

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Finalized Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
7:00p.m.
Ivanhoe Elementary School
2828 Herkimer Street
Los Angeles, CA 90039

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02pm with 16 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump, Co-Chair
Nicholas Fox-Robbins, Co-Chair
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair (left early)
Lena Najarian Kaderali, Treasurer
Seth Copenhaver, Secretary
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Joanna Pawlowska
Jeremy Black

Non-Attending Board Members:

Tina Lin
Mark Duncan
Ilanthe Zevos
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon

3) Welcome and rules for action on agenda items

Co-Chair 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 the public 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 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. 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.*

In the past month, several local businesses have closed in our community. While there is not a consensus about whether the changes facing our community are all good or all bad, I think we can all agree that Silver Lake is and has been changing rapidly. I hope that we can all agree that having locally owned small businesses is a critical part of Silver Lake’s character that should be protected by any means available to us.”

We’re in the process of electing representatives for our city and community and we should let them know how important this issue is to us. Additionally, we have a local business committee. If you have enthusiasm about protecting local businesses, reach out to Lorraine Getz and join the committee. That group’s next meeting is not set yet but stay tuned.

“I would like to challenge every person in this room to do two things: first, whether you are frustrated, angry, confused, nervous, or excited, I ask that you bring your best and kindest self to the neighborhood council meeting.

Second, I’d like to emphasize that 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

Barbara Sheppard:

She said that she is a Council District 4 resident who lives near Silver Lake. She expressed disappointment in the overdevelopment of the region and the displacement of people from their homes. They are just renters, but it’s a

person's home. It's very upsetting and life altering to displace people. The area is becoming high density with luxury apartments, instead of affordable housing. The infrastructure is strained. This is not going in the right direction. The character of the neighborhood is being changed/destroyed for progress. We should rethink projects coming down the pike.

David Wheatley:

He said that he's been a resident since 1975. He said that he seconds what Barbara Sheppard just said. The city planners go to school and ask "what do we want on the map?" They start with businesses. Housing is an afterthought.

When people complain about parking and traffic, nobody says anything at meetings. For mobility, they want us on public transit. That's not happening fast enough. He wants to request an immediate moratorium on all building in the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County until infrastructure and mobility issues are addressed.

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

a) The SLNC will be serving food from Bar Brix

Separately, Co-Chair Anthony Crump noted that complementary food tonight is provided by Vivian Koo at Pine and Crane.

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:

She said that last week we celebrated the ground breaking of the bridge housing project on Riverside Drive. We hope to open in June. In the interim, we are holding small group meetings to learn about the site. They will happen in the Los Feliz neighborhood in the evenings and mornings every other week. There is information on our website under the homeless initiative.

She added that Homeless Connect Day will be March 26. It will be a one-stop shop for homeless resources such as medical and legal assistance, showers, haircuts, hygiene kits, food, etc. We will need volunteers for a 2-hour minimum. Individuals who attend will be considered for the bridge housing site. That's the target population. She has flyers for the event.

Maebe A. Girl asked where is it? Rachel Fox replied that it will be held at the Friendship Auditorium from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers will be needed from 9am to 3pm.

Anthony Crump asked about the status of the DWP (Department of Water and Power) pipeline replacement project on Fletcher. Are they on schedule? Businesses around Ivanhoe are suffering because people are not going into that area. Rachel Fox said that she would check.

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

She has three announcements:

There will be a live ethics training in Glassell Park on March 23. You can get one-on-one personalized information there over two hours.

The Homelessness Liaison meeting is being finalized. The date will be March 31. City Controller Ron Galperin will speak.

There are new translation vendors.

Regarding childcare, she said that she sent the council file so you can submit a CIS (Community Impact Statement). Dulce Stein said that she wants to visit the Arroyo Seco. I want to see what they have already planned. Jackie Kim said they already submitted a CIS and researched costs.

Seth Copenhaver asked about the translation services. Does the City still have funds for reimbursement? We don't want to get in a situation where we burn through our budget without being reimbursed.

Jackie Kim said I'll try to get a ballpark estimate.

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

JP Dryer:

He said that he is a Region 4 resident. He wanted to thank the representative for the sidewalks. He walked with Mary Rodriguez. The sidewalks are fixed. They added additive to the asphalt to look more like cement. They should have mixed it earlier so it would fit the color better. He appreciates the help from Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's office.

He was on a college board. He raised funds via a foundation then. Does the City have a fund raising arm for neighborhood councils?

Jackie Kim said no. However, there are limited circumstances where this can be possible.

Sarah Ullman said third parties can do this. It's not an act of the neighborhood council. Third parties can receive funds for specific projects. Anthony Crump said we have a strong history of working with fiscal sponsors like the medias along Silver Lake Boulevard. We did that with the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA). But we have no vehicle for direct donations.

Debbie Slater:

She said there's an article in the East Sider about 1550 Silver Lake Boulevard, the historic Texaco Station yesterday. We worked to get historical status there. Council Member O'Farrell made a deal to have that property moved. The developer went bust and now there is vandalism. We read that it will be relocated to storage in Atwater and later restored to a thriving business. That will never happen. We were duped. Instead we will have a three-story monstrosity at that location. It changes the appeal of Silver Lake.

Samantha Danner, Census Liaison:

She said that the Census begins April 1. It's important to participate. Look out for people coming to your door. You can also complete the data online. During April and May with follow up if you don't respond.

Sarah Ullman:

She spoke about court-appointed special advocates. The group is seeking volunteers. There are 50,000 kids in the foster care system in Los Angeles. You can train and be appointed by a judge for kids. For information: www.Casala.org. There are over 800 kids on the waiting list so we need volunteers.

Joanna Pawlowska:

She said that there will be a clean-up project on March 21 at the Silver Lake Meadow.

Anthony Crump said that there will be a Hilltop Nursery School fundraiser this weekend. It will happen at Belleview Park for kids aged 2-5 who are from

diverse economic backgrounds. However, the event is not for kids. It's a party with food and drinks.

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate:

She explained what Budget Advocates do. She said that their annual White Paper is available. The first 8 pages discuss the City's budget in general. That's followed by about 150 pages regarding individual departments and recommendations of what they ought to be doing and funding. There are recommendations regarding revenue sources too. For information: www.ncbsla.org and go to White Paper 2020.

Budget advocates are neighborhood council members or are elected by the neighborhood councils. Some 36 of the Budget Advocates are elected on Budget Day in June. Each Budget Advocate meets with individual neighborhood councils. What services do you want or do you want expanded?

Sarah Ullman then took a photograph of Barbara Ringuette and Co-Chairs Nicolas Fox-Robbins and Anthony Crump for the Budget Advocates. Seth Copenhaver said that he will add the Budget Advocate link to the website.

6) Presentations - N/A

7) Committee Reports - SLNC Advisory Committees

Transportation Committee: Paul Emmons discussed improvements to the intersections of Hoover and Los Feliz and others. There will be a March 23 DOT (Department of Transportation) meeting. There will be a transportation forum this summer. He thanked committee members. March 9 will be the next group meeting.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said I attended the Cultural Heritage meeting. There was a DWP representative there who presented the modular office plan. In conversation with the DWP and committees, she discovered that the mechanism to provide feedback is via permit process. They don't need to pull permits for construction. That was shocking.

The City Attorney is investigating whether DWP has to play ball like other City agencies. There will be another Cultural Heritage meeting tomorrow. Paul Emmons will attend. I want this on the agenda for the next meeting. There are implications for the Reservoir and how the DWP operates in the community and the City at large. The meeting is at 10am on the 10th floor tomorrow.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the group met last week. They discussed a central rainbow crosswalk and a Silver Lake Pride event for September. There is a subcommittee on Pride. We are seeking volunteers and talent and people to donate services.

We also had the LGBTQ Alliance meeting a couple of weeks ago. City Controller Ron Galperin spoke. He is the City's first openly gay city official. We received a certificate. The City is recognizing the needs of queer people. The next Alliance meeting will be Wednesday, March 18. The next Committee meeting will be March 26.

CD13 Alliance: Samantha Danner said the group met a couple of weeks ago. We will present one of the CIS' tonight that's relevant for CD13. We also discussed the Sunset For All presentation that was made here last month.

Arts and Culture Committee: Dulce Stein said we want a package for permits for all events to follow, a check list. Nicolas Fox-Robbins said let's talk about that in the Outreach Committee meeting. Dulce Stein said we have an elected co-chair. Now we have a subcommittee for the Day Of The Dead celebration.

Green Committee: John Wingler said we had Monarch Butterfly event at Barrio Nuevo, with a local artist, an opening day event with over 200 people. We gave away over 100 packages of milkweed seed. This will continue.

The Green Committee is involved because the Monarch Butterfly is facing extinction. They need milkweed to lay their eggs on and eat. I've seen Monarch Butterflies flying around the milkweed. It's encouraging.

Dulce Stein said that speaking on behalf of the Arts and Culture Committee, it was wonderful to partner with the Green Committee. It was a great opportunity. We are art. We are nature. We do need to find a space to plant milkweed that we can maintain. Nicolas Fox-Robbins said let's work it out in committee and then bring it to the board.

Anthony Crump reminded the group to remember the Brown Act posting guidelines for committees. Several stakeholders have mentioned Brown Act violations for committee meetings. Get agendas out early, he urged. Seth Copenhaver added to submit to ENS early, maybe 24 hours early. Anthony Crump said you must send at least 72 hours before the meeting. Jackie Kim added that if there are errors, submitting early gives you a buffer.

Anthony Crump said agendas, draft items must be submitted 11 days before meetings. I did not enforce that this month. We have a challenging agenda. I spent 4 hours on Sunday. Please submit items in a timely fashion. Make sure

they are complete. Attach committee minutes to motions. We are now sending agendas directly to our database. Normally they are distributed by the ENS system so now we will double up.

Dulce Stein asked when do we post minutes? Anthony Crump said there is no specific deadline but if you have draft minutes, attach them. If you submit a motion, submit the minutes with it. The Urban Design and Preservation Committee has been very good about this. Look at that as a good example.

Seth Copenhaver mentioned posting of the committee minutes 21 days after the meeting. Dulce Stein was overwhelmed. She said I was conducting the meeting, taking minutes, and answering questions. Seth Copenhaver said that he will give her tips.

8) Administrative:

a) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from February 5, 2020 Regular Meeting of the SLNC Governing Board [Draft minutes link: <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SLNCFebruary-5th-Governing-Board-Minutes-Draft-Version-.pdf>]

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded

Seth Copenhaver said that there were typographical errors but no major changes.

VOTE
14-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons

Jeremy Black

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Joanna Pawlowska

(Note: Nora Goudsmit left the meeting early and did not vote.)

b) (Secretary) Move to approve minutes from the November 21, 2019 Special Meeting of the SLNC Governing Board [Draft minutes link:

[https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SLNCNovember-21st-Special-Meeting-of-the-Governing-Board-Minutes-Draft-Version-w - SuggestedChanges.pdf](https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SLNCNovember-21st-Special-Meeting-of-the-Governing-Board-Minutes-Draft-Version-w-SuggestedChanges.pdf)]

Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

VOTE

14-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Samantha Danner

c) (Treasurer) Move to approve February 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Link: <https://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/February-MER.pdf>)

Treasurer Lena Kaderali said we will table this.

d) (Treasurer) Motion to retroactively approve an increase the 2019 Dia de Muertos event budget by \$180 to accommodate retroactive reimbursement to Nicholas Fox-Robbins for unexpected expenses.

Dulce Stein seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

Jeremy Black asked what was the original budget? Lena Kaderali said it was \$1,019. Sarah Ullman added that the event was last year. Nicolas Fox-Robbins explained that I lost my receipts but then I found them. So, this was just agendized.

Jeremy Black said when we allocate money for events, we should stick to that budget. It's good practice. This is what we collectively agreed to spend. Dulce Stein explained that there were several permits. They gave us \$1,000. That was almost impossible. A lot of that money went to permits, including permits that we didn't know we needed. That's why I want a set of guidelines for permits so we'll have a better idea of expenses for permits.

Seth Copenhaver said I agree with Jeremy Black but there will be circumstances. We needed a generator to power the event to make the event happen. Nicolas Fox-Robbins added we didn't know what capacity of power we needed. We worried about blowing a fuse.

Anthony Crump commented that Jeremy Black's point is good. Keep to your budget. Meetings have transparency for budgets. Sarah Ullman suggested to maybe build in a contingency for budgeting? Jeremy Black noted that this is one of the larger expenditures for NPGs. Maebe A. Girl said to maybe put together a rule about overruns that it can't exceed certain amount without approval of the Board?

Dulce Stein explained that this was two committees, Outreach and Arts and Culture. Is there a limit that each committee can ask?

Antho Crump said that two months ago we discussed multiple event requests. We decided to consolidate. Put that in the committee packet. Have Lena Kaderali chime in about best practices.

Dulce Stein seconded.

VOTE
14-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

e) (Treasurer) Motion to approve reimbursement to Nicholas Fox-Robbins in the amount of \$100 for payment to MUDA Dance Company for makeup services.

Paul Emmons seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins explained that one of the artists was a dance company. They did an amazing performance Their make-up was professionally done. We paid for their make-up not the service. The make-up artist worked for free.

Dulce Stein said that she is a native of Silver Lake. That's important. The Muda Dance Company is from Silver Lake. Joanna Pawlowska asked did we pay the dancers? Nicolas Fox-Robbins said no. Jeremy Black asked we have a receipt from the make up artist? The answer was yes.

VOTE

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Treasurer) Motion to approve reimbursement to Nicholas Fox-Robbins in the amount of \$79.68 for payment to Sunbelt Rentals for a power generator.

Paul Emmons seconded Lena Kaderali's motion.

Maebe A Girl asked was this for the event? Nicolas Fox-Robbins said we had more power needs than power supply.

**VOTE
14-0-1
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
Anthony Crump

9) Unfinished Business

a) (Ruby Birns) 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.

Ruby Birns explained that Dynamic Girls is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. It partners with underserved girls with the creative arts. We are expanding to 5 other schools. We support diversity, inclusion, and equity. We received \$9,000 so now we are only seeking \$1,000.

David Wheatley commented that there is a small problem, this favors one gender over another. We’re not allowed to discriminate. There might be an equal number of talented boys. Also, Title IX doesn’t allow this in education. This may be an illegal contribution. Send this back or have the group change its name.

Debbie Slater said I’m relieved that you are lowering the request amount. How many participants do you have? How many live in Silver Lake? What is your reason for coming to this neighborhood council when you are in Echo Park? You can get discounts via Metro? TAP passes are for transportation to internships only?

Ruby Birns answered that there are 89 girls in the program. We will expand to other schools within 6-8 months. We chose the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council because several girls were displaced from the

Silver Lake neighborhood. We would love to bring them back into the Silver Lake community. She is a Silver Lake resident.

Regarding Metro discounts, Ruby Birns said that she is aware of them. We work with girls aged 13-21. We entrust them to get to their internship. There is no way for us to track that.

Jeremy Black asked of the 89 girls, how many in Silver Lake? She doesn't know. She wants to increase the network of people to help bring people back to Silver Lake. Beginning pay is \$250 plus per day.

Jeremy Black asked about passes, what does that represent? Ruby Birns said I'd have to get back to you.

Sarah Ullman reminded the group that we represent stakeholders broadly, not just people who live here.

Ruby Birns said if we can expand the program, we want to work with small businesses in Silver Lake, increasing the amount of girls in Silver Lake.

Paul Emmons said I see no problem as the organization is gender specific. *He made a motion to lower the amount to \$1,000. Lena Kaderali seconded.* Samantha Danner commented that funding over \$5,000 for NPGs requires a City contract so this is a good move. Anthony Crump said that DONE advised us that they would review it.

Samantha Danner asked how much is left in the NPG budget? Lena Kaderali replied almost the entire budget. Seth Copenhaver said we need to spend that money.

VOTE for \$1,000 amendment

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla

Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Barbara Ringuette asked can you tell us more about your 501c3? Ruby Birns said we have a working board. She mentioned that that board members include a Girl Scouts consultant and a founder of Girls and Gangs. We do a lot of marketing, social media. That's her background. The organization works with a network of 50,000 schools nationally. Girls come in through our advertising. We partner with a high school. We also help with college admissions. We are now working with 89 girls, we want to work with more.

Sarah Ullman thanked her for her work. She said that she's interested in having interns for her company, which is all female. There is a difference in equality versus equity. There are structural barriers. It's important to recognize those and mitigate them.

Ruby Birns said some internships are paid and some are not. Some require that girls are enrolled in college.

Ben Cassorla advised to reach out to other neighborhood councils. The music industry is probably the most gendered among creative industries. We seek girls with genuine interest, said Ruby Birns. Almost all are accepted.

Anthony Crump noted that we do have to demonstrate a benefit to Silver Lake. Ruby Birns said we need more integration to small companies in Silver Lake. The girls are predominately women are color. Many are immigrants and native Spanish speakers.

Ben Cassorla asked can the Business Committee address this? Dulce Stein said I have a gallery in Silver Lake and we're always looking for interns.

Lena Kaderali said we have about \$14,000 left for NPGs in the budget. Anthony Crump said we discussed dedicated outreach for NPGs over the next months.

Paul Emmons informed that Title IX only applies to programs that provide Federal assistance. Anthony Crump said that all NPGs do get reviewed by DONE.

Joanna Pawlowska seconded.

**VOTE for amended motion
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

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

Samantha Danner made the motion. Ben Cassorla seconded.

A Woman explained the Ellis Act, the 1985 state law to help property owners exit the rental business. Their tenants are evicted and rent-controlled units are removed from market. The increase caused by real estate speculators who've owned a building for less than a year. They demolish the building and create condos or luxury rentals. This asks for a right of first refusal to the City or tenants. It would help preserve rent controlled buildings and provide other benefits. We need to preserve affordable housing.

A Man commented that there are landlords on fixed incomes. We have a housing crisis. Let's have set asides for low income people, a higher percentage. Your proposal is counter-productive. People should have rights to their properties. This is not fair. It's socialism.

Jeremy Black asked which Council File is this? Is the text verbatim? The Woman responded that I did speak with the Council Member's office. The motion is being determined by the City Attorney and HCID (the Housing and Community Investment Department). For 10 units or less, people can sell their buildings with tenants in them.

Ben Cassorla said that the Ellis Act is used these days to remove rent-controlled units from the market. Samantha Danner said the CIS is really important. People being evicted are having real consequences as they are forced out of their neighborhoods. Also, this worsens the homeless crisis. Keep that in mind.

Joanna Pawlowska asked is there a precedent for this? The Woman said there is a State law pending that is similar allowing city and non-profit developers to have first right of refusal.

Anthony Crump clarified that this doesn't force owners to sell. There are a couple of cases of this on the Eastside but the price to tenants is unfeasible (i.e. Hillside Villas). The Woman explained that the owner refused to expand the covenant. Now the City is considering imminent domain.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked what is right of first refusal? The Woman said that HCID will notify the City of the Ellis Act. Tenants would also be notified after the City and non-profits.

Paul Emmons noted that the Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood United Neighborhood Councils have submitted CIS'.

Ben Cassorla seconded the motion.

VOTE
13-0-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Sarah Ullman
Nicholas Fox-Robbins

c) (Crump) Discussion and Possible action on changing location of Regular SLNC Governing Board meetings.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this has been pulled. We're kicking the can down the road.

10) New Business

a) (Sorkin) Relay for Life Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) - Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$500 for the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Griffith Park Communities.

Anthony Crump seconded Nina Sorkin's motion.

Nina Sorkin said that the relay for life started in 1985. I am a cancer survivor and participated for the past 17 years. Former City Council Member Tom Lebonge's wife was the former chair.

In the past, we have supported the relay. The program starts with a celebration for cancer survivors. Her cousin died at age 56. Her sister is dead too.

The American Cancer Society is involved. Funds raised would go to them.

She had been involved with the downtown relay. She has the support of the Greater Echo Park community.

Dulce Stein commented that my step father is a cancer survivor. I'm in support of this. Barbara Ringuette said my husband was a featured speaker a few years ago. He is a cancer survivor. Paul Emmons said that he is a cancer survivor. He supports this event. He has provided first aid to the event in the past.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

b) (Sorkin) Discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$200 to sponsor the third Annual Earth Day Poster Contest at Mayberry Elementary School (Region 1) thus promoting Earth Day in April 2020.

Lena Kaderali seconded Nina Sorkin's motion.

Nina Sorkin said that in 2015 and 2016 this neighborhood council allotted funds for a poster contest at Mayberry. We rewarded the classes with a party. This will be the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. We spent about \$120 five years ago. The funds are increased because biodegradable plates will be used.

Debbie Slater said this is a good opportunity to outreach to younger people. Dulce Stein asked what are the ages? Nina Sorkin said Kindergarten to 3rd grade and 4th to 5th grade.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Urban Design and Preservation -UDP) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to approve a letter in support of the construction of a 2-unit small lot subdivision located at 1811 N. Griffith Park Blvd with a reduced front yard setback from 15ft to 5 ft.

Barbara Ringuette seconded the motion.

Debbie Slater said they came back to us twice. It has more of the feeling and vibe of what we are trying to create in Silver Lake. This had a better aesthetic. Also, the owner will remain on one of the properties.

VOTE

14-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Paul Emmons was not in the room and did not vote.)

d) (Urban Design and Preservation -UDP) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to approve a letter NOT supporting construction of a 5-unit small lot subdivision located at 2820 N. Avenel St.

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Debbie Slater said we had a lot of issues with this one. Several residents came and there was a question about proper notification.

Anthony Crump said there was discussion about a letter to not support the project. It was suggested to amend the letter and have this discussion.

Elaine Roark said I'm in favor of this project. Issuing this letter would be inappropriate. These projects are very subjective. This was a close vote. Anthony Crump noted that there were questions about notification.

Jeremy Black asked have we ever submitted a negative letter before? Anthony Crump said yes but we cite the reasons why. Seth Copenhaver asked do we need reasons beyond what's in the letter? Elaine Roark said it would be worthwhile to review the minutes.

Sarah Ullman asked how many original units are there? Debbie Slater said there are 3 units. This is destroying rent-controlled units. It involves removal of trees and access. Aesthetically, it wasn't one of the worst things we'd seen but it's not what the neighborhood needs. We're losing apartments for multi-million homes.

Anthony Crump noted a notification issue. People received fliers for wrong dates. Barbara Ringuette said it's very common to ask developers to return for a second meeting. Developers are always invited to attend board meetings. He's not here. If he wanted to give more information, he would have been here.

Anthony Crump said the City does look at what neighborhood councils say. Sarah Ullman said we can table this for additional info. It's exceptional to oppose this way. I'd like to see the minutes. Seth Copenhaver seconded.

Barbara Ringuette said it all depends on the hearing date. We don't know that date. Seth Copenhaver asked who typically crafts these letters? Did the chairs vote in favor of this?

Nicholas Fox-Robbins thanked Barbara Ringuette for her institutional knowledge.

Maebe A. Girl noted that for the letter, old letterhead was used. That needs to be corrected.

VOTE to table
10-3-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

Elaine Roark
Barbara Ringuette
Ben Cassorla

Present, Not Voting:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Anthony Crump

e) (Urban Design and Preservation -UDP) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to approve a letter of support for a CUB application for the dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and live entertainment at 4326 Sunset Blvd.

Joanna Pawlowska seconded.

This is to continue service at Mas Malo, said Tara, representative for the Applicant Jeff Elimeyer. The hearing date is in late April.

Debbie Slater said they are here. They are very serious. This was easy for the Committee. There were no major changes.

Samantha Danner asked would there be live entertainment? Tara said it will be inside.

Dulce Stein asked what does a full line of alcohol mean? Tara explained. It's what they had before. Imran Syed asked is it a restaurant during the

day? Tara replied yes. It will be essentially the same but with a new menu.

Anthony Crump said that for controversial projects, there are residents here to voice opposition. I see none tonight. Jeff Elimeyer said it's California food.

Seth Copenhaver asked the current application already includes live entertainment? Jeff Elimeyer said yes. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is up for renewal. Live entertainment can include pianist, guitar, records.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Green) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to request that the City Council write a letter to Assembly Member Richard Bloom and Assembly Member Laura Friedman urging that they reopen discussion with the Senate Appropriations Committee to move forward on passage AB 1788.

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

John Wingler explained that the Green Committee has been concerned about this for 4-5 years. Rodents are killed slowly. They are eaten by other animals. A few years ago, we supported banning them citywide. We are trying to educate people. We don't want wildlife threatened.

State Councilperson Laura Friedman cosponsored this. It passed. However, in the Senate Appropriations Committee the pesticide lobby began to attack it. It is now on hold. This is not a new bill. We want it brought up again. About 50 people already signed the petition, said John Wingler.

Samantha Danner asked does anything in the letter remove existing boxes? John Wingler responded that the letter doesn't specify a action. We just asking for the bill to not die. It bans use of a specific chemical. There are also agricultural exemptions.

Sarah Ullman asked do we need to revote on the text of the letter? Anthony Crump said that is the Board's prerogative.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that he's in favor of passing a motion. We should be intentional with communication from the Board. Sarah Ullman said that she is in support of the motion. It seems like an important issue for our community.

Ben Cassorla made a motion to amend the motion asking the Committee to return to the Board with the text language.

VOTE for amendment
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed

Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Jeremy Black seconded the amended motion.

VOTE for amended motion

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Debbie Slater asked can we receive an electronic version of the letter?
John Wingler said yes.

g) (Robbins) Discussion and possible action to support UNLITTERLA in collaboration with the Silver Lake Litter League.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we have had 4 events and feel frustrated with the level of outreach. We had about 35 people at last event. We want more. One of our volunteers is producing a Citywide event on April 25. This is to show on one day hundreds if not thousands of people picking up trash to maximize public support. There is no financial aspect to this.

Joanna Pawlowska seconded.

Jeremy Black asked what do we know about Unlitterla? Maebe A. Girl said he seemed like a really nice guy. I support this.

Ben Cassorla said that essentially it's two people They've done it on a smaller scale. They are trying to follow a model like homeless count. People are assigned a specific walk It seems well organized and professional. Anthony Crump said so the answer is we don't know. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said they are a 501c3 nonprofit.

Barbara Ringuette said that on the website it shows all routes that they expect to cover. See www.Unlitterla.com for more information.

Dulce Stein asked you're asking for volunteers? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we asking for the official support of the neighborhood council. To support means to provide promotional help and to enlist volunteers. Dulce Stein asked would they partner with big organizations like Heal The Bay?

Anthony Crump said this is a specific event. Lena Kaderali said if we are promoting this, there will be financial aspect. Joanna Pawlowska asked can we organize our own routes in Silver Lake? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that the Silver Lake Litter League will activity support this. They have created routes. Barbara Ringuette commented that the orange route looks like a large route.

VOTE

14-0-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl

Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins

h) (Danner) Discussion and possible action to approve Community Impact Statement (CIS) related to Council File 19-0609: (Illegal Dumping/Backlog/Homelessness Strategies/Clean Streets LA/HOPE) and LA Department of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) operational updates to the City of LA's Comprehensive Cleaning and Rapid Engagement (CARE) program, aimed at providing sanitation at homeless encampments.

Samantha Danner made the motion. Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.

Samantha Danner explained that this came out of the CD13 Alliance. The topic is about strategy for homeless encampment cleanup. The strategy has changed greatly over the past year. A report from the Sanitation Department recommended regularly scheduled clean ups with LA Sanitation and LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority). However, it was only used for a month before being abandoned. The new strategy is LAPD first and then Sanitation. LAHSA is not involved. That goes against the original recommendation. This is not time sensitive.

Jeremy Black asked are other neighborhood councils doing this too? Samantha Danner replied yes. We want an issue that is relevant to everyone so that Council Member O'Farrell will take notice.

Jeremy Black asked how much time should we give to these programs? Samantha Danner said more than a month. Sanitation is really important. Also, people who can provide services. With the new strategy, people are being moved. We want people moved into housing. We want to prevent trash from piling up.

Jeremy Black asked why did the strategy change? Samantha Danner said they were unhappy with it. Maebe A. Girl, the CD13 Liaison, said that she fully supports this.

VOTE
14-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

i) (Robbins) Discussion and possible action to provide up to \$1,000 from the Community Improvement Project (CIP) Budget to the Silver Lake Litter League for supplies.

Sarah Ullman seconded.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we've done 4 events and easily filled 3 dumpsters of garbage. When you come to an event, you leave with supplies to be able to clean up your own neighborhood. So, our impact is not quantifiable, we don't know how much people are using them. You get Los Angeles history as you are picking up trash.

We're out of garden tools and gloves. Charles is now paying for things out of pocket. Maebe A. Girl said I had a great time with the Litter League. They had a great turnout. I fully support this.

Joanna Pawlowska said that this is a great idea. She is not into producing more hats. Nicholas Fox-Robbins concurred. No hats, he said.

Barbara Ringuette asked where do funds go? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said there is no itemized budget. The cost will be about \$25 per grabber tool. Gloves are \$6-\$8. They are very industrial gloves.

Barbara Ringuette said that on Sunset Boulevard, we got tools and gloves from the City. There are cloth \$1 gloves at \$0.99 store. Do we need to spend all that money? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we would get things from the City. To empower people to do something, grabber tools are essential. Otherwise, volunteers will get back pain.

Sarah Ullman asked is this a CIP? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said improvement projects are separate from NPGs. There was an objection. Anthony Crump explained that a stakeholder questioned how it should be funded. The event had to be submitted at least 30-days in advance for DONE. This CIP is for beautification projects.

Anthony Crump said that DONE advice was 30 days-notice but we can submit after the board acts for review. Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that the event is scheduled for April 25 so that's more than 30 days.

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black

Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Maebe A. Girl is out of the room and did not vote.)

j) (Robbins) Discussion and possible action to provide up to \$1,000 from the Community Improvement Project (CIP) budget to Charles Fleming of the Silver Lake Litter League as reimbursement for supplies bought in 2019.

Anthony Crump said this is being pulled by the author.

k) (Outreach) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to allocate up to \$600 for the purposes of purchasing a portable generator, owned exclusively by the SLNC.

Dulce Stein seconded.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we had to rent a generator for \$80. We can get a decent generator for \$400-\$600. It's a no brainer. Barbara Ringuette asked about storage. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that it's small enough to fit in a drawer at the Silver Lake Recreation Center. We intend to do at least 4 events this year and 7-8 events next year.

Dulce Stein said that the Latinx Committee is working on a music event. Samantha Danner asked can we get an environmentally friendly generator? Paul Emmons explained that we will get a small Honda generator. It can also use a battery pack but you'd need to be able to plug it in. It does not require gasoline. We can get one for \$600. What are you powering? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said lights, speakers, a mixer, etc. Joanna Pawlowska commented that we can also use the generator for disasters if it's not electric.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

l) (Outreach) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to allocate up to \$600 for the purposes of purchasing a branded SLNC canopy.

Anthony Crump seconded.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we've been borrowing Nina Sorkin's tent for everything. He noted that the SLNC had the worst branding of all neighborhood councils at a recent event. Barbara Ringuette asked where would you store it? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we won't purchase it until we figure out where to store it.

Samantha Danner said that for the moment, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has an apartment sized space where we can temporarily store it. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this not urgent. We can table this.

Dulce Stein said I can offer you space. Anthony Crump said let's just pull it for now.

m) (Green) Discussion and possible action for the SLNC to submit a letter commenting on the City's Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) released December 26, 2019. Comment period closes April 24, 2020.

John Wingler said we want the program reviewed and to privilege trees instead of ripping them out. Anthony Crump said that as part of CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act), an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) has been requested. People asked to comment. They have to respond to your comments.

Paul Emmons asked have you spoken to them about alternatives to ripping out trees? What alternative would they have to broken sidewalks?

A Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative said there are lots of creative ways. Other cities have been more proactive. The Draft EIR not proactive or tree loving.

Jeremy Black noted that there is a 2 year wait time. How would this impact that? The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative replied that this could expedite things. The Draft EIR is not clear about process to argue to keep trees. Other neighborhood councils are involved, maybe 20 of them. There are about 57 neighborhood councils in the Alliance.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Jeremy Black
Joanna Pawlowska
Samantha Danner

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

11) Future Agenda Items

None

12) Adjournment*

Paul Emmons made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 10:01pm.