the local schools. You want to do children's activities so get staff and teachers involved. Fox-Robbins said that's a huge priority for us.

Nina Sorkin thanked the committee for alters to the five neighborhood council members who have died. Janelle called her and we'll get the photos together. She'll meet tomorrow with the Department of Recreation and Parks at Bellevue.

Fox-Robbins said there will be a small stipend for flyer design and printing. Nina Sorkin mentioned Self Help Graphics for political and traditional alters and those for Latinos who have died in wars. Nicolas asked stakeholders to please join our meetings.

Dulce Stein said that Central Cultural de Los Angeles will help us. Tina Lin said that she wants to look at Los Feliz Ledger ads to supplement social media.

Joanna Pawlowska asked is this enough funding with the band and the sound engineer and the tables? Fox-Robbins said that CD13 is offering tables and chairs. We are in discussion with CD4 about resources. A Woman added that we have electricity from Sunset Junction. Dulce Stein invited every committee to volunteer for the event.

Lorraine Getz said we had a low turnout but partnering with you on this can bring in more businesses. Maybe they can help with financial costs? Can we start the event earlier in the day for kids to attend?

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska

Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Vice Chair) Move to take potential action on the SLNC participating in Miry's List, Welcome Neighbors program. Should this motion pass, appointment of a SLNC Liaison shall be decided.

Ilanthe Zevos seconded.

Miry, the founder of Miry's List, said we partner with the City to make the City a more welcoming place for people resettling here as refugees. You would be the 14th neighborhood to join.

We are creating a map of neighbors who want to welcome new neighbors. There are 71,000 people so far. Our goal is 100,000 people.

A Man asked how do you find out who the new neighbors are? Miry said the families come through the Federal refugee program. California is a top resettlement state for people fleeing Syria, Iraq, etc.

Lorraine Getz commented that it's an amazing program that you've started. Miry said this program is specifically for neighborhood councils. She said to appoint a welcoming liaison or committee, then adopt the resolution, then do activations with volunteers. In Highland Park, we did an Afghan dinner with a family that had just moved here for 100 people with panel. The goal is to take a huge global issue and break it down to create mechanism to be good neighbors.

Sarah Ullman said this is a really great example of the tone that we are trying to set as a Board. This is a great opportunity to bridge

work and welcome spirit to the community. Thank you for your work. Tina Lin concurred.

Joanna Pawlowska asked for the Highland Park example, how did the neighborhood council participate? Miry said they showed up and shared it with their stakeholders.

Lena Kaderali asked have any neighborhood councils contributed financially? What does that look like? Miry answered this is up to you. It's completely up to you guys. It's about creating ambassadors and a network across Los Angeles.

She said that on October 26 we are participating in the Los Feliz Food Festival. We will host a cooking demonstration with a chef from Syria. Volunteers as neighborhood ambassadors are wanted. Goudsmit said that Tina Lin wants to be liaison.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Maebe A. Girl expressed interest and suggested that maybe Tina and I can work on it together?

Goudsmit said to have Maebe A. Girl and Tina Lin as liaisons. We'll create a committee later.

VOTE for liaisons

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Secretary) Move to select a Region 6 representative to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Taryn Poole effective July 10, 2019 announced at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.

Jackie Kim, a representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) verified the eligibility of the candidates, Scott Gamzon and Emron Saez.

Emron Saez said that he is a trial attorney who's lived in Silver Lake for 3 years. He is a Board member of the Muslim Bar Association of Southern California. We recently had a community gathering at City Hall. That invigorated me and made me want to be a part of my community, explained. He added that he is an active skateboarder. He is now using the neighborhood app.

Scott Gamzon said I love our city. I love Silver Lake. I am involved with the community. I served as co-chair for Friends of Ivanhoe. I learned a lot about nonprofits. I started the Kenilworth block party, which is an annual event. I wanted kids to have a place to play without worrying about cars. He added that he is co-founder of the neighborhood safe streets organization to promote safety and mobility in our area.

Debbie Slater asked how long has you lived in the neighborhood and what are your 3 points of interest?

Emron Saez said 3 years. Previously he'd lived in Echo Park and Highland Park. He is originally from Riverside. He volunteers on Saturdays at a food pantry. I look forward to it. I go to Skid Row and give out food kits. I see the homeless problem. I want to address it. He and his wife want a child. He is learning about school ratings. He is definitely interested in schools. He is also concerned about businesses.

Scott Gamzon said that he's lived here 10 years. He is interested in street safety and mobility. He has a child who bikes everywhere. He also volunteers at food pantry on Sundays. It's a humbling experience. He would like to see kids more involved with neighborhood councils and learn how government works.

Nina Sorkin asked the candidates have you been involved with this neighborhood council? What was your last project?

Scott Gamzon said that he has worked with the neighborhood council before. He has worked on homeless issues and also with a food pantry in Koreatown.

Emron Saez saw the documentary about US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar on community activism. After that he decided to get involved. He said he has no prior experience with this Board. For homelessness, he and his wife bring water to food pantries. The last time he did it was last Saturday.

Acting Chair Goudsmit said we appreciate you coming. I hope that whomever is not seated remains involved.

Jackie Kim said that Emron Saez has a Descanso Street address that is in region 4. This election is for region 6.

Goudsmit said that Emron Saez lives in Region 4. We have a representative in Region 4 who has not attended regularly. She has not been attending but there is a process of removal. There is no vacancy in Region 4 but there are questions about Jennifer Dibs. She missed four meetings.

Anthony Crump said there is a potential vacancy for Region 4. Goudsmit added that it is a potential that is rapidly approaching a vacancy. There has been a lack of response regarding wanting to be on the Board. There is a process in place after you miss 3 meetings. Goudsmit said that she is very interested in Emron Saez joining the Board. Scott Gamzon is in Region 6 and is interested. Goudsmit told Emron Saez to hold his interest.

Jeremy Black said that he highly recommends Scott Gamzon.

Maebe A. Girl said this is a good thing. It would have been a tough decision. She wants Emron Saez to come back when there is a vacancy. Scott Gamzon has done so much for community. He will be a great choice.

Samantha Danner asked Scott Gamzon, the only remaining candidate, what committees interest you? Scott Gamzon said transportation and homelessness.

Lena Kaderali said that Scott Gamzon is the reason that I am here. Lorraine Getz said you're both fantastic candidates. Scott Gamzon is inspirational for the community and supportive of the Board.

Paul Emmons apologized to Emron Saez regarding his ineligibility for Region 6. He encouraged him to return. He said that Scott

Gamzon worked with the Transportation and Safety Committee. You will be a tremendous asset to the board.

Mark Duncan urged Emron Saez to get involved with committees now. You don't have to wait.

Sarah Ullman asked Scott Gamzon for constructive feedback about what the Board can do better? Scott Gamzon said he's glad we have active committees. We need more engagement with the committees. Ullman commented that Scott Gamzon is a great organizer so that skill will help the Board.

VOTE for Scott Gamzon for Region 6
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Scott Gamzon now joins the Board.

e) (Secretary) Move to select a Region 2 representative to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Douglas Reed effective August 7, 2019 announced at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.

Scott Crawford, the sole candidate for Region 2, said that at the age of 13, he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King and I haven't stopped marching since. He moved to Silver Lake 30 years ago because it was a rainbow. The neighborhood is changing. It makes me happy and sad.

He said there are three things that he can bring. He is very environmentally astute. He will focus on education for children. He said he was a co-chair of the Board. He went to schools to see what they needed. Every week we read about how our homes are being burglarized by teenagers. The LAPD has a recruiting program that provides opportunities. (He ran out of time).

A Woman asked how long have you lived in the neighborhood? He said 30 years. She asked about his third interest. Scott Crawford said that his third interest is our shopkeepers. We need people like Nicholas Fox-Robbins who has a dream for a picture show. With corporations coming in, we must allow others to open shops.

A Woman asked about his neighborhood council experience. He said that he wrote the bylaws for the Silver Lake and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils. He was on the Board for 6 or 7 years. He's an overachiever who's old and single with nothing to do, he said.

A Woman said that he's very effective. People at City Hall and other organizations listen to him. He's an outstanding community member. Mark Duncan said I'm with you in supporting local business. What is the neighborhood council's ability to impact business?

Scott Crawford said that when Mayor Eric Garcetti was our council member we were very close. We should encourage businesses, he said. Lorraine Getz said she ran on a small business platform. She wants to start a small business committee. Would you like to join that effort? He said yes. We have to be a family.

Maebe A. Girl asked what committees interest you? Crawford said that he started the Arts and Culture Committee so he doesn't want

to do that as he doesn't want to do things that he's already done. He said that the Small Business, Education, and the Green and Dog Park Committees interest him.

Dulce Stein said I would like you to guide and teach me on the Arts and Culture Committee. Nicolas Fox-Robbins said that Scott Crawford was one of first people to embrace me 9 years ago. He encouraged me to get more involved with the neighborhood.

Scott Crawford went to Mayberry but principal wouldn't talk to him. Thanks to Anthony Crump, we got funding to computerize the school where 41 different languages were spoken.

Sarah Ullman said she wants constructive feedback to improve the Board. Scott Crawford said there is new stuff. He has to attend training events. He must learn to be effective.

Joanna Pawlowska asked him to comment about unwelcome comments that he made in 2018. Scott Crawford said that he was a commissioner for the City at El Pueblo downtown. It still hurts. He is a gay man and actor. He was the liaison between the Commission and seven museums at el Pueblo. He approached the head of the Commission with ideas. That went great but then the assistant chewed him out because he went to her boss first.

He told the Commissioner about how the assistant treated him. She was furious. He went to the South Pole for a month. Human resources wanted to have a meeting when he returned. He was accused of sexual harassment. He explained that if he says "Hello Gorgeous" that's from Barbra Streisand musical "Funny Girl". He's in the theatre. He uses that phrase all the time.

He said "I'm such a stud" when he managed to open a bottle of Wite Out. That was sexual harassment. For Christmas he gave everyone gift certificates to "In and Out" burger. That was sexual harassment. This went on and on and on. There was a report that said yes he was guilty but he was innocent. He served out his term and then stepped down. All the people supposedly harassed were women. He had no interest in them.

Anthony Crump asked all the sexual harassment claims are closed? Scott Crawford said yes.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said sexual harassment is an important issue to take seriously. What I didn't hear was any acceptance of responsibility or reflection on your behavior. I want to give you that opportunity.

Scott Crawford said there were no sexual harassment courses when I came in. I've taken the course. I see what I've done wrong. Comparisons to Harvey Weinstein are ludicrous. I've learned how to control my tongue. I take everything seriously now. It took me years and years to come out as a gay man. It was a huge change. It took years to accept myself and love myself. Humor was a way to accept that.

Jeremy Black asked when did this happen? Scott Crawford said it was 3 years ago.

VOTE
7-8-2
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Dulce Stein
Anthony Crump
Tina Lin

No Votes:

Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Jeremy Black
Lena Kaderali
Sarah Ullman
Joanna Pawlowska
Scott Gamzon

Present, Not Voting:

Mark Duncan
Ilanthe Zevos

f) (Secretary) Move to discuss and take potential action on filing CIS (attached as supplemental document) associated to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 (Council File 16-0243).

Vickie Kirshenbaum, a representative from Food and Water Watch:

She thanked the Green Committee for the agenda item. This CIS (Community Impact Statement) is a request for the Mayor and the City Council to come up with a plan to reach 100 percent renewable energy by 2030. She's been fighting for clean energy for 10 years.

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) wants to build gas plant in Utah with a 50-year contract. Drilling, fracking, and transportation of gas will be bad for the atmosphere. She wants the DWP to invest in renewables.

Ilanthe Zevos seconded the motion.

Crump noted that renewable energy is more expensive. What about lower income residents? The representative said that prices now at par and declining. Fossil fuel prices are volatile. Maebe A. Girl added that solar power and wind power are becoming the cheapest way to create energy globally. That's a great reason to vote for this.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
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Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black

Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

g) (Danner) The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) requests that this Community Impact Statement be attached to council file 19-0602-S1. This council file concerns proposed amendments to LA Municipal Code ordinance 41.18. It concerns the city of LA's response to the Martin v. Boise circuit court decision, which renders the current writing of LAMC 41.18 unconstitutional.

Samantha Danner summarized the motion. It's a motion to put forth a CIS on Council File 19-0602-F1, an amendment to the Municipal Code. This primarily will affect homeless residents. This is in conflict with a recent 9th Circuit Court decision.

The amendment disallows sitting, sleeping, or lying on sidewalks within 500 feet of a school, park, or daycare center or within 10 feet of a loading dock or driveway. It affects much of Los Angeles and criminalizes homelessness. It's difficult to enforce. The text from the CIS is put forth by others in our area, including Atwater and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils. Put more energy into funding services for the homeless.

This motion was already opposed by several City Council members, including Ryu and Bonin. It's questionable about the Constitutionality of enforcing this when there are no alternatives. It's also difficult to determine who is homeless. The City Attorney, the Chamber of Commerce, and the California State Sheriffs' Association have all filed amicus briefs opposing this.

Maebe A. Girl seconded the motion.

Scott Gamzon said I agree with the spirit of the CIS. He has questions about language. Are these legal opinions or conjectures? Samantha Danner said they are conjecture at the moment. This is not a law yet.

Scott Gamzon asked can we say we have concerns? He wants a strongly worded CIS that can't be questioned. He suggested saying "Some of our concerns include" and "this measure might make it criminal".

Jeremy Black commented that it's not been fully decided. Samantha Danner cited a Circuit Court decision. It hasn't gone to the Supreme Court yet. There are a number of organizations in the community that have filed and are strongly opposed.

Maebe A. Girl said that she strongly supports the statement in opposition to this. The combination of this and the law opposing sleeping in cars criminalizes the impoverished. This is urgent as the City Council will vote on this soon. Council Member O'Farrell supports this. He introduced the motion. I hope O'Farrell will listen to what we have to say about this.

Lorraine Getz said I agree with some of this. The language is a bit flowery. It's designed for the safety of children. It's a very serious topic. Can you delineate between 500 foot and 10 foot requirements?

Danner expressed concern about being arrested for trespassing because you weren't aware of the law or where you could be. The whole ordinance needs a rewrite. Paul Emmons said this is disturbing, criminalizing behaviour. Waiting at a bus stop could become illegal. He supports the CIS.

Mark Duncan said I'm fully in support of this but there is a homeless crack smoker lying down on sidewalk. That's bad for schools. He wants to influence behaviour, not location. We have a really serious problem. We need to rebuild the California State hospital system.

Ilanthe Zevos questioned "could" versus "would". It's about language but we're in the middle of a crisis. This is a health and safety hazard. This puts the LAPD in charge of deciding. Police are not social workers. She supports the CIS.

Anthony Crump thanked Mark Duncan for his comments. This is a controversial topic. Encampments can have negative effects. I support the CIS. This is not the way we want to go as a City. He has trouble with language which is speculative and opinionated and which goes out on a limb. He suggests amendments. Scott

Gamzon made good points. He wants the second to last paragraph and the preceding line eliminated. The gist of the CIS is that we think there is a better way to do this. I think we can agree on that.

Goudsmit said there is an amendment to remove the paragraph beginning with “further community lapses” and the sentence before that.

Sarah Ullman said the language comments place the substance. Your issue is with the motion of the City Council. It is not written clearly enough to make these things not true. The way the motion is written before City Council makes a potential enforcement possible. Anthony Crump interrupted and said he disagreed. Ullman continued, saying the core issue is that the motion is poorly written. It’s shameful that Council Member Mitch O’Farrell introduced this as an appropriate approach to the crisis.

Samantha read parts of the actual language of the motion. Anthony Crump said that’s based on the aggressive panhandling ordinances passed across the State. Some of the interpretations are speculative.

Jeremy Black offered an amendment, in the paragraph that begins with “instead of funding”, take out the last sentence”. In the following paragraph say that “Further, as this policy is overbroad and vague as written, it would be nearly impossible to enforce an agreement without a host of unwanted side effects.”

Black added to take out the sentence that begins “For example...” “Instead of measures related to doorways”, say that “if this poorly written bill is codified, it will a host of litigation around those measurements that would be a enormous effect to taxpayers.” In the last sentence, he added that “this would likely struggle to withstand legal challenge.”

Paul Emmons seconded Black’s amendment. Goudsmit repeated his suggestions. Strike the last sentence of the paragraph beginning with funding. This is overbroad and vague as written. It would be nearly impossible to enforce. Measurements related will be deleted. It is a poorly written bill at enormous expense to Los Angeles.

Goudsmit sought other amendments. Joanna Pawlowska suggested an amendment to end with “the policy as written”. That’s enough. We don’t have to say that it’s overwritten or overbroad. We can be more concise. Samantha Danner said it’s an ordinance, not a bill.

Jeremy Black said to change “bill” to “proposal”. It’s important to say that it’s poorly written. Keep that in there.

Goudsmit said this is a vote on Jeremy Black’s amendment to the CIS. Then change the wording to “proposed ordinance” from “bill”.

VOTE for Jeremy Black’s amendment

12-4-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Mark Duncan
Paul Emmons
Nora Goudsmit
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Tina Lin
Ilanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Kaderali
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lorraine Getz
Seth Copenhaver
Joanna Pawlowska

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

VOTE for amended motion

15-2-0

PASSED

No Votes:

Mark Duncan
Lorraine Getz

h) (Vice Chair) Move to take action on the following recommendations from UDP:

i) The Urban Design & Preservation Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send a letter recommending approval for the on-site sale of beer and wine a Modern Eats located at [2590 N. Glendale Blvd.](#) This is a CUB renewal.

ii) The Urban Design & Preservation Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send a letter recommending approval for the on-site sale of beer and wine a [3322 W. Sunset Blvd.](#) Night + Market. This is a CUB renewal.

iii) The Urban Design & Preservation Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council vote to approve CUB application ZA-2019-CUB-1568-CUX-ZV for the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption for Ivanhoe Restaurant (formerly Home Restaurant) located at 2500 Riverside

Goudsmit said that she wants to combine agenda items h.i, ii, and iii.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee Co-Chair Joe Ferrell said he wants to amend the letter in ii for Night Market Song to add something. Goudsmit said let's hear the amendment and then vote on all three agenda items as a bundle.

Ilanthe Zevos seconded the motion.

Joe Ferrell said to add the sentence: " The SLNC recommends waiving the public hearing requirement for this application." Place this after the last sentence of the paragraph.

Sarah Ullman seconded the amendment.

A representative for the project said the owner is out of town. The owner has two other restaurants in Los Angeles. This is

for the renewal of a beer and wine license. There are no major changes. We will talk to CD13 next week.

Joe Ferrell said it was discussed in Committee. The omission was an error.

Maebe A. Girl asked what is the benefit to the organization of waiving the hearing? The representative that people can still submit comments. We did a 500 foot mailer for the first neighborhood council meeting. There was no opposition. Jeremy Black commented that he was at that meeting. There was no objection. Nothing changes in the application.

Sarah Ullman seconded Goudsmit's motion.

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

VOTE for I, ii, and iii
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

i) (Stein) The ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE and GREEN COMMITTEE recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support efforts to identify an outstanding community member, and feature throughout the year in the newsletter, and then later nominate one of featured nominees to receive a proclamation or award.

Dulce Stein said lots of people in the community do a lot of work. They don't receive a lot a lot of thanks. We would like to have a newsletter to recognize someone for outstanding work. *Joanna Pawlowska seconded.*

Lorraine Getz said I love this. Have you spoken to DONE about this? For businesses, I was told we can't do that.

DONE representative Jackie Kim said she'll look into it. For business there is a concern of conflicts of interest.

Paul Emmons made a motion to table. Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.

Anthony Crump noted that the History Collective did this monthly for years without objection.

VOTE to table

16-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

Anthony Crump

Present, Not Voting:

None

j) (Secretary) SLNC Outreach Committee and the Silver Lake Improvement Association recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support the 25th Annual Music Box Steps Day that will be held on October 19, 2019. Support will entail up to \$500.00 to cover cost of print material and/or media advertisement and allowances for a portion of the cost of refreshments

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Lorraine Getz seconded.

Genelle LeVin, Silver Lake Improvement Association:

This is the SLIA's 25th annual Laurel and Hardy event. This funding helps with printed material and refreshments. The Budget is about \$2,000. We show the movie, have Laurel and Hardy look-alikes. CD13 provides tables and chairs. It's a lot of fun. There is music. You will have a table there. The Outreach Committee has had a table there for years.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said I've volunteered for this for a few years. This activates a park. Ianthe Zevos said it's a great opportunity for an area that doesn't get a lot of love.

Genelle LeVin said Jackie Goldberg used to show movies across the street before they realized that it was filmed there.

Jeremy Black asked was this brought to the Outreach Committee? Seth Copenhaver said no. There is a timing issue.

Jeremy Black asked why wasn't this an NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant)? Genelle LeVin commented that in the past, you've paid the printer directly for flyers and postcards.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Mark Duncan
Dulce Stein
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner
Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Sarah Ullman
Jeremy Black

Lorraine Getz
Anthony Crump
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11) Announcements

a) October 6, 2019 at Echo Park Lake, Zeba Zehdar and Rebecca Leib invite you to a Meet N' Greet on Oct 6 th , 10-3 pm to facilitate community-building and conversation around helping improve our community.

b) Walk 4 ALZ, Sunday, October 20, 2019. Walk4ALZ is a gentle 1-mile walk, open to all ages and abilities, and a wonderful way to connect with other families facing Alzheimer's. 8AM registration; 10AM walk.

Goudsmit announced that there will be a Meet and Greet in Echo Park on October 6 and a Walk for Alzheimers at 10am.

Nina Sorkin said that on October 17 there will be the 51st anniversary dinner for the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic at Taix Restaurant.

Anthony Crump said that on October 4 there will be a street opening ceremony at 6pm.

Goudsmit said we will discuss meeting location at the next Board meeting.

12) Adjournment

Paul Emmons made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 10:03pm.