

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
GOVERNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
FINAL Minutes  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
7:00p.m.  
Ivanhoe Elementary School  
2828 Herkimer Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with 18 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump, Co-Chair  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins, Co-Chair  
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair  
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer  
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary  
Ianthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Lorraine Getz (left early)  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed (elected during the meeting)  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan (arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Jeremy Black

3) Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

New Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins made his first opening statement:

He said that he wanted to honor the work of Nora Goudsmit, the Vice Chair, “for guiding our Council through the first eight months of our term with poise, clarity and integrity. Thank you.” He also thanked Secretary Seth Kopenhaver and Treasurer Lena Kaderali. “They have both helped to ensure that the business of our Council has been organized and productive. I’d like to commend each and every member of this Council for engaging with the community, involving themselves in committees, doing the work that we were elected to do. I think the second year of our term promises to be even more productive than the first.

Most importantly, I’d like to thank our five people who have come to this meeting. I honor you for being here, participating in committees, engaging in local governance and for the respect that you have and will show to one another, to the members of our Council, to the guests who come to present here, even if and especially when you disagree with what they have to say. Together we are creating a safe space for our neighbors to come together and tackle the challenges facing our community, to resolve disputes between us, and to celebrate the diversity, passion, creativity and ingenuity that exists within Silver Lake.

I’d like to challenge every person in this room to do two things. First, when you come into this room every month, whether you are frustrated, angry, confused, nervous, or excited, I ask that you bring your best and kindest self. We are a more successful community with bridges as opposed to walls. Second, I’d like us all to take 15 seconds right now and think of one person in your life that you can invite to our next meeting.

The more community members that we involve in this process, the greater impact we’re going to have. And it is our responsibility, those who are more familiar with the neighborhood council process, who are familiar with why we are here and what we are doing, to include and invite those who are less familiar with it to become active participants in their own local government.”

(Note: Mark Duncan arrived at 7:05pm)

New Co-Chair Anthony Crump is now running the meeting.

a) The SLNC will be serving delicious snacks from local restaurateur Blue Star Donuts this evening.

There are no donuts tonight, said Co-Chair Anthony Crump..

#### 4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There are no speaker cards.

## 5) Announcements

Anthony Crump said that he echoes everything that Nicholas Fox-Robbins said about the great job that people did. We are still getting up to speed. Bear with us. We're thinking of new ways to do things. Also, it's the holiday season.

There is an email from the Planning Department about the vacation rental ordinance that you should have received.. This is going before the City Council around December 19. They will have a full public hearing before taking action. It's highly unusual for the City to schedule a public hearing. Please attend. You can submit comments via the local Council Office.

He said that there is a big community event happening Saturday, the Echo Park community parade. That's Saturday morning at 11am on Sunset Boulevard. This event is really good for preserving the history of the neighborhood. It would be great to have one in Silver Lake, he added.

There is also an email from Joe Proctor about the Fargo Stairs. Anthony Crump read the letter. The top and bottom of the stairs may have been illegally placed. Crump said he wants to put this on our radar for the future. This is something that has come up a lot. The stairs are neglected but important for the community.

Elaine Harris-Roark said that John Wingler of the Green Committee responded to this guy. She gave a summary. Maybe we should work on this? We are trying to overturn it.

Samantha Danner said there are cards with Census 2020 information. She is the Board's Census Liaison. The once a decade count will happen March to May 2020. There are many ways to participate. Make sure that people are aware of the census and that they are counted. This is how things are funded so this is very important for getting federal funds.

Scott Gamzon said that he talked with Rachel Fox of Council District 4 (CD4). The LADOT is waiting for buses. There will be a realignment of the Los Feliz DASH bus route so that it actually goes down Hyperion and connects with the Red Line next summer.

Joanna Pawlowska said that there will be a Valentine's Clean-up Day. This may focus on the Silver Lake Reservoir.

Ilanthe Zevos said that the Green Committee will discuss a maintenance and beautification project for the triangle at Sunset and Parkman.

Sarah, a representative of Friends of the Silver Lake Library announced a holiday gift sale. The hours will Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and Saturdays 1-5pm. Go get your holiday gifts there. Books are cheap there.

Lorraine Getz said that Ivanhoe Elementary School is having a sale on weekends with local vendors. Shop for holiday gifts here too.

#### 4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items -- REVISITED

*Max Levine, Niko, the neighborhood investment company, (www.myniko.com):*

He said that he wanted to introduce the company. This is a new model for only \$100 as a public benefit corporation. a for profit company. We're the first neighborhood REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) in the world. Niko owns property and has share structure. We are offering investment opportunities in both English and Spanish. We are doing outreach now. We are asking for help to develop the model. We own properties in Echo Park. We are excited to share this with everyone.

*Teresa, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic:*

Our next event will be an HIV event on Friday. We'll walk down Sunset Boulevard. We have a permit. There will be Mariachi's, songs, etc. We'll end at the United Methodist Church in Echo Park. You're all welcome to come. This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event. There are about 200 people expected. There will be lots of music and kids.

She added that the Children's annual Christmas party will be held December 20. There will be toys. Come and enjoy the kids.

#### 6) Presentations

##### a) Presentation by Fred Mariscal on the 2020 United States Census

Fred Mariscal is not here. We will agendize him for January, said Anthony Crump.

#### 7) Committee Reports

##### a) SLNC Advisory Committees

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl announced that the group has a new co-chair Danny. They are finalizing a date for a fundraiser. We're awaiting confirmation of a venue, said Maebe A Girl. She also said that the group would like to establish a "Pride Crosswalk in Silver Lake, a crosswalk that's like a rainbow flag. It could be a Trans crosswalk. It

would be good for awareness and unity. He concluded by noting that the group has an item on tonight's agenda.

Budget and Finance Committee: Treasurer Lena Kaderali said that there will be a budget meeting Tuesday at the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

Silver Lake Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said that the Reservoir Master Plan Survey deadline was Sunday. There have been lots of responses. The next workshop will be in January.

Dog Park Committee: Sarah Ullman said the group has disbanded. However, that has spurred more activity like new pooper scoopers. She is working with Mary Rodriguez, Council District 13, about other dog park improvements.

Government Affairs Committee: Barbara Ringuette said the group is planning for the community plan. We may do a survey as Echo Park has done. If we're having a survey, it will be a little easier. However, that will require lots of commitment to knock on doors.

Budget Advocates: Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said there is a possible motion about the work of the Budget Advocates. This would include concerns about transparency in preparing the budget. Budget Advocates are asking the City to give us more time, 80 days to respond to the Mayor's proposed budget and related hearings. Perhaps also Budget Advocates will request a vote of a lack of confidence in the way the budget is being handled. The passed City Budget doesn't include expenditures for raises, which will result in a deficit of over \$200 million plus for multiple years. This could result in cutbacks to City services.

Transportation Committee: Paul Emmons said the group's next meeting will be tomorrow at the Silver Lake Recreation Center. We will discuss Sunset for all and other bike projects as well as turn restrictions and other issues relating to bike safety including the Bureau of Street Services.

Modular Building Committee: Anthony Crump that at the special board meeting last month there was a discussion of the death of the modular building committee. Mark Duncan said the committee is not dead. Sarah Ullman said that she agreed to disagree.

Arts and Culture Committee: Dulce Stein thanked everyone for Silver Lake's first Dia De Los Muertos. We had only \$1,000 but it was great. The event was only possible with the support of this neighborhood council. We have already started to make next year's event as indigenous as possible.

The group will also propose collaboration towards a space for contemplation.(e.g two benches with nature around it. Regarding an art fair at the Reservoir. Beverly Hills has it on grass.

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said the next meeting will be December 17.

Homelessness Committee: Maebe A Girl said that tonight we had our first volunteer event for SELAH at the community church. We had a good time. I encourage the rest of the Board to attend meetings. Joanna Pawlowska said you can volunteer with SELAH every Saturday. Samantha Danner extended a call for volunteers for the potluck. See the website for more information.

Anthony Crump thanked Board members who attended the special meeting. We had just enough people for a quorum, he said. We didn't conduct any new business but we did conduct funding training. It was a good opportunity to ask questions to DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment).

#### 4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items -- REVISITED

*Angela Aramayo, Central City Representative, Mayor's Office of Public Engagement, [angie.aramayo@lacity.org](mailto:angie.aramayo@lacity.org), (213) 978-0430:*

She offered 3 updates. She mentioned a press release saying that the Mayor teamed up with the school board to provide vouchers. There is a pilot program in the valley to provide assistance. This just came out today.

There is a new care plan. There is a one pager that we give to neighborhood councils and the community. The Sanitation Department would close any encampments. Now with a unified homeless response center, we now have one truck per district so we can have a council district driven response. Submit requests via 311 for clean up.

A newsletter came out today. There are also Mayor's newsletter updates. Our CARE Plus (Collaborative Cleaning and Rapid Engagement) team began in October. They have cleaned tons of waste and made hundreds of visits to encampments. The homeless are offered services. We're still working out the kinks. The CARE Team works with LAHSA (the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority). You contact her with concerns.

The Green New Deal plan for for the Mayor is being passed out. It contains Ideas on how to partner with neighborhood councils.

Ben Cassorla asked are there specific things happening in Silver Lake with safe parking, shelters, etc.? Aramayo said the Silver Lake church is considered for mobile help stations. There is no Safe Parking in Silver Lake. The closest Safe Parking program site is in Echo Park.

Anthony Crump asked whether Aramayo could be available for a presentation in January. She said yes.

Maebe A. Girl said that families are experiencing homelessness. How do you select and define families? Aramayo said this was done in partnership with LAUSD so they did the selections. About 25% of students are homeless.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked about the CARE teams? Will they work with the communities living in these camps? What about personal belongings? Aramayo said they go with LAHSA and talk to them. Then Sanitation goes out to help them. CARE Plus is for the entire City but there are only 13 units. They focus on Intensive clean up. Fox-Robbins asked are they encampment raids? Angie Aramayo said no.

Samantha Danner noted that the Echo Park Safe Parking site is not open yet. Are there any updates? Aramayo said they're still working on this. Samantha Danner said that the closest ones are in Glassell Park and Koreatown. They are inconvenient to reach from here.

Joanna Pawlowska asked is this already happening? Aramayo said it began in October.

Teresa, from the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic, said that two shelters opened in Echo Park before Thanksgiving. Are they still open? Aramayo said yes. Go to the LAHSA website for more information.

Anthony Crump said there will be a follow up presentation in January.

## 8) Administrative:

a) (Secretary) Adopt Minutes from November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

*Seth Kopenhaver made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

**VOTE to approve the November minutes  
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  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

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

The MER (Monthly Expense Report) is not yet available.

Anthony Crump said that when in doubt put it on the agenda. We can't discuss what's not on the agenda.

c) (Co-Chair) Move to select a Region 4 representative to fill a vacancy due to resignation.

Candidates for Region 4:

Amon Choudhury  
Imran Syed

Amon Choudhury said I've lived in Silver Lake for 14 years. I used to attend neighborhood council meetings. At the time it wasn't the right fit for me. However, I was developing a relationship with the Council District 13 (CD13) staff. I'm an artist and illustrator. I've done projects for CD13 and City Council like the Heart of Hollywood initiative and the cover for the LGBT heritage month. For the past few years, I've attended all reservoir

meetings. Then, I switched focus to Descanso Drive. I was a point person for speed humps and finding parking for residents. I worked to end the crime spree. I worked for brighter lights in alleys.

Imran Syed said that he was here before recently when he attempted to run for another Regional Board seat. He said I've lived in Silver Lake for 3 years. I'm a defense attorney as well as a Muslim Bar Association of Southern California Board member. I work on their communications program. People have different roles. I started a fellowship to help overcome stereotypes. I volunteer to feed the homeless in Skid Row every Saturday. I am also interested in the LGBTQ and the Arts and Culture Committees. He said that he ran against Scott Gamzon and likes what he did at the Dia De Los Muertos event. That's what I want to do, he said.

Maebe A. Girl said you both seem like fabulous candidates. She noted that Amon Choudhury is a member of the LGBTQIA Committee. He has attended our meetings.

Mark Duncan said that whoever doesn't get on the Board should join committees. He added that he's known Amon Choudhury for years as a neighbor. He's been involved in the community. He has been extremely involved and compassionate.

Samantha Danner asked which committees interest you? Amon Choudhury replied LGBTQIA, Arts and Culture, Green. Imran Syed responded LGBTQIA, Housing, and LatinX.

Sarah Ullman asked the candidates, what is something that we can be doing better as a Board?

Imran Syed said maybe have a more active Facebook page? Amon Choudhury agreed. You have to be very proactive to find out about meetings. He knows neighbors and business owners. He wants to become an advocate to get people to meetings.

Scott Gamzon said I've known Amon. We share an alumni connection. What are you most passionate about accomplishing on the Board? Amon Choudhury said he likes the diversity of the community in Silver Lake and the walkability. He grew up in Los Angeles. He said that he would like to increase safety and walkability of the neighborhood. When he moved here, Silver Lake was very gay and very brown.

Imran Syed said events. He said that he wants to participate in events as much as possible. He wants to get to know people. He commented that Amon Choudhury is one of his neighbors on Descanso.

Ben Cassarla asked how can we address homelessness in Silver Lake and in Region 4? Amon Chowdhury said we had a homeless couple living on Descanso during construction. The Senior Lead Officer of the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department and Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez of Council District 13 were involved thanks to him. We had LAHSA come in for the woman. For the man, undercover officers deterred crime.

Imran Syed commented that this question is complicated. He said that walking to Beverly Chicken wasn't safe under the freeway. He is sympathetic to the homeless though. There are lots of resources in Los Angeles. There was a shelter in New York City that was more successful because it required no sobriety testing. The new Silver Lake homeless shelter is important but we must get resources there and we must get people to stay there.

**VOTE for Region 4 Candidate:**

**Amon Choudhury -- 7 Votes:**

Mark Duncan  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Tina Lin  
Ben Cassarla  
Maebe A. Girl  
Scott Gamzon  
Joanna Pawlowska

**Imran Syed -- 11 Votes:**

Paul Emmons  
Lorraine Getz  
Nora Goudsmit  
Dulce Stein  
Samantha Danner  
Barbara Ringuette  
Seth Copenhaver  
Anthony Crump  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lena Kaderali  
Sarah Ullman

**Present, Not Voting -- 1 Vote:**

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Paul Emmons made the motion to appoint Imran Syed to the Board. Samantha Danner seconded the motion.

**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  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Imran Syed now joins the Board.

(Note: Lorraine Getz is leaving now at 8:11pm.)

9) Unfinished Business

a) (Homelessness Committee) Discussion and possible action item recommended by the Homelessness in Silver Lake Committee to ask the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to send a letter asking CD4 Councilmember Ryu and CD13 Councilmember O'Farrell to commit to opening a permanent, full time Homelessness & Poverty Alleviation Access Center within Silver Lake that will assist our neighbors experiencing homelessness as well as vulnerable and rent-burdened members of our community. The facility will provide a select number of shelter beds/cubicles, showers, kitchen, and mail service along with dedicated

case managers/service-navigators, all on site. The facility will also serve as a conduit between housed and unhoused neighbors to build a sense of community and mutual understanding.

*Ben Cassorla seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said that we discussed this in committee. There is lots of talk about bridge housing but that's intended to be temporary. There should be something permanent in Silver Lake. Samantha Danner added that there is also a need for a drop-in service center that has no requirements. Nothing like that is easily accessible in Silver Lake now..

Sara Ullman asked does this have to go through City Council? Samantha Danner said that depends on the funding source.

Barbara Ringuette said if it's a money matter it goes through City Council.

**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Outreach) Move to discuss and take potential action on the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to dedicate \$100.00/monthly of the Outreach budget to spend on Facebook / Instagram (and/or other social media) ads to help grow the SLNC Facebook and Instagram accounts.

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Scott Gamzon seconded.*

Ben Cassorla asked is there an end date or is this ongoing? Lena Kaderali replied it's through this fiscal year. Scott Gamzon asked is this to grow the account or to get the word out about meetings? Seth Copenhaver said the intention is to bring new people into the account. We want this to grow at a faster rate. It's not for events.

Sarah Ullman said you can run awareness ads. There are different targets. Awareness vs. specific events.

Nora Goudsmit asked are we spending money on this now? Sarah Ullman responded no. However, we have in the recent past for events. Maebe A. Girl asked will it be specifically \$100 per month? Or can it be rolled over? Seth Copenhaver said yes. The funds will be split between Instagram and Facebook. When I took over the accounts in May we had only 147 new people finding us.

Tina Lin said that at the special meeting someone commented on this. There was a concern about attracting non Silver Lake people. Anthony Crump said the special meeting comment was about promoting the Master Plan Survey. It's different. Seth Copenhaver said that it's super easy to target just Silver Lake.

**VOTE for 9b**  
**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

Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Outreach) Move to discuss and take potential action on the recommendation from the Outreach Committee that the SLNC moves to establish a monthly table at the Saturday Farmer's Market held at Sunset Triangle Plaza.

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

Dulce Stein asked what time? Seth Copenhaver said we'll have a sign up sheet. We'll ask committees. We would like to see all Board members and committee co-chairs participate. This will happen from 8am to 6pm.

Joanna Pawlowska asked do we have to pay for this? Seth Copenhaver said no. Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked what are the ethical implications of being offered a spot for free? Anthony Crump said you can contact city ethics department for questions. Typically, if they let others have tables for free, it's not a problem.

Joanna Pawlowska expressed support for this. She said they handed out fliers about the Reservoir. It's a nice way to meet neighbors.

Tina Lin asked is the farmers market private? Anthony Crump said it's run as a private nonprofit. Nora Goudsmit noted that if we have this table, usually the neighbors attend earlier and visitors come later on. So mornings are better for targeting neighbors.

Babara Ringuette said that it's a great idea. She asked about storage for tents and tables. Seth Copenhaver said that's a good question. We may have to table this. Lena Kaderali said we can consider the funding separately in January. Let's discuss whether we'll want to do this now.

Anthony Crump said that typically the amount of funding should be listed on the agenda. Today we'll vote on the activity, not the funding. That will be a separate motion.

Nina Sorkin commented that the neighborhood council has borrowed my canopy, tables, and chairs for events in the past. You're welcome to use them.

**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Green Committee) Move to discuss and take potential action on the Green Committee's recommendation that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council request that the Urban Forestry Department place a notice on any tree intended for removal so that neighbors are aware and provide a 60-day notice regarding any tree removal authorization to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment which will forward the notification to the Neighborhood Council. [NOTE: supplemental information attached]

*Ilanthe Zevos made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

Samantha Danner asked what about wildfire concerns with the notice period? Ianthe Zevos replied that this is generally for street trees. It's not related to wildfires. Samantha Danner said there are instances with power lines and trees.

Elaine Harris-Roark said this is for new developments and they want to remove a tree. Ianthe Zevos explained that now we get 3 day notice from DONE. There is no time to respond. This gives us time to go to committee and to then do outreach and allow the community to react.

Tina Lin asked what if there is an issue? Ianthe Zevos said that Urban Forestry notifies DONE, which notifies the neighborhood council. We contact the council district if there is an objection. They contact Urban Forestry.

Joanna Pawlowska asked what about other neighborhood councils? Ianthe Zevos said we use 60 days to be in synchronicity with other neighborhood councils. There isn't a consensus yet though.

Scott Gamzon asked what types of trees? Public? Nora Goudsmit said this is a really important change since May. It's incredibly difficult to get in touch with people in 3 days. This 60 days is really important to protect our canopy. This is a really important process change.

Ilanthe Zevos said that with only 3 days, it's very hard to get the information out to the community.

Sarah Ullman said that she has been working with Ianthe Zevos on this. People are really passionate about this as it's related to climate change. I'm angry that 3 days is too short a time to react.

Elaine Harris-Roark noted, however, that if people are tearing down 3 or more trees, it goes through different system. This is for one or two trees. This is an important issue.

Mark Duncan asked are they required to put a sign on the tree? Ianthe Zevos said that for less than 3 trees, no. That's in the motion. Maebe A. Girl asked does having a longer period affect the tree and whether the tree is actually cut down? Do developments have to replace trees?

Ilanthe Zevos said that it's difficult to respond to the efficiency of this. Elaine Harris-Roark said that the announcement is at the tail end of the

process. Ianthe Zevos added that the replacement ratio is 2 to 1 but it takes years for the new trees to mature.

Anthony Crump said we had considered suggesting a higher replacement ratio in the past. Elaine Harris-Roark said the black walnut is one of the native trees that maximize protection from the sun.

**VOTE**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
Ianthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Gird  
Tina Lin  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Green Committee) Move to discuss and take potential action on the Green Committee's recommendation that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve funding from the Community Involvement budget of up to \$500 for the joint project with the Arts and Culture Committee's "The Monarch" art installation to provide educational materials about the migration and importance of the butterfly, and for publicity expenses. [NOTE: supplemental information attached]

Lena Kaderali said the motion was reworded. Anthony Crump said we will pull this.

f) (Green Committee) 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.

Anthony Crump said this has already been acted upon.

g) (Arts and Culture) Discuss and take potential action on creating a Creative Hour, defined as: the first hour of every Regular Meeting of the Governing Board for quiet reading and arts materials, in order to include more participation from families who are unable to attend meetings due to childcare challenges. The ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support a supervised Child Care/Play and Learning Hour while meetings 2 of 28 are in session. Materials to be donated by Friends of the Library and materials provided by Dulce Stein at no cost to the board. Creative Hour to include (1) adult supervisor, who is a paid to supervise and reduce potential disruptions to the meeting. Motion includes funding request up to \$250.00 to cover the cost for (12) Regular Meetings of the Governing Board. Any unused funds will be applied to future Creative Hour(s). Caregivers utilizing the Creative Hour are required to remain in attendance during their child(ren)' period of participation in the hour and would be asked to leave with their child(ren) should disruption become an issue. [NOTE: Supplemental information attached].

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

Lena Kaderali said we received correspondence from DONE. We can't do this because of liability issues. How do other neighborhood councils do this? How do they accommodate families to attend?

DONE representative Jackie Kim explained that the City Clerk determined that paying someone for creative hours doesn't fall within guidelines. Also, there are liability issues. She said that she will reach out to other neighborhood councils to work around it. We can explore with the City Attorney's office as well.

Joanna Pawlowska asked can it be funded by Outreach? Jackie Kim explained that liability is an issue because you're under City Charter. There used to be a daycare at the Congress of Neighborhoods. When a child was injured it set a precedent moving forward.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this is an incredibly important tool to get people to come to our meetings. Can you present solutions at our January meeting?

Jackie Kim said she can work on this. She will communicate with other neighborhood councils to find options. Dulce Stein asked what if we get volunteers? Jackie Kim said that is also a liability issue. You must consult with the City Attorney.

Sarah: have any parents expressed interest? Where did this come from?

Dulce Stein said that speaking as a Mexican, we don't go anywhere without our children. There is a reason why this place is not full. Do what we need to do to get people here. I've been in meetings where if meetings go late, parents leave when kids become restless. Find a creative way to accommodate them. Teresa said that half of our population is not included because of this.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made a motion to table this until January. Tina Lin seconded.*

Ben Cassorla asked can we have more information in January? Anthony Crump said that Jackie Kim committed to that.

**VOTE to table**  
**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

h) (Co-Chairs) 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.

This is a discussion item, not an action item, said Anthony Crump. We discussed moving locations at the special meeting. Sarah Ullman shared a list of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant buildings. Let's discuss this for 10 minutes.

Tina Lin said that she was one of four people seeking other facilities. We'll do research. We encourage everyone to send suggestions. Anthony Crump cautioned that that email chain cannot grow or it's a Brown Act violation.

Maebe A. Girl said it would be great to have meetings in a more central location. Rotating locations is a good idea but I don't like the idea of rotating. People know they don't have to be proactive. Also, there is a monthly supper at the Silver Lake Community Church down the block.

Ilanthe Zevos said that she is also on the committee of 4 people. This is not meant to be punitive. There is a transit issue for people to get here. Given the Brown Act, I would love people to contribute suggestions. Do they email the Board? Anthony Crump said that only 4 of us can discuss this. Or, agendaize it for a committee meeting. There can be no private communication among more than 4 Board members.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that in Outreach we had a thorough discussion. It's important to move to a more central location. This action will require in person canvassing by the neighborhood council, going door to door. He recommends the Bellevue Recreation Center. We need to do this to involve Silver Lake people south of Sunset Boulevard.

Nora Goudsmit offered a process comment. Are there other opportunities to do outreach around this? Perhaps have a discussion with the community about where to move? Lena Kaderali expressed concern about losing the audience that comes here. Scott Gamzon said that transportation is a very important issue for people coming to our meetings. We must have a transit acceptable location.

Nina Sorkin said I'm glad you're raising this issue. I'm totally against this location. A lot of the population lives south of Sunset. It's ridiculous. Who are you trying to outreach to? Outreach doesn't have to be on Facebook. She's 75, what are you doing to reach out to me? I commend you for attending the Silver Lake Community Church for their dinner. Who are the people that you want to have come to neighborhood council meetings? Try the Silver Lake Independent Jewish Community Center. It has a parking lot and a big auditorium with dedicated parking for the handicapped.

Anthony Crump said that asking the community is a really good idea. Nina Sorkin said there used to be a Missions and Goals Committee that met twice a year. You should consider that again. It was held at the library, the Russian church, and Bellevue Recreation Center. Anthony Crump said he and Nicholas Fox-Robbins would look into this and report back in January about how to include the community in the decision.

## 10) New Business

a) (Co-Chairs) Discussion and possible action to appoint Silver Lake NC liaisons to represent/participate in the newly formed CD13 Alliance, which aims to share information and unify the neighborhood councils within CD13.

Samantha Danner said that this is open to anyone. This alliance covers a pretty wide swath of Los Angeles, from Koreatown to the Hollywood Hills, Echo Park, Highland Park, etc. There are unique and common issues under CD13.

Scott Gamzon asked does a person need to be a resident of CD13? Samantha Danner replied I don't know but SLNC service should be sufficient. Anthony Crump said the person would represent us. we can designate whomever we want.

Maebe A. Girl asked what is the time commitment? Samantha Danner said the meetings have been happening monthly. Basically it's about 2 hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The meetings begin at 7pm in Atwater Village at the Tam O'Shanter restaurant. Last month we met at Momed.

Joanna Pawlowska asked who is spearheading this? Samantha Danner responded that it was suggested by the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council. There was concern that Council Member Mitch O'Farrell had not attended one of their meetings in a long time.

Ben Cassorla asked have other districts done this? Samantha Danner replied that there are issue alliances but not district alliances. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said they reached out to Echo Park and Los Feliz to create a tri-neighborhood council alliance. They agreed to it. Is this a complement? Samantha Danner said that's definitely something to still pursue for issues relating only to our 3 neighborhood councils.

Barbara Ringuette said there are other alliances through DONE. There are local area alliances like ARC (the Alliance of River Committees). Many of the issues there related to the Los Angeles river. The issues on the river don't directly affect us. The alliances are an opportunity for City departments and other agencies to make presentations. Plan Check is also an alliance. She attends this. It's a wonderful place to go to learn about planning issues. It's a really good way to broaden your knowledge.

Dulce Stein asked what would be the responsibilities? Anthony Crump said the liaison represents the neighborhood council. The representative is supposed to report back, to represent, and to monitor.

Ilanthe Zevos asked are you looking for one representative?

Seth Copenhaver, Sarah Ullman, Ianthe Zevos, Maebe A Girl, Samantha Danner, Dulce Stein, and Paul Emmons all volunteered. Then Emmons and Stein declined.. Samantha Danner suggested rotating people. Anthony Crump said you can't have half of a quorum participate. Under the Brown Act, that's a violation. No one else can show up.

Maebe A Girl asked is it possible to attend but people sit it out? Paul Emmons said you just can't vote. Anthony Crump said you can attend but not participate in any way shape or form.

Sarah Ullman declined.

*Tina Lin made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

**VOTE for Samantha Danner, Maebe A. Girl, Seth Copenhaver, and Ianthe Zevos as representatives**

**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

b) (Arts and Culture Committee) Discussion and possible action on the ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE recommendation that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council sponsor The Monarch, a traveling art installation and evolving a photographic project examining migration as phenomenon fundamental to the evolutionary processes and inherent to the biological balance of the global ecosystem.

Dulce Stein is tabling this to January 8 because of a funding issue. January 25 is the event date. *Paul Emmons made the motion. Lena Kaderali seconded.*

**VOTE to table**  
**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

c) (Girl) Discussion and possible action on the SLNC supporting a city-wide LGBTQIA Alliance organized through the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Membership in the Alliance would be open to the public and Neighborhood Councils would be encouraged to appoint a representative for the Alliance. The Alliance will be city mandated, but not affiliated with any particular NC. The Silver Lake LGBTQIA Advocates Committee unanimously passed a motion of support at the last meeting on 11/21/19 and seeks the support of the SLNC.

Maebe A. Girl said that she was contacted by a representative of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council who was in discussion with a couple of other neighborhood councils about a Citywide alliance. It would be a great opportunity to bring queer issues to life. She noted that we have the only Queer Committee in the neighborhood council system.

*Joanna Pawlowska seconded.*

We're planning an exploratory meeting around January 15. Tina Lin asked is there an action? Maebe A. Girl suggested just supporting the idea of a Citywide alliance.

Scott Gamzon asked about drafting the letter. Maebe A. girl said that's a great idea. She can write the letter for the next meeting.

**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  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

d) Discussion and possible action on the Housing & Tenants Rights Committee recommendation that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send letter to CD4 (Ryu) and CD13 (O'Farrell) asking them to write a motion to amend the RSO as follows a) clarify the terms for at-fault eviction which allows access for landlord inspections and b) adding penalties when a landlord violates RSO.

*Seth Copenhaver seconded.*

Heather Carson said the motion was brought to the Tenants' Rights. She is in the process of being evicted. She sent a copy of that notice to the Housing Department. It was ruled invalid against the landlord. She has to go to court but there is no penalty for the landlord. The Housing Department threatened the landlord to no avail. The Homeshare Ordinance requires a \$500 daily fine. I want to get this before the Council Member. The main issues are that there should be a fine for violations. Also, State law does not allow for periodic inspections.

He is taking me to court, said Carson. Tina Lin asked what is an at fault eviction? What did they want? Carson said this won't help me. I've been

going through this since July. I think most people give up as it's a lengthy process. State law 1994 gives you leeway.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I have dealt with the same issues: "periodic inspections". Sarah Ullman asked what are they looking for? Paul Emmons said he's been through this. Under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) the owner has the right to access your apartment with 24 hours notice. What do you mean by clarification? Carson said that California law 1994 is the law. You can only inspect if a tenant terminates, water units, and inspecting exterior. But on the RSO website, you must provide reasonable access. This disempowers tenants.

Sarah Ullman said this is an issue that deserves our attention. The motion as written says "clarify the terms". She wants to see the text of the letter. Carson said I sent it in. She read the text. They can't use this as a harassment, she said.

Lena Kaderali commented on the letter and offered edits. In paragraph one: proposes deleting the last sentence and replace with "They would be disincentivized from doing evictions in violation of the RSO Order."

Carson said the only part that she is offering to amend is in italics. Council Member O'Farrell wrote an emergency motion in response to this.

Nora Goudsmit asked should we change the order of 1 and 2? That could provide better flow? Lena Kaderali asked in the second to last sentence, should the bylaw part be struck out? Carson said the Housing Department will make no effort to educate. This is just a letter. The Council Members know what they are doing.

Scott Gamzon said that in the first paragraph he is uncomfortable with the reference to the home sharing program. It's controversial. Just say we request a penalty. Are you opening yourself to liability? Has the City Attorney weighed in on this? Carson said the City is misrepresenting State law.

Sarah Ullman said that pointing out discrepancy is more in the zone of what we can address. She does not understand the legal issues. Make it more about the discrepancy. There is discomfort with the specific legal language in the letter, said Crump.

Joanna Pawlowska said I'm sorry that Heather Carson is going through this. Our questions about language are not about not supporting you we just want this to be more impactful. Carson said I'm empowered because I've been Co-Chair of the Homesharing Committee. I learned a lot. I

have a deeper understanding of the path of changing law. This is not a time sensitive item.

Anthony Crump said I can try to rewrite this with you for the Board. The changes might go deeper than what has been suggested. People are uncomfortable with the specific language. We can address this in January. Ben Cassorla to help as well.

*Anthony Crump said that he wants to table this. Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded.*

**VOTE to table**  
**Unanimous**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
lanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
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Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Sorkin) Discussion and possible action on Youngsters Against Cancer recommendation the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send letters to the Los Angeles Unified School District, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and

Superintendent Austin Beutner insisting the elimination of vaping by students on school campus.

*Nina Sorkin made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded.*

Nina Sorkin cited an Eatsider article about vaping at Marshall High School. There is smoke in the restroom. Fire alarms are going off. The youth are our stakeholders and we should be supportive of them. We are not taking a stand on vaping.

Scott Gamzon said that as a parent of a high schooler, vaping is very serious. Have you spoken to the administration at Marshall to find out what they are doing? Nina Sorkin said no. She was out of town. It's something that they are aware of. The other issue is the fact that this is our high school.

Scott Gamzon asked what policies are in place? Vaping devices look like USB drives so he is concerned. He is supportive of asking for new policies. He wants proactive suggestions. However, he expressed concern about putting schools on the defensive, not accusing them. Lena Kaderali spoke in support of Scott Gamzon. We don't want to call out Marshall High School.

Jackie Kim said the neighborhood council can't send letters to a union. You're advisory to the City. I'm not sure if the LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District) falls under the Los Angeles City Charter. Hold off on this, she urged. She said that she will investigate.

Anthony Crump requested to table the motion. Nina Sorkin said I'm leaving town a couple of times over the next month. She will talk to the Eatsider about your actions.

Jackie Kim noted that there are two council files regarding this that you can respond to. Anthony Crump said we're not taking action on the advice of DONE.

g) (Co-Chairs) Discussion and possible action to change the January 2020 regular governing board meeting date, time, and/or location due to a conflict with the New Year's Holiday.

January 1, 2020 is our scheduled meeting date but it is a holiday.  
*Anthony Crump proposed January 8, 2020, as a meeting date. Joanna Pawlowska 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  
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Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Harris-Roark  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Joanna Pawlowska  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

12) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:04pm.