

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Final Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
7:00p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer Street
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02 pm with 17 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump, Co-Chair
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

Non-Attending Board Members:

Paul Emmons
Nicholas Fox-Robbins, Co-Chair
Lorraine Getz
Tina Lin

Co-Chair Anthony Crump is excited about the new year. He praised the Board's accomplishments in their first months and said that he's looking forward to a really productive 2020.

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Theresa Patton, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic:

She thanked everyone for participation in the Clinic's holiday activities. We had two children's Christmas parties. Council Member O'Farrell was there. There were several sponsors. It made the children very happy. We plan to increase TB (tuberculosis) screenings at the clinic because the homeless need a TB test to enter shelters. We are seeking funds for that. We also need antibiotics. There has been an increase in flu, including illness for kids. We are seeing more people at the clinic.

Sarah Ullman asked how much does a TB test cost the clinic? Theresa Patton replied about 50 tests for \$500. We're doing about 50 per month, which is a large increase.

Andy Richards, a tutor at Los Angeles City College (LACC) and a freelance journalist:

LACC has been around since 1929. We have students from all over town and a wide range of demographics. She said that she is in the Journalism Department. She covers what's happening in the community around us. She wants to present an NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) proposal to support the Journalism Department. We've beat out Ivy League schools. We need funds to attend conferences. She brought some newspapers. We cover topics from #MeToo to Armenia and housing instability. In the 2016 election we covered the candidates and Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, among others.

Melissa Samuels:

She said that she's a former Board member who's lived in the neighborhood over 20 years. A sober living home moved in. She's been harassed. She had a mediation with the company. They are making lots of money. It's an Air BnB from hell. One of their people was in her yard wasted. It freaked me out. She has 3 kids. These places are uncontrolled. This is changing the character of Silver Lake and affecting home values.

Anthony Crump asked did a committee look at it? Melissa Samuels said we had a mediation with guidelines. It worked for awhile. Then they accosted me and my daughter. I don't know what to do.

She cc'd the board on an email. She is appealing to the Board. It's really messed up. There should be oversight. Nicholas Fox-Robbins or I will contact you, said Anthony Crump. Jeremy Black said he was at Coffee with a Cop. This issue was discussed there. Gabriel Taylor is your neighborhood prosecutor for the City Attorney's office pointed out Nina Sorkin.

5) Announcements/Updates

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

She handed out Council Member O'Farrell's year-end review. She has Fletcher pump station project information as well. There have been emails of concern about the project, she said. This is a 6-month project. Be patient and drive safely, advised Rodriguez. Anthony Crump said they said it was a 3-4 month project. Mary Rodriguez said you're right.

She announced that on January 25 at noon we will host the Red Car Pedestrian Bridge opening across the Los Angeles River south of the Glendale Hyperion Bridge. Everyone is invited to the celebration. The North Atwater Village equestrian cyclist bridge is set to open soon after.

She met with Katherine Johnson from the Silver Lake Conservancy coordinating meetings to get the garden/meadow in shape. The Recreation and Parks Department only got 20% of it done. We will host a clean-up on March 21 with hundreds of volunteers to weed and mulch in the Silver Lake Reservoir Meadow and along the walking path.

We hosted Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday with the new Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer in Sunset Triangle.

There are new Metro bike stops in Sunset Plaza with 16 bikes. There is also one at Jiffy Lube at Santa Monica and Sunset. They are really being used.

We did pickups today in the Silver Lake area. We do this every Wednesday with our Clean Team.

Regarding sidewalks she said that she met with Ianthe Zevos and a resident. We walked around Silver lake and identified lots of sidewalk repair needed. That's something that we should concentrate on this year. It will take a couple of years to complete though.

Elaine Roark said that today was the first day of traffic detours for the new pump project. It was a nightmare. Anthony Crump commented that it started over the weekend. Mary Rodriguez advised that we have to have a lot of patience. Give yourself enough time to get through that area.

Jeremy Black thanked Mary Rodriguez for all she does. He said that he wants to clean the Sunset Triangle more often.

Regarding the Coffee with a Cop program, Mary Rodriguez said there are more coming up in different areas.

Seth Copenhaver said that someone asked if we can do them at night? Mary Rodriguez said she'd pass that suggestion along to the cops.

Sarah Ullman said that the Reservoir Committee will support your clean up on March 21.

Mark Duncan said that the Los Globos bar is really loud at night. I've called several times with the club and the LAPD. The managers are very nice.

6) Presentations

a) Presentation on 2020 CENSUS - Fred Marisol

Fred Marisol is not here. The 2020 Census representative is Andrew Soto instead. Fred Marisol works for the County of Los Angeles, informed Soto.

Soto wants to discuss the LA Regional Census Center. He said that he lives in Los Feliz. This is an urgent issue. Everyone will receive cards to respond in March. The distribution of over \$1 trillion in Federal funds depends on the Census.

We are seeking employees, announced Andrew Soto.

Anthony Crump asked for timeline. Andrew Soto said April 1 is Census Day for Silver Lake. The 2020 Census began January 1 in rural Alaska. In Mid-March people will receive a code for internet response. You can also use an address. They are working with LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) for the annual national homeless count.

Power and prosperity are key reasons to participate in the Census, along with the distribution of Federal dollars.

Ilanthe Zevos said that Los Angeles County is one of the hardest counties to count in the entire country. How are you responding to this? Andrew Soto said he worked with lots of local groups to count people. We work with lots of immigrant communities to build trust.

Samantha Danner asked how is the homeless count from LAHSA integrated with Federal data? Anthony Crump said that he can connect her with the appropriate people. They have about 8,000 volunteers.

Samantha Danner said they don't do a very detailed demographic survey. Are there outreach efforts in this area? Regarding confidentiality, Anthony Soto referred her to Federal law.

Maebe A. Girl asked about mobile kiosks? Andrew Soto referred her to Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for Council District 4, Council Member David Ryu. The California Youth Foundation was mentioned.

Dulce Stein asked when there are too many people in one space, can people be deported? Andrew Soto said we don't share information under Federal law.

Sarah Ullman asked what are the requirements to be an employee? Andrew Soto said you must be at least 18 years old, a US Citizen, and pass a background test. There can be non-citizenship waivers for underserved languages. These are part-time jobs.

Nora Goudsmit asked how long does it take to complete the census? Andrew Soto said up to 15 minutes. There are seven questions. It depends on how many people live there.

Joanna Palowska asked when is the deadline? What is the timeline? Andrew Soto said about 90 days for response. For Career Information: 2020census.gov/jobs.

Please let him know about events where he can table and speak with the community, said Andrew Soto.

Andy Richards said I would love it if you can come speak at our school.

Theresa Patton asked must the person read English?

7) Committee Reports

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

Homeless Committee: Samantha Danner said that there has been no meeting since November. She said the LAHSA Homeless Count is coming up in mid-January. Darius Derakshan is coordinating it at the Silver Lake Community Church. Anyone is invited to participate. Training is all online. The event will be Thursday, January 23 at 8pm. Go to the LAHSA website to sign up.

Homelessness Policy Committee: Samantha Danner said that a meeting is being planned for February.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the next meeting will be January 21 at the Silver Lake Library. There is a new alliance. The Citywide LGBTQIA Plus Alliance. It is open to Council members and the public. There will be a January 15 lunch meeting at City Hall.

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said the group met last month. It elected me as Co-Chair to replace Elaine Roark. We had a speaker from Recycle LA. She added that the library landscaping project is completed. The Committee will participate in the neighborhood council sustainability alliance panel on Saturday.

She mentioned there will be an event February 29 from 10-4pm. There is a \$500 fund request for this.

There will be a Heading for Extinction and what to do about it lecture on January. 15.

Anthony Crump said we were confused about funding.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said there will be a workshop for a shared vision for the Reservoir on January 23 at 6pm. We will present the proposed Master Plan that everyone's been working on for past year. There will be a survey after the workshop. There is Spanish language information.

Joanna Pawlowska said that the next Committee meeting will be next Tuesday 7:30pm. We're setting goals and our vision for year. We'll meet at the Silver Lake Recreation Center. Mark Duncan asked will there be a Facebook live presentation of the meeting. Jeremy Black asked is the dog park part of Master Plan? Ianthe Zevos has Committee notes. Sarah Ullman said we have been advocating for a revamped dog park.

Arts and Culture Committee: Co-Chair Dulce Stein mentioned the death of Richard Neutra. There will be a January 19 event at the Eagle Rock Recreation Service to show respect for being one of last giants of Silver Lake, Richard Neutra.

Latinx Committee: Dulce Stein said that she wants clothing donations for the homeless who attend the Hollywood sunset free clinic. Sweaters, jackets, socks, etc. are welcome. You can drop them off at the clinic. The Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic representative said to work with orgs that offer several different types of resources.

Maebe A Girl asked are you accepting only new items? The representative said that somewhat used items are okay. There is a demand for maternity wear.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said we expect to deliver our report to the Mayor and City Departments in January.

Governmental Affairs: Barbara Ringuette said we approved a CIS for the Board. The motion supports the Budget Advocate recommendations. We also worked on the review of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council survey. They do this before participating in the community plan. We discussed adjustments to make it appropriate for Silver Lake.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Cameron said that the meeting next Tuesday night, will be the first one south of Sunset. We are addressing traffic and other issues. Earl Street is on the agenda tonight.

Outreach Committee: Seth Copenhaver said that there will be a January 23 community workshop for the master plan and the homeless count. We'll elect a co-chair. We may reschedule our meeting for the week after the homeless count.

Business Committee: January 16 is the meeting date.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Seth Copenhaver read a message from Co-Chair Liza Temple which said that the group's next meeting is January 15 at the Silver Lake Recreation Center in the art room. There are four 4 items to discuss: Small lot homes, small lot subdivisions, and a discussion of Transit Oriented Communities with a retired USC Professor.

CD13 Alliance: Samantha Danner said the group met but that there is no new business.

3) Welcome and rules for action on agenda items -- REVISITED

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

Anthony Crump noted that there is pizza tonight from Michael Angelo's. There are no donuts.

A Woman asked an arts and culture question. To do a mural, who do we talk to for permission? Mary Rodriguez said the Department of Cultural Affairs. Arts and Culture Committee Co-Chair Dulce Stein said we can recommend and support you. Ianthe Zevos mentioned the art on power boxes program.

8) Administrative:

a) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from December 4, 2019 Regular Meeting of the SLNC Governing Board

Nora Goudsmit seconded Seth Copenhaver's motion.

Barbara Ringuette said that she submitted a correction to Seth Copenhaver.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein

Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Treasurer) Move to approve November 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/November-2019-Monthly-ExpendituresReport.pdf>

Elaine Roark seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Treasurer) Move to approve December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/December-2019-Monthly-ExpendituresReport.pdf>

Jeremy Black seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

Ilanthe Zevos noted that there are two separate email renewals. What are they? Samantha Danner explained that there were two different emails via GoDaddy. We have a limit on daily purchases. They counted as two separate transactions. Renewal and an additional coverage. It's one company.

Jeremy Black commented that there was question last year about revamping the website. It would save money. Lena Kaderali said we looked into it but don't see any cost savings. Samantha Danner added that Christina, our web master, said there wasn't much to be saved.

Seth Copenhaver added that we have 40 free accounts so there is no money saved.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
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Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Treasurer) Move to discuss and ratify SLNC Inventory for submission to DONE and City Clerk

Lena Kaderali explained that there are 8 items on inventory. One HP is missing. We are seeking guidance from the City Clerk on whether to file report. We want to approve the inventory with that item noted. Seth Copenhagen and I have talked to prior Board members.

Barbara Ringuette noted that in the upper left-hand corner there is a typographical error about the date.

Nora Goudsmit seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhagen
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
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Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Treasurer) FY 2019-20 Year-to-Date Budget Analysis and Discussion

Lena Kaderali said that the Committee met in December. We receive \$42,500 per year plus \$2,000 that was rolled over unspent from the previous fiscal year.

At the moment, we have \$23,000 unallocated for the fiscal year ended in June. Only \$10,000 can be rolled over to next fiscal year. We should get the ball rolling sooner than later about funds for the community.

Sarah Ullman suggested an open call for NPGs. We could outreach around active organizations? Maybe we can run a process?

Lena Kaderali noted that we have \$15,000 allocated to CIPs (Community Improvement Projects).

Joanna Pawlowsky asked the money has to be spent by June? What if it's for an event after June? Lena Kaderali explained that there is some leeway.

Anthony Crump said we can recirculate information from the retreat about this.

Dulce Stein asked this also applies to arts events? Lena Kaderali said yes.

Nina Sorkin asked about the \$2,000 rollover? Is that for the portable libraries? Are they up? Anthony Crump said to have that conversation offline.

Seth Copenhaver said that calling for NPGs on the website is a great idea. Also, reach out to groups that you know. Ask SEHLA. Anthony Crump said to include it in the newsletter too.

Samantha Donner cautioned that NPGs must be open to anyone in the audience for events. Lena Kaderali made the motion.

It can be okay for schools. Anthony Crump commented that we've done things for schools. We must demonstrate that it serves Silver Lake residents.

9) Unfinished Business

a) (Sorkin) Discussion and Possible Action on submitting letters and/or a Community Impact Statements regarding vaping on behalf of Students Against Vaping - Youngsters Against Cancer. Community Impact Statement is in regard to Council File #1120 and Council File #1205. Letter(s) may be sent to the Los Angeles Unified School District, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and Superintendent Austin Beutner regarding the elimination of vaping by students on school campus.

Anthony Crump told Nina Sorkin that we need to hear an update from DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) representative Jackie Kim before we can address this issue. She will arrive later and then we can address this.

b) (Heather Carson/Crump) Discussion and possible action on a revised letter from the SLNC regarding amendments to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). Original motion and letter were presented by The Housing & Tenants Rights Committee and recommend that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send a letter to Council District 4 (Ryu) and Council District 13 (O'Farrell) asking them to amend the RSO by a) adding penalties when a landlord violates the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), and B) clarify the terms for at-fault eviction due to "periodic inspections" as it relates to the RSO.

Elaine Roark seconded.

Anthony Crump explained that this was discussed at last month's Board meeting. There are questions about language of the letter. Crump had volunteered to rewrite the letter.

Heather Carson said I didn't realize that you'd revised the letter. They are reading the letter now.

Crump read the letter to Council Members O'Farrell and Ryu:

The SLNC is requesting two changes to the RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance) to protect tenants from unlawful evictions and harassment by landlords. If a landlord receives letter from HCID ruling that their eviction notice is in violation of the RSO, there is no penalty for noncompliance. Landlords can continue with the eviction process and take tenants to court with no repercussions. This can cause extreme havoc in tenants' lives.

Tenants have little control over appearance dates, ongoing continued dates, with no ability to plan ahead. Tenants can incur thousands in lawyers' fees and lost wages while jeopardizing their job security with costly trips to and from court. Some tenants give up and move because of the disruption to their lives. Violations of RSO carry no penalties for landlords. However, the costs for tenants can be substantial. By contrast, the homeshare ordinance has a minimum \$500 per day to hosts for violations. If landlords or their agents were fined \$500 per day for the RSO after receiving a letter from HCID they might be incentivized to stop nuisance cases immediately.

Instead, landlords have no disincentives for violations and can drag nuisance cases for months at the expense of tenants. For this reason, we ask you to amend the RSO to include a penalty for noncompliance and violations of the RSO that are similar to the one contained in the new home sharing ordinance.

The RSO currently lists as a cause for eviction: the tenant has refused the landlord reasonable access to the unit for the purposes of inspection as required by lease or by law. However, inspections are actually quite limited under State law. Some landlords have been using a form that lists refusal of periodic inspections as grounds for eviction. However, periodic inspection is vague and not well defined in State law.

This allows landlords use of tenant's refusal for periodic inspection as a technique for unlawful search and harassment leading to eviction. This practice is ripe for abuse by landlords and can further residents towards eviction and homelessness. We ask that you please amend the RSO to accurately reflect the State law and clarify when tenants must provide landlords access and the basis for that access. Additional clarity will both empower residents and help them stay in their homes.

Sincerely,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

Heather Carson asked you were uncomfortable with the language? Crump said we were reluctant to add specific legal language. But, we wanted to capture the purpose and goals of what we're getting at. We started to tinker with language of the letter and it became problematic.

Heather Carson said the first one is fine and straightforward. In the second one, periodic inspections are not part of State law. It's a made-up term. Council Member O'Farrell wrote an emergency motion recent to

stop the training of this eviction technique. The real problem is that the Housing Department is vague about the law regarding the inspections. That terrorizes tenants and empowers landlords. That language has to be changed on the City's website. They can't just inspect because they feel like it.

Mark Duncan said that the landlord has to maintain the building so there have to be some inspections. Carson said that State law is very clear. They can enter for necessary or agreed upon repair. That's the law. Periodic inspection is not in the law.

She wants to change the language on the HCID (Housing and Community Investment Department) website with reasons why tenants must allow inspections. Most people aren't reading the RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance). Carson wants to clarify the RSO and place that information on the HCID website.

Mark Duncan said I'm pro maintenance. Jeremy Black pointed out a couple of typographical errors in Paragraph #1. Ben Cassorla said we should include the language of the State law. Anthony Crump commented that his husband, an attorney, believes that State law does allow inspections.

Heather Carson said they can enter for emergency, necessary or agreed repairs. She wants language that periodic inspection is not in the law and she wants this reflected on the HCID website. Sarah Ullman suggested adding that it's vague at best. Seth Copenhaver said we would send this to Council Members O'Farrell and Ryu. An accurate and confidential letter is great but if we look at the ask, that's what they will do.

Heather Carson said I included periodic inspections is because most landlords go to the Dennis Block law firm's website and print out an inspection form. It's a very specific ask. There is a Motion to amend, to make technical and language changes. Heather Carson said inspections are not in the law. Scott Gamzon asked can these be separate motions?

Anthony Crump noted that Jeremy Black made a motion to make grammatical changes and a have HCID update their website for clarity. Mark Duncan seconded the motion to amend.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
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No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

There is now a vote for a second amendment to change the language to state that periodic inspections is not in the law. *Jeremy Black seconded.*

VOTE for second amendment

8-8-1

FAILED

Back to the original letter with the first set of amendments.

VOTE for grammatical changes and for HCID to update their website.

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

6) Presentations -- REVISITED

b) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) updates and presentation (Jackie Kim)

- i) Students Against Vaping motion (1) Jackie's report on who the SLNC can submit a CIS to.
- ii. Creative Hour (1) (Dulce & Jackie) Jackie's report on whether or not we can set up a Creative Hour.

Jackie Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), (213) 978-1551, jackie.kim@lacity.org:

She sent an email to the Board last month regarding CIS' (Community Impact Statements). Neighborhood Councils are advisory under the City. All letters can only go to City entities, not to Metro, the County, State, unions, organizations, etc. The CIS' must refer to Council files.

Anthony Crump asked about Caltrans projects, we can't write to them? Jackie Kim said you can write to the Council Member about this.

Mark Duncan asked can we change that rule? Jackie Kim responded that that would require changing the charter. She can explore this. It would require a large change.

Anthony Crump noted that City agencies write to other entities all the time. Jackie Kim said some City departments, not under those rules and regulations. DONE can advise not to send a letter to non-City entity. Ultimately, they will make final decisions for themselves.

Regarding Creative Hour she said that she has been in contact. She does not have a full report. We're looking into it. She's not sure about that specific format. It says that DONE must work with all groups to support attendance. Jackie Kim said I totally agree with the spirit of this.

Anthony Crump said we will agendaize this again next month. Ben Cassorla asked has any other neighborhood council attempted this? Jackie Kim said she's looking at options. Maebe A. Girl said that DONE must overcome barriers to participation.

Jackie Kim said that regarding the hearing impaired, there is an interpretation fund for translation. You must use City approved vendors. Anthony Crump added that you also need 72 hours advance notice.

9) Unfinished Business

a) (Sorkin) Discussion and Possible Action on submitting letters and/or a Community Impact Statements regarding vaping on behalf of Students Against Vaping - Youngsters Against Cancer. Community Impact Statement is in regard to Council File #1120 and Council File #1205. Letter(s) may be sent to the Los Angeles Unified School District, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and Superintendent Austin Beutner regarding the elimination of vaping by students on school campus.

Barbara Ringuette seconded Nina Sorkin's motion.

Nina Sorkin thanked Scott Gamzon and Seth Copenhaver for their assistance.

There are three letters regarding vaping at Marshall High School. This is a problem in community and at schools. Lung cancer deaths have not declined while overall cancer rates have fallen.

She has written two letters. 19120 and 191205 for Council files for Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian, respectively. Anthony Crump said we would submit letters for the CIS', per DONE's recommendation.

Nora Goudsmit asked the letters here will be adapted to CIS'?

Nina Sorkin said that which is bolded is what she wrote. Youngers against cancer and a school project. She is not a member of these two organizations.

Scott Gamzon thanked Nina Sorkin for the CIS'. Maybe we should work with the students to create a program at Marshall? Have them approach us, he suggested.

Mark Duncan asked can't they just ban vaping on campus? An adult should be able to have strawberry tobacco if they want. Anthony Crump said that DONE advises that we not send letters to non-City entities. This is separate as LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District).

Samantha Danner asked can we clarify where the language of the motion comes from? Anthony Crump said it's part of the CIS statement.

Nora Goudsmit said they are grouped together. Will we vote for all of them? Anthony Crump said that DONE said to only submit CIS', not send letters. We didn't know that prior to this meeting.

Scott Gamzon said the CIS is a response to an actual Council motion. Anthony Crump said the Council file itself is not necessarily a motion. It can be a letter or report, not necessarily a motion. However, on the CIS form, the language is new. We would approve this if we want. The language at the bottom is the language that we would be adapting.

Nina Sorkin said there is a form that I received from Seth Copenhaver. There are sections to fill in blanks. She looked up the Council file to see what others had written. The first part is taken from the motion of the committee, the motions of city council committees.

Maebe A Girl said I agree that adults should be able to choose. Vaping is a huge problem among youth. Can we ban products for a certain age group? For nicotine and cannabis products, don't ban sales. That will adversely affect shops. There are economic considerations to discuss. She wants revisions for a prohibition for people under a certain age.

Samantha Danner said motion is not centered around cannibas products. The text as written can be improved by being more specific.

Sarah Ullman asked the reason that vaping is undesirable is because of specific? What's the difference between vaping and cigarette smoking? Anthony Crump explained about being under 21 and youth vaping. A very discrete activity that is very available to youth so is very easy to use. Vaping does not leave a smell. One company, Juul, has been accused of aggressively targeting youth, who aren't aware of the nicotine. Up to 50 deaths have been traced to one specific manufacturer.

Mark Duncan asked what we are voting on? We are no longer allowed to send a letter. Are we combining the letters? Anthony Crump said we'll submit a letter for 2 Council files. The topic is the same. We are voting on whether to submit 2 CIS'. Samantha Danner said they have no been voted on by City Council. Anthony Crump said we'll consider each CIS separately.

Crump read the 19-1120 CIS. Jeremy Black made a motion to amend, to make it specific to tobacco and nicotine. Samantha Danner noted that this council file refers to cannibas. Council file 19-1205 is more general, it does not specifically reference cannibas.

Samantha Danner read part of the CIS for 1120. Jeremy Black said the amendment says prohibit the sale of all cannibas, vaping products, and accessories.

Crump noted that Maebe A. Girl proposed looking at adult use. Jeremy Black suggested to include all cannibas vaping products. Crump said to prohibit sale of cannabis vaping products. Nora Goudsmit seconded.

Scott Gamzon noted that the impact statements are not with the correct files. Samantha Danner said the CIS refers to the correct Council file. Crump commented that Scott Gamzon suggests swapping content. Let's proceed with the proposed amendments. However, there is a concern about switching council file numbers.

Jeremy Black said to follow what Scott Gamzon said. Make an amendment to reflect the actual Council file that we are following. Prohibit the sale of all cannibas vaping products. Mark Duncan seconded.

Crump read the amended version. He said to have someone pen new language for the letters while the Board addresses other business. Maebe

A. Girl said I was thinking an age restriction should be 25. Jeremy Black volunteered to rewrite the language as the meeting continues.

c) (Co-Chair/Fox Robbins) Discussion and possible action to honor the late Dion Neutra.

Dulce Stein said we'll have a thing on the 19th. She wants to present a proposal for a master plan. She wants a sitting area within the Reservoir. He was a warrior for all of his life. Crump said we can take this up later when there is a more specific proposal.

d) (Maebe) LGTQBIA Alliance Letter - Discussion and possible action on the adoption of the letter drafted by the LGBTQIA Committee in support of establishing a city-wide LGBTQIA Alliance organized through the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Maebe A. Girl said there was no LGBTQIA Committee meeting in December so no letter has been drafted. *She wants to table this. Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

VOTE to table
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (Co-Chair/Crump) Discussion and Possible action on changing location of Regular SLNC Governing Board meetings

Crump said he wants to table this. We did receive correspondence with good feedback.

Maebe A. Girl made a motion to table. Ianthe Zevos seconded.

VOTE

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump

Nora Goudsmit

Lena Najarian Kaderali

Seth Copenhaver

Ianthe Zevos

Maebe A. Girl

Samantha Danner

Sarah Ullman

Scott Gamzon

Barbara Ringuette

Elaine Roark

Ben Cassorla

Imran Syed

Dulce Stein

Joanna Pawlowska

Mark Duncan

Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10) New Business

a) GPACC Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) (Sorkin) - Discussion and possible action on NPG Requesting \$1,000 from the SLNC for The Griffith Park Adult Community Club which will host its 11th Annual Spring Faire on May 16, 2020. Requested funds will support outreach efforts and equipment to be used at the event.

Nina Sorkin made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.

Nina Sorkin said that Stephanie is cochair of the event. We'll host the 11th annual spring fair on May 16. We invite you to be a sponsor. We will approach the Los Feliz, Elysian, Atwater Village and other neighborhood councils to seek financial support. It's open to everyone. Food is available.

Mark Duncan noted that you're seeking \$1,000 from the SLNC and \$500 from others? Nina Sorkin explained that we have the biggest group so we want more from the SLNC.

Sarah Ullman asked about opportunities and resources available. Nina Sorkin said Metro will be there along with the Department of Ageing. Stephanie added that there will be fire trucks, pet adoption groups. We want to attract the community to say who we are. We serve about 5 regions and adult community centers. We have a lot going on. We want the neighborhood to know that this is a place for people over 50.

In response to a question from Sarah Ullman about use of funds, Stephanie said that for outreach, to put on the event, we have to rent canopies, the space, (the Friendship Auditorium) and make banners and flyers. It will support and enrich activities of the center. Any remaining funds would go into that general fund.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman

Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Urban Design and Preservation) Discussion and possible action on Urban Design and Preservation Committee (UDP) recommendation that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send a letter to Council District 4 regarding changes to City's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy.

Joanna Pawlowska asked can we do Cameron's items first as we are low on time? Crump said we've got time.

Ilanthe Zevos explained the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) guidelines. It's to increase density along transit lines. There is to be 10% affordable housing among the new housing built. This is a request for the City to look at guidelines and consider the issue of right of return for displaced tenants. Silver Lake has mostly tier 1 projects (bus lines). This asks for more infrastructure improvements. We want to beef up transit. Samantha Danner seconded.

Crump noted that transit also applies to buses. Scott Gamzon said that two things in the letter give him pause. Regarding negative results, it is incorrect to say that there is a net negative in affordable housing. They must replace what they remove. (He's referring to the paragraph before the bullet points.) The letter is factually incorrect. The information about the percentages of affordable housing to be allocated is also incorrect.

Ilanthe Zevos said that we want to increase requirements for affordable housing. Maybe we need to go back and clarify this in the letter? Return it to the Urban Design and Preservation Committee? Mark Duncan said that Committee felt that this was time sensitive. These projects are coming.

Ben Cassorla commented on requiring updated infrastructure improvements. That would set the project back by years. With the housing shortage, that would be a net negative for the housing stock. Barbara Ringuette said the infrastructure upgrades do not have to come before the increase in housing stock.

Samantha Danner said that the net negative comment is accurate. She wants to emphasize the lack of affordable housing. Ianthe Zevos seeks a language clarification. It's really about urging the City for improvement. She wants everyone to send comments. She did not write the CIS. Crump asked do you want to proceed today or send this back to Committee?

Crump asked people whether they wanted to proceed with this agenda item. Board members indicated that they would not. *Jeremy Black made a motion to table. Elaine Roark seconded.*

VOTE to Table
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

c) (UDP) Discussion and possible action on Case Number ZA-2014-2764-CU-ZV-ZAA regarding 2220 W. Fargo St. The application recommended for approval is for the legal conversion of a previously built single family dwelling in the back of the property and a remodel and addition to the existing church building located at 2220 W. Fargo Street

Elaine Roark seconded.

Ianthe Zevos said its trying to bring this up to code and do new construction.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

d) (Transportation and Safety) The Transportation and Safety Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve a letter to LADOT (Bhuvan Bajaj, Transportation Engineer) in support of implementing turn restrictions onto Earl Street, as recently voted on and successfully petitioned by members of the affected community.

Cameron said this motion is actionable and immediate. This motion aims to make Earl Street one-way twice a day. The Department of Transportation (DOT) approved the mitigation effort. The street will be one-way in the morning and in the evening. Sarah Ullman seconded.

Barbara Ringuette asked what are the alternate routes? Cameron said we hope people use Glendale Boulevard. Elaine Roark asked what if we went with the flow of traffic? Cameron said the DOT also considered that.

Sarah Ullman said that it's hard to overstate the amount of diligence that went into this. This has been carefully thought out by the community and the committee. They've worked very hard on this over the past year.

Cameron said this would be on Glendale and Silver Lake Boulevard. No further studies are needed.

Jeremy Black asked how quickly can this be done? Do you have data on accidents last year. Cameron replied that our understanding is that this can be done by spring. Official statistics undercount.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
lanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed

Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

e) (Transportation and Safety) The Transportation and Safety Committee recommends that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve sending letters to LADOT (Seleta Reynolds, General Manager of LADOT) and to LAPD (Chief of Police Michel Moore) requesting enforcement of existing statutes (CA Vehicle Code 21211) via the citation of vehicles that block bike lanes and also requesting that officers refrain from stopping or parking in bike lanes unless for an emergency.

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Scott Gamzon said that Silver Lake bike lanes are often blocked. That creates a safety issue as you must divert into vehicular traffic. Drivers may not be expecting that. There have been similar letters since by other neighborhood councils. LAPD Chief Moore has responded positively.

Barbara Ringuette said that as budget advocate she thanks you.

Elaine Roark said this is wonderful. Look at sidewalks too. Samantha Danner said when there is blockage, there should be tickets. Mark Duncan added that film trucks should do the same thing.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Ilanthe Zevos
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner

Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Joanna Pawlowska
Mark Duncan
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9) Unfinished Business -- REVISITED

a) (Sorkin) Discussion and Possible Action on submitting letters and/or a Community Impact Statements regarding vaping on behalf of Students Against Vaping - Youngsters Against Cancer. Community Impact Statement is in regard to Council File #1120 and Council File #1205. Letter(s) may be sent to the Los Angeles Unified School District, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and Superintendent Austin Beutner regarding the elimination of vaping by students on school campus.

Jeremy Black said this slightly amends the council file language for 1120. He made a motion to amend the council file 1120. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Council File 19-1120

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support providing general comments for the vaping proposal because the threat to public health associated with vaping is real. Furthermore, the City should move to prohibit the sale of all cannabis-based vaping products and associated accessories used for vaping within the City of Los Angeles for one year and should continue until vaping has been determined safe for consumer use.

The Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on January 8, 2020, when the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a

vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact statement be filed reflecting this position.

Motion: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to instruct the Department of Cannabis Regulation to report on the activities of testing laboratories within Los Angeles and elsewhere in California as they relate to cannabis product safety and public health, and make recommendations for steps that the Council should take to compel the cannabis industry to remove all known threats to public health from cannabis vaping products.

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council further urges that, in response to the public health threat posed by vaping products and the rapid onset of lethal lung disease caused by vaping; the Council request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of all cannabis vaping products and associated accessories within the City of Los Angeles for one year, or until the Council affirmatively finds that particular cannabis vaping products have been determined safe for consumer use, whichever is earlier.

VOTE for amendments

12-0-5

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nora Goudsmit
Seth Copenhaver
Ianthe Zevos
Sarah Ullman
Scott Gamzon
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Joanna Pawlowsky
Samantha Danner

Lena Kaderali
Maebe A. Girl
Mark Duncan

VOTE for amended cis 1120
12-2-3
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Mark Duncan
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Roark
Dulce Stein
Barbara Ringuette
Ben Cassorla
Seth Copenhaver
Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Scott Gamzon
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

Samantha Danner
Maebe A. Girl

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump
Lena Kaderali
Joanna Pawlowska

Nora Goudsmit seconded the motion for Council file 1205.

VOTE
12-0-5
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Mark Duncan
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Roark
Dulce Stein
Barbara Ringuette
Seth Copenhaver

Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl
Scott Gamzon
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
Samantha Danner
Ben Cassorla
Anthony Crump
Lena Kaderali
Joanna Pawlowska

Council File 19-1205

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support providing general comments for the vaping proposal because the threat to public health associated with vaping is real. Furthermore, the City should move to prohibit the sale of all nicotine-based vaping products and associated accessories used for vaping within the City of Los Angeles for one year and should continue until vaping has been determined safe for consumer use by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA).

The Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on January 8, 2020, when the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact statement be filed reflecting this position.

Motion: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges that, in response to the public health threat posed by vaping devices and the rapid onset of lethal lung disease caused by vaping, that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of all e-cigarettes and nicotine-based vaping devices until such devices are determined to be safe by the FDA.

VOTE for amended motion for CIS 1205
11-2-4
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Mark Duncan
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Roark
Dulce Stein
Barbara Ringuette
Seth Copenhaver
Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Jeremy Black
Scott Gamzon
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

Samantha Danner
Anthony Crump

Present, Not Voting:

Ben Cassorla
Maebe A. Girl
Lena Kaderali
Joanna Pawlowska

5) Announcements/Updates -- REVISITED

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

She brought Council Member Ryu's annual report.

She mentioned the opening of the Griffith Park line shuttles. They operate from noon to 10pm. They connect to the Metro and the DASH and the observatory.

The City is now decriminalized street vending. You must now apply for a permit. You will need a California sales permit and a health permit. You can report on 311 if there is no permit.

She said that the Homeless Count is coming up. There will be a Master Plan community workshop that same night.

We have a clean team. Email her the location and issue.

Samantha Danner asked is there ticketing for street vending? Rachel Fox said there is a grace period until July and also lower fees. We're trying to get people to comply.

Crump said we can email each other with questions regarding the agenda.

12) Adjournment*

The meeting ended at 10:12pm.