

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
GOVERNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Final Minutes  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
7:00p.m.  
Ivanhoe Elementary School  
2828 Herkimer Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:03 pm with 19 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  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Scott Gamzon  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark (left early)  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Lorraine Getz (left early)  
Tina Lin  
Mark Duncan (left early)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Joanna Pawlowska  
Jeremy Black

3) Welcome and rules for action on agenda items

a) The SLNC will be serving milk and cookies from our local Silver Lake Girl Scouts

Nicolas Fox-Robbins welcomed the audience. He said that “together we are creating a safe space for our neighbors to come together and tackle challenges facing our community, to resolve disputes among us, as well as to celebrate the diversity, passion, creativity, and ingenuity that exists within Silver Lake. I’d like to thank and honor the public you, for attending this meeting and for participating in committees and engaging in local governance. We are here to serve you. As there are diverse opinions about a range of issues that are important to and affect all of us, I would like to honor everyone present for the respect you have shown and will continue to show one another, to the members of this council, and to guests who come to present here, even if, and especially when you disagree with them. I’d like to thank the members of this council who volunteer their time to take leadership positions in their community and, to the best of their abilities, represent the Silver Lake community and seek to improve it. I would like to challenge every person in this room to do two things: first, when you come into this room, 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 when we have bridges and not 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 neighborhood council meeting. The more community members we involve in this process, the greater impact we will have. It is our responsibility, those in this room who are familiar with the neighborhood council process, to include and invite those who are less familiar with it to become active participants in their own local government.”

4) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Carolyn Perez Travo, a member of the Ivanhoe Girl Scout Troup:*

She said thank you for buying cookies for your meeting. There was applause.

A Girl Scout representative explained that part of this funding goes to the Yes We Can Foundation that builds classrooms from school buses.

We are taking orders now for girl scout cookies, said another Girl Scout representative.

*Aurora, Alison and Evelyn, Girl Scouts of Greater LA:*

The three Girl Scouts from Troop 12545 said we need to have a trash talk about their “Make Silver Lake Sparkle” project in Silver Lake. They will host a February 16 clean up near the Silver Lake Recreation Center that begins at 9am. Garbage has a negative effect on our local ecosystem. They have fliers. You’ll receive a tote bag if you participate. We focus on the pollution in our neighborhood, they explained.

*Baskin:*

He said that he’s lived on Waverly Drive for over 25 years. I didn’t know about this meeting. How do I find out about these meetings? He learned about this through LAPD Officer Henderson.

He discussed Road Diet on Rowena. It’s created back up around Hyperion. Frustrated drivers are taking side streets. Waverly has become like a freeway. People are driving at speeds at up to 60 miles per hour and ignoring stop signs. I see the children. They are in danger.

I went to the Los Angeles Police Department’s (LAPD) Northeast Division but they said it’s not their responsibility. Officer Henderson has been doing a great job. I want a motor cycle officer there to be visible. I’m worried about kids. Two years ago there was a big meeting with Council Member David Ryu. 25 homeowners spoke against road diet. Council Member Ryu said he would do something about it but I don’t see anything.

*Hugh Kenny:*

At the last Reservoir workshop, I joined a moderated discussion group. To my surprise, they agreed with me that nature should prevail and scorned the idea of a nature education center. But, as I learned walking out of the session and talking with some of the speakers, lots of powerful people want this to happen, including powerful people at the DWP (Department of Water and Power). This is all proforma due diligence. We were fooled again.

*Paul Bowers, Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC), Chair of the Public Safety, Public Works, Parks, and Sustainability Committee for the EPNC:*

I want to hear about Sunset For All. My friend who spoke earlier said he wasn’t aware of the neighborhood council system. This is a problem that questions the entire legitimacy of DONE. Technology and access are at risk.

He expressed concern about bridge on Reservoir Street behind the Taix restaurant. This is under the street dugout. If a heavy truck comes, the people living underneath there will be squished.

I hope our outreach in the future will get better. For Sunset For All, make bike lanes available for everyone, including people in wheel chairs and seniors, growing segments of the population.

Please tune in to what's behind Taix's restaurant. Dug out dirt has come out. Sidewalks have collapsed. Drains are clogged. It's unnecessarily dirty at Sunset and Glendale.

*Chris Tyler:*

He said that he lives and works in Silver Lake. Earlier today I stood with long time Silver Lake residents William Schindler and Craig Blackburn and other members of the LA Tenant's Union against fraudulent evictions. The two men are members of Silver Lake's LGBTQ community and this troubles me to the core. The Doctor, a much younger gay man with children, is an unscrupulous landlord. This is his second attempt to evict them, two elderly gay men living with AIDS. This is about greed. The Doctor is deeply lacking in compassion. As rent stabilized tenants in good standing for over 20 years, Schindler and Blackburn pay below market rate. While this case has no legal standing, this is all having an adverse effect on two elderly members of the community. We stand with them against behavior that prioritizes profit over our own people.

*Arturo Gonzalez, Wheels:*

Under the DOT (Department of Transportation) program we are one of 8 eScooter providers. We are the only one with a helmet attached. We have invested in safety. It's a new unit. We just rolled it out. We are also deployed now in Silver Lake. He thanked Council Member Mitch O'Farrell for ensuring that eScooter operators follow safety guidelines. The community needs to understand what's going on.

*David Wheatley, Urban Design and Preservation Committee Member:*

He said that he's a resident. He really liked the character of the neighborhood when he arrived. This is changing rapidly. He asked if the neighborhood council can do more to protect the character of the neighborhood. Laws allow developers to come in and build whatever they want. It's destroying the neighborhood. I hope we can set up a committee that is adamantly opposed to these developments.

He said that he's on the Urban Design and Preservation Committee but we only deal with exceptions. It does little or nothing because units are so expensive.

We don't need to provide this much housing. Future people won't want these structures next to their homes.

By Rights stuff is a torrent coming into our neighborhood. He wants to protect against these incursions.

*Officer Henderson, Central Traffic Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), (213) 833-3745, [33729@lapd.online](mailto:33729@lapd.online).*

He said that he normally does a long presentation, not just for two minutes. If you have a traffic-related problem call him. He's responsible for the entire Northeast area. He's here for traffic safety. Preventing accidents comes down to 3 C's: Courtesy; Common Sense; and Caution.

Anthony Crump said we'd be happy to have you return to offer a longer presentation in the future. He added that because of time constraints, we will move immediately to agenda item 6a, a special presentation by City Council Member Mitch O'Farrell of Council District 13.

## 6) Presentations

### a) Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell - 20 minutes (Presentation and Q&A)

*City Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13):*

Speaking to Paul Bowers, he said that Engineering went out there. They will give us a report. The Fire Department will also visit the site near Sunset and Glendale. We need to look at the safety risk due to trenching. Repairs will be made.

Speaking to the audience as a whole, he said we had a really great celebration dedicating the Red Car Bridge that connects Atwater Village to Silver Lake. It's a great new community benefit that was 16 years in the making. Several more bridges are coming in CD13 in the coming years. If you enjoy the river environment, check it out. It's very elegant.

He spoke about the Silver Lake Master Plan process. He thanked Board Members Nicolas Fox-Robbins and Sarah Ullman who represented the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) on a focus group to provide updates on the Master Plan. There will be spring gatherings. There is a feedback deadline of February 13 for the online survey at the [cd13.lacity.org](http://cd13.lacity.org) website.

There are several more steps. There is plenty of time for feedback and crafting a final Master Plan. Without a Master Plan in hand, we cannot go for grant funding. Those meetings have about 300 people on average in attendance.

He thanked Sargent Henderson and Lt. Garnet who will soon discuss a LAPD pedestrian safety plan. We're all on board for pedestrian safety. That is his top transit priority in CD13. He wants signalized cross walks near schools. He wants to encourage more pedestrian circulation.

He thanked his Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez for her work with the Silver Lake Recreation Center. The sidewalks there need improvement. It's finally happening. It's part of the safe sidewalks plan that we funded via City Council.

Regarding homelessness, he said that he chairs that committee on the City Council. They discussed Renters Assistance for seniors on the verge of homelessness today. They studied Santa Monica they created an ordinance that we're looking at. About 250,000 seniors are at risk of eviction in Los Angeles. They are one paycheck or illness away from homelessness. There are thousands of baby boomers are retiring daily with no savings and only living on Social Security. This could become another housing crisis.

St. Vincent Hospital, at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Alvarado, is closing. A Judgment was rendered last month that allowed the hospital to close and go to auction. Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis (First District) and I are working feverishly to get acquisition of that site. The hospital has no seismic issue, 366 beds, and a separate medical building. This could all become permanent housing.

Next door, we are working on a huge site for permanent housing. It's going to be a big ask. Do it sooner so it doesn't close and get fenced off. That location is at an epicenter of the homeless crisis. How can the neighborhood council support this? We've received hundreds of letters of support. It will take all of us really pushing and writing. The owner of the Los Angeles Times is the creditor. Let him know. It's 10 acres of space that we can repurpose right away.

Questions and Answers:

A Woman thanked him for the sidewalks and bridges. She said we must get aggressive. About 1,700 rent-controlled units were under threat in 2019. Are you supporting Council Member Ryu's motion to reform the

Ellis Act? It is a priority for you. There are renters here who are being faced with eviction. We need you to support Ryu. Tomorrow let's get rid of the Ellis Act.

O'Farrell said he had a handful of Ellis Act reforms introduced before David Ryu became a Council Member. He's going to Sacramento for the 4<sup>th</sup> time soon to discuss this. On Tuesday he's making a presentation there on homelessness and the housing prevention bill. The focus is on additional resources for the homeless in Los Angeles. We have one-fourth of the State's homeless population.

He is pushing Sacramento to reform the Ellis Act. Don't worry about City Council. The State Assembly and Senate need to act. We've met resistance. We have the motions. I work with levers that I'm able to pull. We need further assistance from the State.

A Woman said that in Echo Park you sent the LAPD to clean out the homeless. We were waiting for you. You didn't show up. O'Farrell said I've never sent the LAPD to Echo Park to clean up. There are regular posted service dates. We got a request from an email address with stories of people experiencing homelessness at Echo Park Lake. We wanted to set up a meeting to get them services and a pathway to supported housing. We are in business of assisting people directly, case by case.

A Man asked how much does the hospital owe? O'Farrell said estimates are all over the map, up to \$200 million but we need an appraisal.

David Wheatley asked what can you do against by right development? O'Farrell replied that these are often small lot subdivisions. To stop them in the future would require a zoning change. That's a fraught proposition. There is a tendency to increase zoning. In my office if someone applies for change we almost never agree to it. If a developer comes to us with affordable housing in a project, then we can have a conversation. We don't approve projects without robust community input. The community speaks with a strong voice.

We focus on permanent supported housing and affordable housing. He mentioned a 120-unit 100% covered project above the Metro station at Beverly and Vermont that he's excited about. There are also hundreds of units that are coming that are also on Beverly that are not going through Measure HHH. So, there is lots of exciting news coming.

Covenanted Affordable Housing is when someone can build units that are very low income or moderate income. If you have \$30,000 salary, rent won't be more than 30% of that. We have units that are pegged at that very low income level by the thousands.

We have to balance things in our approach to housing production and the consequences of saying no. Those projects will be built somewhere. We have to balance all of our decisions with that in mind. What can we do locally that can positively impact global warming? The more walkable we are the more we can accept housing. He wants vibrant mixed neighborhoods. In CD13 we don't have many super wealthy neighborhoods. We have a lot of mixed income areas.

A Man said we have 230 vacant units. That's 3 times our homeless. We don't need development. We need houses that can have people living inside of them. When I first met Council Member O'Farrell, he was against the Gang Injunction. Now he's changed his mind on that and other issues. So, I'm doubting most of what you're saying tonight. Are you against the Ellis Act moratorium regarding TIC conversion? (Tenants Incallment Process)

O'Farrell replied that he's introduced motions against this. Buildings under rent control are being purchased under the tenants' feet. Companies form LLCs and purchase a rent stabilized ordinance building and sell it for a big profit and invoke the Ellis Act and evict everyone.

He would support a moratorium on the Ellis Act. A motion introduced will inform us on what tools we have to address the TIC process, the purchase of buildings in need of maintenance. I'm very aware that in CD13, 82% of residents are renters. I want people to stay in their homes and become homeowners. It's a State law.

The Man wanted to discuss the eviction of an employee at Micheltorena Elementary. Anthony Crump informed him that this is not the place to discuss this. There is only one question per person. Some stakeholders wanted him to continue speaking. The Man said there is a reason why I'm being shut down. This place isn't where things change.

O'Farrell offered a shout out to his deputies Marisol Rodriguez and Mary Rodriguez. They've visited several buildings where TICs were invoked. No other council office does that. We've helped people file cases with HCID (Housing and Community Investment Department) and stay in their homes longer.

Maebe A. Girl said thanks for attending the meeting. I appreciate all that your Office does for our community. Regarding homelessness, why did you support ordinances that make it illegal for people to sleep in their cars?

O'Farrell answered that that ordinance is not in place anymore. We must find the balance, providing safe parking sites. One opens tonight at the Edendale branch library in Echo Park. In sensitive areas, it's not a good idea to encourage people to live in cars (ie schools, libraries, etc.). I do not believe in criminalizing homelessness. We need some form of regulation.

When we got reports back, DOT said that this ordinance would not have resulted in people living in cars being towed. It's about managing.

Lorraine Getz said that she's interacting with local businesses. They are being evicted. They have no protection. The landscape and culture of Silver Lake are changing dramatically. They feel powerless. What can be done?

O'Farrell said I hate what's happening at Sunset Junction. It's a pride and joy as a commercial district. When we heard that a real estate transaction had taken place, we dispatched Building and Safety Inspectors last week. There were some modifications to a store front related to tile work. We want Building and Safety to lean in about this. He dropped a motion. There is no rent stabilization for commercial properties. That would be a State action.

We reached out to the new building owner to see what their plans are. We don't support demolition. It's a tough spot. We keep pressuring new owners. We want them to come to the Silver Lake Urban Design and Preservation Committee.

Think about what the State can do in terms of land use regulation for commercial properties. We support mom and pop businesses. You can't build businesses with a one-year lease. We want to develop workshops for potential business owners to negotiate better leases. They don't know what to ask for. Real estate prices drive them out. Think about how our office can help.

Anthony Crump thanked Council Member O'Farrell for coming. He was supposed to leave 25 minutes ago but he stayed and took more questions. There was applause.

## 5) Announcements/Updates

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

Council Member David Ryu wants nominations for Women's History Month in March, wonderful women that you know who live in the 4th District. You can nominate them on our website.

The LA County Registrar just came out with voting center locations. This is very exciting! The majority of them will open in February.

The bridge housing project on Riverside Drive with 100 beds will break ground in March. Regarding the second Riverside Drive bridge housing site with 80 beds for families, we hope to sign that lease soon. Construction will take 4-6 months.

March 26 will be the next Homeless Connect Day at the Friendship Auditorium. That's now being planned. We need volunteers. It will happen from about 10am to 2pm. Services will be available such as UCLA Vision and the opportunity to acquire California Identity cards and food.

She mentioned the 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Silver Lake Soccer Invitational at Marshall High School. We'll be there. The event supports 4 elementary schools in the neighborhood. That will happen Saturday from 11am to 6pm. Maebe A. Girl asked how can volunteers sign up? Rachel Fox said to get in touch with her directly.

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

She said that Census Liaisons are hosting trainings all around Los Angeles this month. You can attend even if you're not the liaison. They will happen in Koreatown, Lincoln Heights, and Northeast LA next week.

There is In Person training for funding policies. The City Clerk will have one Tuesday at City Hall.

Regarding your proposed child care project, we are talking to the City Attorney and the City Clerk. We spoke to Dulce Stein about it this week. You can file CIS' about this. They are looking into a citywide movement about this.

Finally, she said that BONC (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) is finalizing proposals for removals and leadership training. There were a couple of holds placed on the Silver Lake bylaws from last year.

Anthony Crump spoke about submissions about agendas. We need to be flexible but draft items should be submitted 11 days before Board meetings. Final items submit 7 days before Board meetings. So, send us the draft early. Make sure items are complete.

Ilanthe Zevos asked what about unfinished business from previous agendas? Anthony Crump said that does not apply.

Regarding absences, Anthony Crump said that after 3 missed meetings, people may be subject to removal after 4<sup>th</sup> absence.

We are required to do a semi-annual goals meeting to give us some direction. The format has not been established. We have to do that at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Scott Gamzon spoke about region 6 stakeholders. I reached out to Rachel Fox regarding lighting replaced, street lighting rewiring. He expressed concern that the Bureau of Street Lighting will repair with concrete. He also expressed concern about the sidewalk around Glendale and Rowena. The Bureau of Engineering is looking at this. Hopefully it will be in the budget for the next financial year.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins announced that the Silver Lake Litter League will meet on Sunday, from 9am to 11am for a community trash pick-up.

#### 6) Presentations -- REVISITED

b) Sunset 4 All - 20 minutes (Presentation and Q&A)

#### 10) New Business

b) (Transpo and Safety) Discussion and possible action to approve sending letters to CD 13 (Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell) and LADOT (Seleta Reynolds, General Manager of LADOT) in support of the Sunset4All proposal which would add bidirectional protected bike lanes to one side of Sunset Blvd.

Scott Gamzon is recusing himself. He serves on the Board of Neighborhoods United For Safe Streets. He said the City Attorney advised him to recuse himself to avoid even the hint of a conflict of interest.

Can the Board combine agenda items 6b and 10b?

Dulce Stein said she provides the space where that group meets. I don't attend the meetings though. Should I recuse myself? Anthony Crump said we don't have the authority to advise you about this. When you recuse yourself, you need to leave the room and not participate in debate.

*Terrence Houston, Sunset4All:*

The group represents over 700 residents and businesses. They want a safer more sustainable Sunset Boulevard. Sunset Boulevard is our main street. Route 66 ended near the pier in Santa Monica. This is a bi-directional bike lane in Santa Monica near the pier.

Sunset Boulevard is dangerous. There have been about 1,000 injuries on Sunset Boulevard near Dodger Stadium over last decade. Restaurant staff are trained like EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians).

We want bi-directional bike lanes like in Santa Monica. We're not removing any travel or parking lanes, just putting bike lanes on same side of street. We want to connect 100,000 local residents to the subway. While the City lacks funds, the State has money.

How does moving bike lanes make Sunset safer? Networks of protected bike lanes average 44% fewer traffic injuries. A Safe Routes To Schools Partnership says protected bike lanes improve safety for all road uses, including drivers. It will be a game changer and we are honored to support it. We don't want to force people into their cars. 47% of trips in Los Angeles are less than 3 miles.

Let the community decide about removing a traffic lane on Santa Monica Boulevard. The City Plan would reduce parking. Our plan would not. Only 25-65 parking spots would be lost. He mentioned Mar Vista's success with bike lanes and increased pedestrians.

He showed video of Indianapolis, Indiana. They have a cultural trail. We can have one highlighting Hollywood and architectural and gay rights locations and our diversity.

This is also a question of equity regarding hit and run accidents. Most bikers for work are laborers earning less than \$10,000 per year. This will cause higher rates of physical activities to access vital services safely. The project would be 2.7 miles with a loss of 25-65 parking spaces, and it would fight climate change.

Questions & Answers:

*Elan Mordock, a developer:*

He said I've been here before. Projects approved.  
He said he became aware of this proposal a few months ago. I've been doing lots of outreach. It's a fantastic idea.

Terrence Houston said we must add 3 feet of buffer. Elan Mordock mentioned minimum requisite use. There's no slack. Where are you getting dimensions for the buffer? The after picture shows no loss of functionality. Where is the buffer lane coming from? Terrence Houston said it's 8 feet plus a 3-foot buffer proposed. We need one extra foot. He mentioned Tool Design and said that many of their engineers live in CD13. They did pro bono work and agreed that this can work.

*Another Man:*

He asked about intersections. There is the problem of people turning right. Dutch junctions are a solution. Terrence Houston said a meeting like this shows to the City that we support this. Then the City does drawings and contracts. This will be driven by the City. We're just building support

*Charlie:*

He asked do any Board members oppose this?

Barbara Ringuette asked can you refer us to the City proposal? She expressed concern about residential areas near Sunset. A major problem is finding street parking. Where are we losing parking spaces? How will they be replaced?

Terrence Houston said the biggest problem is the people being killed. To address parking, we want to meter one spot on every side street. We have identified streets for angled parking. At the end of the day 25 to 65 parking spaces will be lost.

Anthony Crump asked the Board if the presentation can be extended by 4 minutes. There was no objection.

Ilanthe Zevos asked what has been the response from local business? Terrence Houston said we have done outreach. Overwhelmingly, it's

been positive. There is some concern about lost parking. Ciclavia is training our team.

Seth Copenhaver said the sooner you get more people biking, you'll have fewer people driving. Terrence Houston said if you look at census tracts near Sunset Boulevard, you'll see about 100,000 people.

Mark Duncan asked if the State will fund this. What is their timeline? A female representative of Sunset For All said Caltrans opens for funding every year or other year. They are looking for ready to go projects that have community support. There is open application now. We need to do due diligence first. We will probably apply next year. Funding is available the year after.

Sarah Ullman said that she is a big supporter. She said that she is curious about support from CD13? The statistics about injuries and deaths are compelling. Her friend was severely injured. She would bike if she didn't feel so scared. How can we support you?

Terrence Houston said that Council Member O'Farrell is very enthusiastic about it. He wants to make sure that the community is informed and that this is a community vision.

Samantha Danner asked is there an implementation plan yet? A time frame? Terrence Houston said I can't answer that. It's a multi-year process.

Maebe A. Girl said this is incredible. She loved cycling in Chicago. It's too scary to bike in Los Angeles.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins asked about the width of the streets.

Anthony Crump said that he wants to move to agenda item 10.b which is related. There is a request from a community member to push this item because of issues from the Transportation Committee meeting in December. The objection was that the meeting may not have been properly noticed. There was no outreach and no public there. The presentation was at one meeting. The motion was at another meeting.

*Sean Meredith:*

He said that he commutes by bike. Bike lanes are not safe. Cars are too fast. The parking crunch limits business growth. Safe transit from a to b should be a priority for our City.

*Nic Riker:*

He rides on library rides down Sunset. Kids want to join but it's too dangerous. You can't outsmart a distracted driver.

*Anne:*

She said that she is a resident who bikes all the time. It's a safer way to get to the train. Riding on Sunset is absolutely terrifying.

*Gina Kospy:*

She said that she supports the project. She commutes by bike and public transit. Many people commute daily.

*Josh Cohen, personal injury attorney:*

He said that he bikes to work. He's represented several bikers and pedestrians in this area. We filed a claim against the City. A client was struck by car door and damaged her hands. She's a graphic designer. She had to move. Someone was rear ended. There have been several hit and runs. Protected bike lanes save cyclists' lives. This is great. This is valuable opportunity to make a bustling neighborhood even better.

*Debbie Slater, Transportation Committee member.*

Sunset For All wanted to share the concept. She wants the Board to think about this and get more community input before fully supporting this project.

*Neal Stokes:*

He said this is an amazing idea. It will save lives.

*Karen Draper:*

She said that she supports the motion. She rides on Sunset Boulevard. It's very serious. With climate change we need more transportation options.

*Derrick:*

He said that he drives and bikes. He lives in Echo Park. This is a great chance. I hope you can support it.

*Avy:*

He said that he is a homeowner in CD13. I feel very connected to this area. A year ago I was hit by a car while biking to work. It took 4 months to recover. I stopped biking. I joined friends to say we can do better for our community and streets. I drive and bike and walk. We can do better. This can be a great compromise.

*Andrew Warner:*

He said that he is a homeowner. His son is 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Ivanhoe. He bikes to work near LAMCA. He's learned how awful streets are and how dangerous roads are. Protected bike lanes are a great start to making safer ride. Potholes and cracks in road are a hazard.

*Julie:*

She said that she is a homeowner in CD13. She bikes to work. It's not safe to ride on Sunset. I feel unsafe walking along Sunset and attempting to cross the street. We need more drastic change. Stop giving space to cars. Their day is done. She cited San Francisco and New York as examples.

*Zack Bayley:*

He said that he bikes to the reservoir on Sunday mornings. People are really onboard about this.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins commented that we received 56 emails of support today and one against this.

*Hunter Ballingstroum:*

He said that he lives in the Miracle Mile area. He's car free. He rides along Sunset every Sunday to feed the homeless. These protected bike lands would help a lot.

*A Man:*

He said that he is a former Silver Lake resident. He's spent many years biking to the Metro Red Line commuter train. Near Sunset Junction it's

pretty awful. We can think bigger. We need to reduce greenhouse gases (e.g. cars.) He wants to extend he proposed lanes to Vermont.

*Paul Bowers:*

He said that as cochair of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee, I support bike lanes. Bi-directional lanes are not the only option we should consider. He encourages other options

*Barbara Ringuette:*

I'd really like to see what the city plan is. I'd like to see where the lost parking spaces are. Our businesses depend on parking spaces. We need mitigation for parking.

Tina Howe asked what kind of organization is Sunset For All? Terrence Houston said that CD13 would be the lead.

Anthony Crump commended Sunset For All for addressing this. There is a concern about businesses. Limiting parking hurts businesses. There is also concern about a lack of outreach to businesses. It's a great project. He said that he wants to see all stakeholders engaged in this conversation.

*Sarah Ullman:*

She cited studies which show such a significant decrease in death and injury. Is the City concerned about liability issues regarding not proceeding with this. Road diet cost \$9 million in Mar Vista.

We started suing the city. You know this protects lives and someone got hurt or killed so we are suing you. At some point, someone in City will say we can't be concerned about losses all the time.

*Ben Cassorla*

He said that he bikes daily on Sunset. He supports this. He shares the Board's concerns about local businesses. Hopefully the neighborhood council can stay concerned. This will do wonders for our community.

Mark Duncan asked what is the total cost of this project? What if the State won't fund it? Terrence Houston said that it will cost millions, maybe \$10 million. This will require bike signals. NY State can fund this.

Paul Emmons, Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee. When the City wants outreach, they want 62% buy in. They aim for 2/3s or better in favor of it.

*Sarah Ullman seconded the motion.*

**VOTE for 10b**  
**16-0-1-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Barbara Ringuette

Recusals:

Scott Gamzon

8) Administrative:

a) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting of the SLNC Governing Board [NOTE: draft minutes found here: <https://silverlakenc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/01/SLNC-January-8th-Governing-Board-Minutes-Draft-Version1.pdf>]

*Paul Emmons made the motion. Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

Sarah Ullman wanted a change on page 27.

A Woman corrected a phrase to “sober living” from “silver living”

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

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Treasurer) Move to approve January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Hard copy provided)

*Lena Kaderali made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.*

She said that there is about \$32,000 available.

**VOTE**  
**16-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
lanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9) Unfinished Business

a) (Green Committee - lanthe) Discussion and Possible Action on accepting text of letter to Bureau of Street Services regarding the process of tree removal.

*Nicolas Fox-Robbins said we need some revisions on the text. lanthe Zevos said we didn't have the letter drafted last board meeting, now we do. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins

Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Green Committee - Wingler) Discussion and possible action on approving funding from the Outreach budget of up to \$500 to provide educational materials, seed and plant samples, temporary insurance coverage, and information about the importance of California native plants for the Monarch butterfly art installation opening event, February 29, 2020..

John Wingler said we're taking advantage of the art project that you approved. On Feb 29 we want to tell people about the plight of the monarch butterfly, whose population has plunged. We'll give out 144 packets of native milkweed. The butterflies thrive on milkweed. We need insurance for the event. That's about \$212 of the \$500 that we are seeking.

Lena Kaderali asked this is replacing a prior motion? Wingler said yes.

**VOTE**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit

Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
Ianthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

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

We will address this agenda item next month.

10) New Business

a) (Chair) Discussion and possible action to join the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council in hosting a CD4 candidate debate on Sunday, February 16th.

*Paul Emmons seconded.*

Nora Goudsmit asked what does this mean to join? Nicolas Fox-Robbins said it's about promoting and putting forth support.

Anthony Crump said that Dan McNamara, Vice Chair for Administration of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council invited us to be a sponsor of the Candidates' Forum. Others neighborhood councils will join in with financial commitment, outreach, etc. It will not endorse any candidate.

The event will happen at Marshall High School. National Public Radio affiliate KPCC will moderate. The League of Women Voters will be involved.

A Woman asked where will this be? Marshall High School was the answer. The event will feature 3 candidates. It can only be negative to not participate.

Samantha Danner commented that all CD4 neighborhood councils are participating. Her goal will be to become part of alliances. No financial support is required.

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Chair) Dynamic Girls Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) - Discussion and possible action on NPG Requesting \$10,000 from the SLNC for Dynamic Girls. Requested funds will purchase “much needed classroom supplies and user licenses for 2020 high school classroom initiatives and supply TAP cards for high school students participating in off-site internships,

Dynamic Girls is not here.

*Paul Emmons made a motion to table.*

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

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Chair) Rise Education Fund - Discussion and possible action on NPG request of \$1,500 to provide emergency grants to Los Angeles City College students who live in Silverlake or are otherwise members of the Silverlake community.

*Maebe A. Girl seconded.*

Max, cofounder of Rise, said that we represent more than 30,000 community college students around the country. Students experiencing food or housing insecurity. This makes the difference about whether students can attend school if they are experiencing extreme hardship.

Maebe A. Girl asked would this go to your general fund or go to students?  
Max replied that it would go to local students.

Nora Goudsmit asked how many students would this help? Max said at least 3. The funds are capped at \$500 each. We are seeking corporate sponsors.

A woman asked why only ask for \$1,500? Max said this is a pilot program for us to get started.

Barbara Ringuette asked can you tell us more about your organization? How do you determine who gets funding?

Max said we launched in 2017. He worked for President Obama. There is no home organization to advocate for college affordability. He attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley. We led campaigns to prevent tuition hikes. The programs are on a first come, first serve basis. You must live in Silver Lake.

Ilanthe Zevos said that she is excited to see this on our agenda. How do you determine whether someone lives in Silver Lake? Max said they tell us where they live.

Ben Cassorla asked this is a pilot program? It's a pilot for Los Angeles or nationally? Are you approaching other neighborhood councils?

Max said this is not the first time we awarded funds. We awarded funds to 200 students in California. This is a new area of programs. Often these emergency programs are structured as loans. In the past, we've had a tremendous amount of success. This would build on \$100,000 donation that we received.

Samantha Danner asked about a timeline for delivering funds to students. Max said as fast as possible, within 48 hours.

Sarah Ullman has recused herself.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver

Ilanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Recusals:

Sarah Ullman

Ben Cassorla asked can you come back in a couple of months to report on the success of this. Max said yes.

e) (Housing & Tenant Rights) Discussion and possible action to approve CIS in support of Council File 19-1127: Ellis Act / Right-of-Refusal / Purchase Apartment Buildings / Property

*Samantha Danner seconded.*

Samantha Danner said that Jane, of the Tenants' Rights Committee, had to leave earlier. She presented a revised CIS (Community Impact Statement). We haven't all looked at it. Can we consider a revised version to speed up the process? There are substantial changes. There is a time sensitivity for ongoing Ellis Act actions.

Nicolas Fox-Robbins said that it might be best to table this.

Scott Gamzon asked what is the timetable for City Council action.

Samantha Danner said this was introduced last year. It's under ongoing discussion. She guesses that it is not imminent.

Tina Howe commented that according to the LA Times, it's going to the Housing Committee. It could be there awhile. Seth Copenhaver said it was introduced in September. I think we have time.

Samantha Danner read the beginning of the Ellis Act CIS. The issue is the potential for abuse. Developers want to evict entire buildings and rebuild without consideration for those evicted.

*Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**15-1-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
lanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

Paul Emmons

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (LGTBQIA) Discussion and possible action to support a Silver Lake LGBTQIA Pride event in 2020.

Maebe A. Girl said this supports a concept. The event will be sometime in 2020. Details are not pinned down yet. The idea is to have a Silver Lake Pride event, perhaps at the Triangle Plaza. It would probably occur after Labor Day. We are in talks with Genelle LeVin, President of the

Silver Lake Improvement Association. We must figure out insurance. The Pride event would happen on a weekend, from afternoon to every evening. There would be food, drink, entertainment and HIV testing. It would be an honor to have such an event in Silver Lake.

*Dulce Stein seconded.*

A Woman said I support it.

Seth Copenhagen said the Outreach Committee met last week. This was an item that came up as something we want to do in 2020.

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Seth Copenhaver  
lanthe Zevos  
Maebe A. Girl  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Ben Cassorla  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Scott Gamzon

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

7) Committee Reports

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

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said that several of us attended the Sustainability Alliance Workshop on the Green New Deal. We would love to think about how to work on this via the neighborhood council structure. There are lots of different elements of the plan. We want to get this on your radar.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said there would be a March white paper. It will be about 150 pages, that's bigger than before. We'll meet with the Mayor later this month. She wants ideas of what to discuss.

White Paper distribution will be by drives and via email. We'll also do a dramatic presentation of the white paper book to the cochairs.

CD13 Alliance: Samantha Danner said we discussed cis'.

Homeless Committee: We did not meet but had a full house at the homeless count.

Tenants' Rights Committee: our meeting dealt with eviction.

Liaison Meeting: there was a long presentation about funding sources. Clean ups are managed, discussion. Samantha Danner is leading these issues.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the Committee met a few weeks ago. We want a rainbow crosswalk on Sunset. She mentioned the LGBTQIA Plus Alliance. It would be a Citywide alliance. The first meeting was last month. There were 20 people there. We discussed goals. We want to appoint an LGBTQIA liaison for each neighborhood council. The next meeting will be February 19 at 7pm at City Hall. We will discuss our mission statement and goals. The Committee meeting will be on February 18 at the Edendale library.

Transportation Committee: Paul said we met on January 14. We discussed the River Connector. We discussed sunset for all and our priorities.

Silver Lake Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said that at the Silver Lake Reservoir Committee meeting, we discussed priorities for the year at the last meeting. We gave an update on the Master Plan. The Cultural Heritage Commission has modular housing on their agenda. Sarah Ullman said that she will attend and comment tomorrow at 9am. The reservoir is an historic site so changes must be approved by a commission. We are meeting at City Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

12) Adjournment\*

*Nora Goudsmit made the adjournment motion. Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

The meeting ended at 10:03pm.