

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
FINAL Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020
7pm

Zoom Online Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94602751770>
or by telephone by calling (669) 900-6833 and entering Webinar ID: 946 0275 1770#

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

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

Non-Attending Board Members:

Mark Duncan

3) Welcome and rules for action on virtual meeting

Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins explained how the meeting would work, including how to make a public comment.

He then gave an opening speech:

This is a very intense moment for our city. I honor all of you for being here. This is a moment where it's probably hard to take your eyes from the news. You come here to work on helping our neighborhood. I honor you all for that.

I have considered my role to be a neutral arbiter, someone who helps facilitate a productive meeting. I have tended to not put forward my opinions about particular matters. In this case, I will speak as an individual. I am not in support of violent actions taken by the National Guard and the police. Their response is a travesty. So was the murder of George Floyd.

(Note: Anthony Crump arrived at 7:09pm)

4) Rules for action on agenda items and public input

5) General Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

David Wheatley:

Thanks for your service. He said that there is government resistance to his participation. Why is this a special meeting with only 24 hours notice when there are no emergencies on the agenda? I think it's improper and needs to be stopped now.

I'm also very concerned the Black Lives Matter banners on people's Zoom faces for Nora Goudsmit and Lorraine Getz. How are the rest of us supposed to support this movement or to oppose it when we don't we don't get a chance to put our faces up on there? This is extremely unfair. It makes it look like the neighborhood council voted to support the movement and its peace and its violence. Did you support it? Did you vote on it?

He also mentioned his grievance about the single sex funding award that has still not been addressed. We have lots of problems. I know you're trying to do your best but it's really not working out for me.

Nina Sorkin:

She said that she wanted to voice concern about vandalism at the Silver Lake Reservoir walking path on two occasions. The single direction signs were torn. Also, the children's art work done this weekend was destroyed.

Regarding violence and protest, she said I'm 76. I was here during the Watt's Riots in the 1960s and during the East LA Whittier Boulevard fiasco. We should take action before the next situation happens.

Nicole:

She spoke about the area under the bridge under Silver Lake Boulevard and trash near the 101 Freeway. Some of homeless places are not full, she noted. Have you approached the homeless and guided them to those facilities? It's important to protect the homeless at this time. Minorities and other people are not reaching out. Some of them are very scared.

David Parish:

He said that he is concerned about everything in the community. What is the status of the Coralitus red car track? Anthony said we can have someone contact you with an update. He also said that someone can contact Nicole, the previous speaker.

Maebe A. Girl:

I'm very proud to have the Black Lives Matter banner Zoom backgrounds. We are speaking out against police brutality and violence against people of color by the police. A crowd was sprayed with rubber bullets and tear gas. And the cops drove through crowds.

(Note: Barbara Ringuette arrived at 7:18pm)

Barbara Ringuette:

She said that she is attending a Budget Advocate meeting at this time too. The protesters are headed down Sunset Boulevard.

Co-Chair Anthony Crump explained how public comment works via Zoom and by telephone.

6) Announcements/Updates

Ben Cassorla said that at the last meeting, the neighborhood council was generous about giving funds. The grocery cards are coming this week. The Mastercards were delivered last week.

7) Administrative:

a) (Co-Chair) Discussion and possible action on retention of records for present and future virtual governing board meetings in accordance with EmpowerLA's Virtual Governance Protocols.

Sarah Ullman said I am in strong support of retaining recordings of our meetings and distributing them to the public. We should be as transparent as possible with this as a companion to the meeting minutes.

Anthony Crump explained that records are stored automatically in the cloud for 30 days. If we want to retain them beyond that, we must decide where to store them and how long to store them. In the past, we kept them for 6 months. Is there a desire to store for more than 30 days? We may have to purchase additional storage space or check with GoDaddy.

Our last meeting was less than 30 days ago. We need to decide that now. Ianthe Zevo said that she supports this motion. 30 days is not enough. She said that she is curious about the cost?

Nora Goudsmit asked is there something already in place that we can transfer the information to? Anthony Crump said I believe we have the option for meetings that have taken place. Automatic cloud storage comes with the City's license.

Sarah Ullman added that there are a lot of options on free platforms. For example, Mayor Garcetti has a YouTube channel. Ianthe Zevo said you can download them as mp4 files.

Anthony Crump made a motion to store the recordings for 90 days. The Executive Committee will identify a storage location. Nora Goudsmit said that the Executive Committee must take action prior to June 13.

VOTE to retain records for 90 days

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

8) Unfinished Business

a) (Green Committee) Discussion and possible action to file a Community Impact (CIS) in support of Councilmember Koretz's motion to limit vehicle idling, Council File 19-0604.

John Wingler is not present. lanthe Zevos said that she supports the measure against vehicle idling. That creates pollution.

Jeremy Black asked does this motion include recreational vehicles (RVs)? Some people live in their RVs. lanthe Zevos said I'm not sure. The focus is cars.

lanthe Zevos seconded the motion.

VOTE
18-2-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Tina Lin

Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:

Jeremy Black
Maebe A. Girl

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Green Committee) Discussion and possible action to approve expenditure of up to \$200 from the Outreach budget to purchase a screening license for the documentary “The Pollinators” for showing at the Silver Lake Library at no charge to the public.

lanthe Zevos said the library is not doing events at the moment but the Green Committee wanted to move ahead with the license to prepare for future events. We’re investigating getting a virtual license from the filmmakers as well.

Genelle LeVin asked does this need to be spent in this fiscal year? Lena Kaderali said this must be before June 30. She spoke with John Wingler about the outreach component. The library may already have a license for the movie. Leave this motion until the regular Board meeting on Wednesday to clarify that point and others.

Jeremy Black asked if we buy a license, when does it expire? lanthe Zevos said that she doesn’t have the answer. Jeremy Black said that he supports tabling until Wednesday.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said these are usually date specific. The Licensor might request that we wait until we have a date.

Samantha Danner asked can we get a license so people can watch the movie at home?

Imran Syed said I’m having professional emergencies that I have to deal with. I may have to leave the meeting.

Jeremy Black made a motion to table. Maebe A. Girl seconded.

VOTE to Table

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Tina Lin
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

We will table this to a later date as the Wednesday agenda is already set, said Anthony Crump and Nicholas Fox-Robbins.

c) (Gamzon and Cameron Bard) Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmembers from CD4 and CD 13 and LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds in support of advocating for temporary pilots to promote safe, family-friendly streets.

Scott Gamzon said that some things have changed since this motion was carried over from our last meeting. The program has started. He offered amendments to reflect the changes.

We want to increase the space that people can use to walk or bike. The sidewalks are very narrow. People are being forced into the streets, especially near the Reservoir. Since motor vehicle use is down, we can repurpose little used streets for safety.

He read the proposed amendments.

At the end of the fifth paragraph, he added that “this creates possibility of disastrous conflict between motor vehicles and people walking and riding and commuting and biking. In fact, during the past two months of Safer At Home, Los Angeles has seen a decrease in vehicles on the road and traffic collisions but no change in traffic-related fatalities.

Then add a new paragraph: “LA DOT’s Slow Streets Initiative, which limits traffic on designated local streets to local traffic and emergency vehicles only, is a good start. This has proved popular in the neighborhoods where it has been implemented. Over 100 applications to the program demonstrates the demand for Safe Streets across the City. However, there is still more that can be done.”

Under bullet points, he wants to add: “Consider expanding LA DOT’s Slow Streets program to more streets.”

Cameron Bard, co-author of motion, along with Scott Gamzon. agreed with the changes. Paul Emmons seconded.

Paul Emmons made a motion to modify the original text to change “Transportation and Safety Committee” to “Cameron Bard and Scott Gamzon”. This motion didn’t originate in Committee as the issue came after the last meeting in March. This motion would be out of order. I want to make the point that originating in Committee is not a necessity. We do not have a confirmed meeting date for the Committee. This motion should be addressed now, instead of waiting.

Anthony Crump explained that stakeholders have complained about motions attached to committees that have not met.

Paul Emmons withdrew his amendment. Anthony Crump said that Cameron Bard’s amendment becomes the main motion as both co-chairs presented it.

Maebel A. Girl noted that originally the neighborhood council received about 20 emails in support of the Safe Streets initiative.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins made a motion to fix a typographic error in paragraph 3 that reads: “with the average width of LA sidewalks is just over 4 feet and far too narrow to allow people to pass on another other...” It should say: “with the average width of LA sidewalks being over 4 feet and far too narrow to allow people to pass one another while maintaining a minimum of 6 feet...” Paul Emmons seconded the modification.

Nina Sorkin said I questioned this motion because of the committee wording. I wish that the Transportation and Safety Committee would convene. This is a vital issue to have all stakeholders be able to comment on such an issue. I did send an email to the Board regarding this issue.

VOTE for amendment
20-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Gira
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Imran Syed
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Tina Lin
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Joanna Pawlowska said I'm in favor of the sentiment of this. I like that we're being innovative. She expressed concern about pushback from residents concerned about one-way walking. She would like a communications strategy. Scott Gamzon noted that this letter asks the DOT (Department of Transportation) to study it. No outreach is necessary.

VOTE for amended motion

**Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Gamzon) Discussion and possible action on a proclamation from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council requesting that the City of Los Angeles implement the 2035 Mobility Plan (calling for an improved Bike and public transit network) when proceeding with the fast-track street repaving program known as ADAPT.

Scott Gamzon said that he wants to hold the motion at the moment. The time has passed. He is pulling the item.

e) (Ringuette) Discussion and possible action to select Budget Representatives as we must have Representatives selected early in order to certify them in advance of Budget Advocate elections which will take place via Zoom.

Barbara Ringuette said I've been Budget Representative for years and also Budget Advocate. I'd like to continue. We have one vacancy. I understand that there is interest. I'd be excited to nominate Seth

Copenhaver. I hope we can have an election today so we can vote at the Regional Breakout on June 27-28. Seth Copenhaver accepted.

I spoke before budget and finance cte on single day of hearings. I represented budget advocates. You can find speech at budget advocate website. Indicated things that should have priority in city budget for next year. it was an incredible opportunity. Great example of what budget advocates can do and the voice that we can have.

Maebe A. Girl asked can you explain the time commitment for the Budget Advocates?

Barbara Ringuette said there are meetings twice a month, on the first Monday of the month and the third Saturday morning. These are three-hour meetings. Also, there are committees and you speak with neighborhood councils in the region. That's a time commitment.

Maebe A. Girl expressed concern about Saturday meetings. I might not be able to attend all of those meetings, she said.

Barbara Ringuette said we no longer have excused meetings. You are welcome to come and participate. The Palms Neighborhood Council has three people who attend all meetings. I suggest that you pass on this opportunity.

Maebe A. Girl said that she is running but she works on Saturdays. She believes that she can adjust her schedule for one Saturday a month. I want to become more knowledgeable about budgets. I'm more aware of the impact of budget on communities in Los Angeles.

Paul Emmons asked does this nomination require a second? Anthony Crump said no.

Candidates:

Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Barbara Ringuette

Barbara Ringuette said that even if you don't win, you can participate. You're expected to meet with City departments during the daytime.

Maebe A. Girl aid that Barbara Ringuette should be one of the budget advocates.

**VOTE for Maebe A. Girl
8-11-0**

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Dulce Stein
Samantha Danner
Seth Copenhaver
Anthony Crump
Imran Syed
Maebe A. Girl
Sarah Ullman

No Votes:

Richard Emmons
Lorraine Getz
Nora Goudsmit
Elaine Roark
Tina Lin
Barbara Ringuette
Ben Cassorla
Ilanthe Zevos
Lena Kaderali
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska

Present, Not Voting:

None

Anthony Crump made the motion to elect Barbara Ringuette and Seth Copenhaver as Budget Representatives. Maebe A. Girl seconded.

Sarah Papp asked about the revised budget from the Mayor that was expected today. Anthony Crump said that he doesn't have that answer. Barbara Ringuette said the Mayor did not issue it yet.

VOTE for Barbara Ringuette and Seth Copenhaver as Budget Representatives

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Tina Lin
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

9) New Business

a) (Ringuette) Discussion and possible action. Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council contribute \$1500 from the Outreach budget to the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates to support their operations, outreach and work done on behalf of the neighborhood councils and to present to the City Council and the Mayor annual priorities on the city budget as stated in the City Charter Article 9 section 909.

Barbara Ringuette said the charges include food, note taking, printing, training, security, etc. We're one of several alliances and we're quite effective. We meet with the Mayor twice a year. *Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded her motion.*

Nina Sorkin asked what amount do other neighborhood councils give? Barbara Ringuette said there is no usual amount. It varies from \$19,000 to \$500.

Sarah Ullman asked what has this neighborhood council contributed in the past? What are the outreach components to stakeholders and the public? Barbara Ringuette said there are 99 neighborhood councils. Send letters from our cochairs. However, the personal touch is more effective.

Regarding outreach, we outreach to the general public to attend meetings. We use radio shows for this. This year our Regional Budget Day comes

before the bigger meeting. We have considered bill boards but they are too expensive. We use local newsletters.

Last year the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council gave \$500 as the budget was depleted. Ben Cassorla asked how did you arrive at \$1,500. Barbara Ringuette said I picked a number out of a hat. I consulted with the cochairs. It seemed like a reasonable amount. Ben Cassorla said we should be cognizant of what monies we have left.

Dulce Stein asked what is the total annual budget? What percent of neighborhood councils have given in the past? Barbara Ringuette said some neighborhood councils don't give. One of our local neighborhood councils hasn't met since the beginning of the year so they don't donate anything. It's a function of how active they are with their Budget Representative. Budget Day could cost \$20,000. It's very pricey.

Lena Kaderali said I was honored to be at Budget Day last year. However, we have about \$18,000 in motions but only \$10,000 in our budget. *She offered an amendment to \$500. Barbara Ringuette agreed.*

VOTE for amended motion of \$500

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

b) (A. Girl) Discussion and possible action. Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council submit the attached letter to the Budget and Finance Committee opposing the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 in light of its proposed cuts to housing, jobs, and homelessness programs and its proposed increase for LAPD.

Maebe A. Girl said this is a letter of opposition to the Budget and Finance Committee to post the budget as is. It addresses the conditions that we are seeing now. It gives extra money to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) but slashes funding for everything else. We need to support communities of color and other marginalized communities. We don't need to increase police services. Crime is down. We need to fund social services.

The letter submitted was a template from the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council. They passed this last week. It was Josh Nuni's motion. The City budget went into effect today but won't be final until June 1. I'm sick of the status quo.

Nora Goudsmit seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.

Nina Sorkin thanked Maebe A. Girl for the motion. It should be mentioned that the police budget is solely for police officers. It does not include civilians working for the police. There should be mention about the aged, blind, and disabled too in that paragraph.

Yoko Okomuro said I support the motion. It's really important. It is vital to support communities of color rather than more police funding.

Sarah Hasnek said I commend you. Calling on the National Guard is a failure of the LAPD. What can we do to speak to the issue of more checks and balances and why they would be given a raise?

Liz Steele said I strongly support this letter. Redistributing money from the LAPD to communities for housing, food, and economic assistance as well as the city's physical infrastructure is important.

Chloe said this is my first time speaking. I thank Maebe A. Girl for writing it. There can't be more funding for police programs.

Carly Silverman said that she supports the letter.

Alex Findlay said that she strongly supports the letter. This is her first neighborhood council meeting. I feel really connected to this community right now.

Christine Hamilton-Schmidt also offered her support.

Chris Cardenas offered support. As a transgender male of color, I feel unsafe in our neighborhood. That never happened before in Silver Lake. I need to walk my dog right now and I'm terrified.

Sarah, a stakeholder, asked about checks and balances? Anthony Crump said to contact the Council Member and the Mayor's Office to express your desires about the budget.

Nora Goudsmit thanked Maebe A. Girl for the motion. The issue was brought up by Black Lives Matter. The budget needs to support people. We need to block the Mayor's budget.

Sarah Ullman explained that the budget was adopted tonight but there are several opportunities to comment at meetings in the coming weeks. City Council will vote again before July 1.

She offered an amendment to the language of the letter: add footnotes that cite sources of numbers in the letter so people can understand where the numbers come from. She'd like to change the beginning of the letter to make it more direct. It takes awhile to get to the point. We can be more direct and forceful.

"The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to amend the Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community. We want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing."

She suggests something similar at the end. After "This budget will not make Angelenos safer" insert "We urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief and public health efforts." We need to make the direct ask for money to go from here to there as 53.8% of the unrestricted budget goes to the LAPD. She said that she has a similar letter for Wednesday's meeting with footnotes. *Sarah Ullman made a motion to amend the letter. Maebe A. Girl seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said I agree with the amendment. I did not write the letter. A Los Feliz Neighborhood Council member wrote it. It can be more concise.

Imran Syed said I support this. Protesters from Downtown LA have been put on a bus to Jackie Robinson Stadium at UCLA. There are medical emergencies and they have not been given treatment. He must leave the meeting.

Barbara Ringuette said I'd like to suggest an addition that the letter be sent to Council File 20-0600 which deals with the 2020-2021 City budget, as well as to City Council members. It will be a CIS (Community Impact Statement). Sarah Ullman noted that her motion for Wednesday is a CIS with a Council File.

Anthony Crump asked can we defer the CIS request? Barbara Ringuette said that it sounds like it could happen on Wednesday. Anthony Crump said we're supposed to list CIS' on the agenda with the Council File number.

Samantha Danner offered support for the original and amended motion. The LAPD budget increase is so small compared to the money needed to prevent further homelessness and chaos in the public health system. It is a waste of money. It's important that this letter comes from the neighborhood council. We can give voice to the proposal.

Paul Emmons said that to vote on the amendment, we would need to know the exact language of the amendment. Sarah Ullman said that she has it written out.

Ilanthe Zevos said I support the letter and amendment. It must support the values that we have.

Maebe A. Girl said we can do both motions, mine tonight and Sarah Ullman's on Wednesday. We should pass this letter and Sarah Ullman's motion and CIS on Wednesday. It would be a double whammy.

Seth Copenhaver said that Council Member David Ryu said he was not happy with the legislation as written and he has received comments. Seth Copenhaver said to keep it up! You can affect change.

David Wheatley commented that DONE is totally off by not having the images on the screen. They need to be examined by professionals. I think the police department needs more transparency and supervision. Coming back to budget, it's not a good idea and we should not have that in there. I support more social services. For homelessness and housing, you should send this to the land use committee that I'm on. There's a lot of wasted money going to developers that should go to help people.

**VOTE for amendment
18-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

**VOTE for amended motion
17-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Lena Najarian Kaderali
Seth Copenhaver
Maebe A. Girl
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein

Paul Emmons
Tina Lin
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
lanthe Zevos

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

c) (Stein/Zevos/Najarian Kaderali) Discussion and possible action. Move to grant approval for the Griffith Park Adult Community Center (GPACC) to repurpose the previously approved and funded \$1,000 NPG (January 2020) for the Spring Faire event which was scheduled to take place in May 2020. The proposed repurposing contemplates continuing the mission of GPACC to build community and inform its membership and seniors in the Silver Lake/Los Feliz/Echo Park area by providing informative outreach in the form of a physical mailing.

lanthe Zevos said this is an NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) to the Griffith Park Adult Center. However, Given the Safer At Home order, we won't be able to do the event. Dulce Stein and I had worked on the mailer. We approached Stephanie Vendig at the Griffith Park Adult Center. They are repurposing the NPG to give seniors information about services. *Dulce Stein seconded.*

Genelle LeVin said there was a rescheduling for October, I believe. I didn't realize that it was cancelled for the year. Lena Kaderali said the event is not happening this year. The option for the NPG that was funded either it must be refunded or repurposed for something that can be deployed before June 30.

Nina Sorkin asked regarding the June 30 date, what is the time to complete the postcard mailing? lanthe Zevos said that's a good question. We're working with Stephanie Vendig now. We have the database with a GPAC mailing list of 450, plus voter files. We are calling people by phone but about 1300 of them don't have numbers. They will receive mail. Also, people with bad numbers will be contacted.

Ben Cassorla noted the \$1,000 for the NPG. What is the budget for the mailers? Can excess money be returned? lanthe Zevos said that she expects the cost to be less than \$1,000. However, with cost of printing and postage it could be over \$1,000.

Samantha Danner asked has this been brought to Council offices? They have budgets for mailings. Ianthe Zevos said that neither Council District 13 (CD13) or Council District 4 (CD4) has done such a mailer. Neither has volunteered. It's unlikely that we'll get funding from them.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this is money that we've already approved. It's not related to funding that Lena Kaderali mentioned for tonight. Lena Kaderali said that the cheque was cashed in January. A refund could not be received by Wednesday to redeploy the funds before the fiscal year-end.

Dulce Stein said they were so happy to collaborate with us. They'd felt neglected and alone. They brought ideas and good feelings. She thanked Nina Sorkin and Stephanie Vendig. *Dulce Stein seconded the motion.*

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Stein/Zevos) Discussion and possible action. Move to grant approval from the Outreach budget category to fund up to an additional \$375 to the funding repurposing initiative contemplated in the preceding GPACC motion. This would allow the SLNC and GPACC in coordination to reach a more comprehensive group of senior citizen stakeholders in Silver Lake. This motion aims to provide funding for a physical mailing of informative outreach.

Ilanthe Zevos said this is attached to the previous motion. It acknowledges that printing will cost more than \$1,000 and adds funds. We are phone banking to seniors. We've had great conversations. Lots of people need help. I invite the Board to make calls. This is a continuation of the last motion. *Dulce Stein seconded the motion.*

Ilanthe Zevos read a note from Debbie Slater. She wants to know if GPACC logo will be included in mailer? Ianthe Zevos said yes.

Sarah Ullman asked where are we with the Outreach budget? Lena Kaderali replied \$3,885 plus a motion to move money to Outreach on Wednesday.

VOTE
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PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:
None

e) (Gamzon/Cameron Bard) Discussion and possible action. Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council submit an application listing recommended streets to LADOT's Slow Streets initiative and that at least 4 Board Members agree to help monitor any Slow Streets that are implemented.

Scott Gamzon and Cameron Bard made the motion.

Scott Gamzon said that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Mayor Garcetti proposed this for non-commercial streets. Local residents and emergency vehicles and deliveries are exempt. Our sidewalks are so narrow. We want streets to be safe and accessible for everyone to use. All streets that qualify are on the map on their portal. We wanted to find streets with higher densities.

Nina Sorkin said I sent a letter to the Board this afternoon. Did Scott Gamzon submit the streets determination Scott Gamzon responded that I solicited opinions from the Board and community. It was not a scientific survey. The DOT does not require outreach. We had 141 responses. About 84% of respondents strongly agreed with safe streets network. Kenilworth and Hoover were the most popular choices, along with Larissa and Descanso.

Cameron Bard said this is the second time that Transportation put out a Google form to the community about the proposed action. We saw enormous feedback. We encourage that others use Google forms.

Amon said I support the initiative. He is a 14-year resident of Descanso Drive. Larissa has only one sidewalk. The streets are filled with joggers now that gyms are closed.

Nina Sorkin said that she recalled the last Google doc survey? It was developed with help from Council Member David Ryu. This one had no involvement. I didn't realize that this was happening. It needs to be vetted a bit more. She explained this in an email.

Anthony Crump said I support this but I also support Nina Sorkin. I have an issue with outreach. We are leaning so heavily on a survey. We could have the Transportation Committee have a meeting about this. Not everyone has access to the survey or computers. That has limited outreach. We need to commit to additional thorough, multilingual outreach. You miss communities. We all campaigned on more inclusive outreach. We must support that.

Ben Cassorla said I commend everything that Anthony Crump just said. He expressed concern about 4 neighborhood council members to monitor this.

Paul Emmons thanked Scott Gamzon and Cameron Bard for their volunteerism and ideas. The Transportation Committee has not met because of COVID19. This was created by City Council because of COVID19. These are recommendations.

Scott Gamzon explained that this was the best that we can do. I apologize for that. The program requires us to monitor how funding is used. We can amend the motion to come up with 4 monitors.

Barbara Ringuette asked has there been any communication with the Slow Streets program about when they might look at streets in the Silver Lake area? Scott Gamzon replied that the application must be placed first, then DOT will determine the streets.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this is interesting and a good idea. He expressed concerns about monitoring aspects of it. People get aggressive when told what to do. Have DOT monitor it. Scott Gamzon said it would just report back to DOT, not approach the public. Nicholas Fox-Robbins withdrew his question.

Cameron Bart said this is a pilot program. If there's any step we can take to help move away from automobiles we should take it. I too will be keen to observe how people treat others who come to the neighborhood to use the Slow Streets.

Barbara Ringuette asked was there any outreach or comments from the Region 2/Region 1 border? Or positive feedback from the Reservoir Street and Benton Way? That intersection is heavily travelled. Reservoir is very hilly and not very wide. Was there any positive feedback related to that site? Scott Gamzon said yes there was support, particularly for Reservoir. Kenilworth and Hyperion (below Sunset) were the most popular choices.

Tina Lin commented that that is one block from my house. Are there hours to the slow streets? I'd like to volunteer. Scott Gamzon said the program would be 24/7. *He wants to amend wording from 4 Board members to volunteers or stakeholders. Paul Emmons seconded.*

VOTE for amendments

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
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Seth Copenhaver
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Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Elaine Roark
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Paul Emmons
Tina Lin
Lorraine Getz
Scott Gamzon
Joanna Pawlowska
Ilanthe Zevos

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

VOTE for amended motion

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
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Scott Gamzon
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No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

10) Adjournment

Anthony Crump warned about late and incomplete agenda items. He also said that anything that goes out for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council must be something that we voted for. The same goes for committees. He thanked everyone for participating.

The meeting ended at 9:56pm.