GREEN COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:30 p.m.
Silver Lake Recreation Center
1850 W. Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90026
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A G E N D A

The City’s Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

The Committee does not take action on behalf of the full Neighborhood Council Board. It considers proposals and forwards Committee-approved recommendations as proposed motions to the full Board. The Board will consider the Committee’s recommendations at a future public Board meeting and may take final action on the recommendations.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)
   A. Call to order
   B. Self-Introductions of guests and committee members

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (10 minutes)
   Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: (5 minutes)
   A. Review and Adoption of Minutes of January 21, 2019

4. OLD BUSINESS (20 minutes)
   A. Anti-coagulant rodenticide statewide ban bill. Status, discussion, action. Motion from Green Committee sent to SLNC Governing Board requesting city council support the reinstatement of the Bloom bill banning rodenticides. (Jane)
   B. Follow up on street trees to be planted. (Lora Hall)
   C. The Monarch art installation discussion. Scheduled for February 29 at the Silver Lake Avenue stairs. (Lisa Turallo)
   D. Parkman Triangle cleanup/maintenance/creation of the Green Team (Ianthe and Lora)
   E. Movie “The Pollinators” – Public show March 13 (also see motion, item 7a below)
5. **NEW BUSINESS (20 minutes)**

   **A.** Should we propose a CIS regarding Petition urging governor Newsom to add environmental advocate to AQMD board? Details on petition are at https://www.change.org/p/gavin-newsom-appoint-a-climate-advocate-to-the-aqmd-board

   **B.** Earth Day (April 22, Wednesday) partnering with Transportation Committee on “active transportation” event, possibly at Ivanhoe, now suggested for May or later due to major city-wide event on April 18

   **C.** Should we partner with other entities for EDGLA2020? Excerpt follows: “a central gathering event is being planned for Sunday, April 19 at Grand Park with a goal of 70,000 people participating as part of the international Earth Day movement. One billion people around the world are anticipated to participate. We are organizing a world-class event that is of the essence of a transforming sustainable Los Angeles, and invite your leadership, sponsorship, presence, and support of the massive coalition that is joining forces for a historic event.”

   **D.** Discussion of potential motion to limit engine idling (Cyndi Hubach, motion below)

   **E.** Objective Land Use Standards for Carbon Reduction – Motion to city council? An excerpt from letter by Mar Vista NC to CSUN researchers: “...the possibility of creating objective standards for carbon reduction via land use. These standards would apply to each parcel in each zone in our neighborhood. Such standards would require any new development projects to reduce carbon, per square foot of lot, via tree planting on the parcel. Of course this mandates having data on how much carbon a tree can sequester.”

   **F.** Showing movie “The Pollinators” - Public show March 19, 6:30, at LA Live

6. **PRESENTATIONS (none)**

7. **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: ( 5 minutes)**

   **A.** Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve expenditure of up to $200 to purchase a screening license for the documentary “The Pollinators” for showing at the Silver Lake Library at no charge to the public. Vendor is Demand Films, and the fee is for non-profits who wish to show the film at no charge.

   “Thousands of semi-trailers crisscross the country in the dead of night delivering goods through the darkness to stores, warehouses and factories nationwide. But some of them carry an unsuspected and highly unusual cargo. Honey bees. Tens of billions of them are transported back and forth from one end of the United States to the other in a unique annual migration that’s indispensable to the feeding of America. One out of every three bites we eat, the growth of almost all our fruits, nuts and vegetable, would be impossible without pollination from bees. A new documentary feature, the Pollinators, directed by Peter Nelson and produced by Sally Roy, Nelson and Michael Reuter, presents the fascinating and untold story. And warns that the bees are in serious danger.”

   **B.** The Green Committee requests that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council provide written comment to the Sidewalk Repair Program Draft EIR released 12/26/19,
the city council office and the Mayor's office. The City of Los Angeles has launched a program to repair our broken sidewalks. As part of a settlement of the Willits class action lawsuit, a sidewalk repair program (SRP) called Safe Sidewalks LA began 3 years ago, and as a result, hundreds of large trees have already been removed, even though an environmental impact report (EIR) had not been conducted. The Green Committee urges the City to transition their outdated practices of street repair to a modern, ecologically-centered approach that uses sustainable methods and align with the public's growing demand for a healthy, leafy, green city.

C. The Green Committee requests that the SLNC file a Community Impact (CIS) in support of Councilmember Koretz's motion to limit vehicle idling, council file 19-0604.

Directed To: City Council and Committees Council File Number: 19-0604
Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, representing more than 45,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban Car idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concern over the climate emergency. ... At least 7 states and many cities have already implemented a car idling ban. NYC has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these places. .. Research has consistently found that it's less polluting and more fuel efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds long... The SLNC calls on LA City Council to support the Los Angeles Koretz idling ban and post “Clean Air Zone- No Idling Allowed” signs in sensitive areas.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 minutes)
   A. Co-chairs
   B. NC Sustainability Alliance liaison
   C. Members

9. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (5 minutes)

   Next regular meeting would be Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 p.m.

    Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

   Attendance – 14: John Wingler, Ianthe Zevos, Cyndi Hubach, Lisa Turallo, Jane Cook, Erica Silverman, Lisa Hart, Ronald Van Ammers, Renee Dawson, Genelle LeVin, Rebecca Prusinowski, Lora Hall, Joe Brukner, Hugh Kenny

2. **Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

   Guests (and future members) were introduced and their interests regarding stairways was mentioned. These were items on the agenda so held for later discussion.

   No further public comment.

3. **Administrative Items**

   The minutes from the December 17, 2019 were approved as written without objection.

4. **Old Business**

   A. Anti-coagulant statewide ban bill languishes in Sacramento.

      The following motion from the agenda was approved unanimously. The motion will be submitted to the board for consideration at a future meeting.

      **Move that the SLNC Governing Board request that the city council write a letter to Assembly Member Richard Bloom with copy to Assembly Member Laura Friedman urging that they reopen discussion with the Senate Appropriations Committee to move forward on passage of AB 1788 and stating that it is essential to protect our wildlife from painful deaths due to the use of anti-coagulant rodenticides statewide.**

   B. The Monarch art installation at the Silver Lake Avenue stairs.

      Lisa Turallo reported on a site visit with the artist, Olivia Barrionuevo. The butterflies have been installed on a test stair. The date of the opening event is February 29, 2020 with hours from 10 to 4. Volunteers are needed for various jobs.

      The following motion was discussed:

      **Move that the SLNC approve funding of up to $500 from the Outreach budget to provide educational materials, seeds for giving to community, and possibly insurance to cover the weekend of the Monarch art installation, February 29, 2020. This is in conjunction with the Arts and Culture Committee which is supporting the art project entitled “The Monarch”.**
Everyone realized that this motion was proposed beginning in October 2019 and that now the details have been confirmed. The governing board has approved the project and this is Green’s responsibility to complete the funding required per the motion. Moved by Lisa Turallo, Seconded by Ianthe Zevos. APPROVED: 14-0-0

5. NEW BUSINESS
A. Parkman Triangle cleanup/maintenance – Ianthe
   The Silver Lake Improvement Association used to clean the triangle; then neighbors took over but have apparently moved away. No decision on planning a cleanup day. Suggested: contact Sanitation to ask for cleanup.
B. Stairway adoption, Meadow Valley – guest, Rebecca Prusinowski
   Rebecca is interested in stairway adoption, and her nearest stairway is Meadow Valley, which has been recently adopted by Stephanie Vendig. John will put the two of them in touch regarding co-adoption. John will update the online list of stairway adopters
C. Opening the Fargo stairs – guest, Joe Brukner
   Discussion of previous attempts, notably spearheaded by Ronald Van Ammers, to open the stairs. A survey was conducted by CD13, but no one seems to have seen the results. John moved and Genelle seconded to have a new survey of neighbors done with the intention of determining the level of local support for reopening. Approved 14-0-0.
   Joe will initiate this and report back.
D. Supporting the pLAN Green New Deal – other committee commitment
   Very briefly mentioned that Ianthe, Lisa Turallo, Lisa Hart, Cyndi, and John had attended a conference organized by the NC Sustainability Alliance with the mayor’s department of Sustainability regarding the implementation of LA’s Green New Deal. Noted that all city departments have a sustainability agent to ensure that all activities are consistent with the targets. Plan to discuss Green’s interaction with other SLNC committees for the same purpose: make them aware of the targets and ensure all actions are supportive.
E. Earth Day partnering with Transportation Committee on “active transportation” event, possibly at Ivanhoe, (April 22 is a Wednesday)
   Was not discussed due to time restriction.
F. Sunset4All – redesign discussion
   Was not discussed due to time restriction.
G. Discussion of potential motion to limit engine idling (Lisa Hart)
   Was not discussed due to time restriction.

6. PRESENTATIONS
None

7. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
Discussed above under item 4, Old Business.

6. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING DATE
Next meeting will be February 18, 2020 (later changed to 2/20/2020)

8. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.