

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING  
Draft Minutes  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
7pm

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91309624810>  
or by telephone by calling (669) 900-6833  
and entering Webinar ID: 913 0962 4810

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02pm with 20 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

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

Non-Attending Board Members:

Mark Duncan

3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Nicholas Fox-Robbins welcomed the attendees and urged them to vote in the upcoming November 3 elections. Please see [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for more information. He commented that many people have not received their original Federal stimulus cheques. If you want your stimulus cheque, contact Congressman Adam Schiff's office to complete paperwork. Please see [www.schiff.house.gov](http://www.schiff.house.gov) for more information.

Neighborhood Council elections will begin in April 2021. These may require more attention than normal because of the pandemic. It is imperative to ensure the integrity of the elections that they be a citizen-led effort. It will be on our October agenda to reinstate the ad hoc election committee. He urged people to join that committee.

He said that he hopes that people are well and being mindful of media consumption and drinking enough water and eating healthy food. He hopes that you are discovering something new about yourself. He also hopes that you will vote and challenge who disagree with you as human beings. The we demonize the other side, the further off the cliff our country can go. He hopes for a maturation of political dialogue for us to become better people and a better nation.

#### 4) Rules for action on agenda items and public input

Anthony Crump offered a recap of how to provide comment during the meeting.

#### 5) General Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

*Steve Meek:*

He is the Los Feliz and Silver Lake community guide publisher. He offered an invitation to a Hope For United racial equity art exhibit from October 24 to November 22. October 9 will be the deadline to submit art to Dulce Stein. This will be held at the Neutra Gallery. Submissions will be open to schools, amateurs, and professionals.

*David Wheatley:*

Thank you for keynote. It sets a nice tone.

Committee names should be added to the agenda instead of just committee reports. Put them at same level of government reports. He expressed concern about how absences were addressed by only the Executive Committee and accused the neighborhood council of cronyism. The public should be involved, he suggested.

He mentioned upcoming neighborhood council elections, saying that hopefully we can vote out the people who put up the dangerous and violent Black Lives Matter political signs. They intimidate our local residents.

*Genelle LeVin, Silver Lake Improvement Association:*

She announced that the 26th annual Music Box Step Day will be October 24 from 2pm to 4pm. This will be a virtual event that will be available to watch anytime. It will be an exciting event that will be different than before.

*Dulce Stein:*

She spoke about a senior mailing and the Griffith Park Adult Community Center (GPACC). About 1525 mailed cards were sent to seniors at large plus more than 449 cards to G Pack members. We hope to mail another 1000 in a second round. The mails are slow so not all of the cards have been received.

*Scott Gamzon:*

He mentioned a website created by high school students. They put together biographies and photographs of black people killed by police at [www.saytheirnamesilverlake.com](http://www.saytheirnamesilverlake.com). It's quite powerful.

*Sarah Ullman:*

She is a Court appointed special advocate. The 30,000 kids in Los Angeles in foster care need your help. You too can become a Court appointed special advocate with only 50 hours of training. She's volunteered with the program for 4 years. Lots of foster kids could really use your help with things like registering for college, finding jobs, and seeking medical help.

*Barbara Ringuette:*

She announced that the Alliance of River Communities (ARC) will meet Tuesday, September 8. Mayor Garcetti will speak. The budget will be discussed. Contact me if you're interested.

## 6) Special Presentation from Congressman Adam Schiff

He thanked the neighborhood council members for their work.

He wants to discuss the health of our people, the health of our economy, the health of our planet and the health of our democracy.

The Health Of Our People:

It didn't need to be this way. There are 183,000 dead Americans because of the virus. We entered the pandemic better prepared to deal with this than other nations. We have some of the best scientists and medical professionals and national production capacity in the world. What was missing was a national strategy. This forced states to compete against each other. There was terrible mixed messaging, even on basic things like wearing masks. He introduced a bill months ago for free masks to be delivered via the Postal Service and for related Public Service Announcements. Simple steps like that can save tens of thousands of lives and perhaps trillions in lost economic activity. However, because of a lack of leadership from the White House, the virus is more pronounced in the US than in other parts of the world. It is what Donald Trump has made of it through his incompetence, negligence, and narcissism. It's all about him even when citizens are dying.

We need to ramp up testing and tracing. Treatment must be affordable. It's difficult to trace effectively without prompt testing and results. Our essential workers must have the protective gear that they need. None of this is beyond our capacity but it is tragically beyond the capacity of this Administration.

We are fighting for the passage of the Heroes Act, which includes financial resources for testing, treatment, state governments, the unemployed, and renters.

The Health Of Our Economy:

People are suffering and need our help. We want a broad approach, similar to that in Europe and Asia. We would guarantee payroll and paychecks for people instead of unemployment compensation. Tens of millions have lost their jobs. The state unemployment agencies are overwhelmed. By contrast, in Germany unemployment is only up modestly as the government guarantees paycheques. By contrast, unemployment in the US increased four-fold. This is not good for our people or our recovery. It's more equitable and efficient to guarantee payroll and paycheques like in Europe. If that's not possible, we need to provide relief through the mechanisms that we have. It's irresponsible and immoral for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to allow the bill to lapse for 3 months. People's unemployment benefits have been allowed to expire.

The Sticking Points include a lack of support for cities and states. Trump says that only blue states need money. The president only views himself as president for states that supported his election. That should not be an issue. These are all Americans who are suffering right now. If we don't help states and cities and school districts, we will cut off access to education and health care and add to unemployment. This is an urgent imperative.

We need unemployment compensation for entertainment industry and gig workers and freelancers. We were able to cover them, in part thanks to

legislation that he helped author within the CARES Act. However, there are still many who are left out or only get a portion that they deserve because they have a mixture of income types. He's introduced legislation to cure that.

#### Health Of Our Planet:

No one has to tell Californians what a crisis our planet is in. Our state is up in flames. This needs to be treated with the urgency that it deserves. He mentioned fires in Australia earlier this year. Here there are hurricanes, raging fires, etc. It will go from bad to worse. We need a Green New Deal and a fierce sense of urgency.

#### Health of Our Democracy:

I've never been more concerned about the health of our democracy. A far greater danger to our democracy comes from within not from foreigners. The President considers the free press to be the enemy of the people. The Attorney General works not in the interest of justice but to protect the President and persecute his enemies. Whistle blowers are exposed to harm. Inspector Generals are fired. And the President seeks to enrich himself at the expense of our country. That usurps the power of the purse. Other branches of government are disrespected. There is abuse of the power of office in every conceivable way. The President is seeking to dis-enfranchise the voting rights of millions by attacking their ability to vote by mail. Attacks on our ability to vote are a danger to democracy.

There are also violent attacks on protestors encouraged by the President. They believe their campaign benefits from the violence. They don't care that people are losing their lives. We should speak against this and support Black Lives Matter and the right to peaceful protest. We must attack the problem of systemic racism and not use popular necessary protest as an excuse to egg people on the violent behavior as the President is doing. It is a very dangerous moment in our nation's history but I'm confident that we can overcome.

#### *Debbie Slater:*

I'm proud that you are representing us in Congress. In our State legislature, there are proposals about rent repayment. Are there any Federal plans for this during COVID19?

Congressman Schiff replied I delivered food recently with Project Angel Food. He met people who couldn't afford rent and utilities and food at the same time. There is \$100 billion in the Heroes Act for this and a moratorium on evictions. If we merely have a moratorium, we will have another wave of evictions and foreclosures that will be disastrous and create more homelessness. Rental assistance is enormously important. We're fighting for that now.

Unfortunately, for Mitch McConnell and the Senate, they think they've done enough. It's difficult to negotiate with people who don't think they need to do anything. Referencing Ivanka Trump, he said they have a let them eat cake philosophy. We feel this is urgent to help people pay their rent. We hope for a different majority in the Senate that's more in tune with the American people.

Regarding the Republican argument that we can't afford this, the more we invest in people, the faster we recover. It's poor economics to let people suffer. Mitch McConnell felt the nation had plenty of money for a \$2.2 trillion tax reduction for the rich and wealthy corporations. Are they prepared to say they don't have funds for working families? That tells you a lot about their values but it's unconscionable.

*Chloe Sprague:*

I'm concerned about the state of our democracy and both Republicans and Democrats. There is a lot of corporate money in politics and it's very dangerous. Your campaign raised millions and millions of dollars. What are you planning to do with that money? What are your plans for homelessness in our district.

Congressman Schiff said the average contribution is about \$20. We are using those resources to help other folks around the country, progressive elected officials. We want to make sure that we maintain a majority in the House. He noted that my opponent raised millions.

Regarding homelessness, Congressman Schiff said \$100 billion for rental assistance is important. There is \$12 billion in the Heroes Act to ameliorate the homeless situation.

The Federal government doesn't need to reinvent the wheel. Lots of things are happening locally. We can provide resources for these local efforts and also to create new incentives to build affordable housing. He introduced a bill last year for people who sell property to housing agencies to get greater tax breaks. We want to incentivize the production of affordable housing. We need more Federal resources for the homeless. We need to provide wrap-around services that the homeless require relating to training, substance abuse, and emergency shelters in hotels and elsewhere.

*David Wheatley:*

I'm on the land use committee. There are lots of state laws to incentivize luxury housing. That does next to nothing for the homeless. State legislation AB1120 went down on a technical consideration. What can you do to limit luxury units and do more for low income housing?

Congressman Schiff said I'd have to do more research for State legislation. We do periodically meet with the Governor. We solicit state opinions on what we can do at the Federal level. If incentives are not properly drafted they can be taken advantage of. Be careful how legislation is drafted.

Lorraine Getz said I admire the work that you are doing to represent us. What can we do as Californians to defeat Trump? We are preaching to the choir. Congressman Schiff said this is not a political meeting. He cited the spectacle of the Republican National Convention on the White House lawn. Law breaking was part of the point. The lawlessness was the point. It's not the byproduct, it was the object. With the Administration's immigration policy and putting kids in cages, the cruelty was the point. Here the lawlessness is the point. That is ironic for someone running on a law and order campaign but it's the playbook of autocrats around the world. They alone are above the law.

The only remedy is the ballot box. It will be essential to register everyone to vote. If this is a close election, and the President refuses to leave office even after losing, there's no playbook for that. We've never had a president so clearly signal that he is not willing to accept the results. It's imperative that everyone do what they can between now and then so that this isn't a close election.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell wouldn't give states the resources to process votes or mail ballots so we may wait days or weeks for election results. That may bump into the period where electors need to be appointed.

I was elected during the Bush-Gore election. The Supreme Court gave the election to the party that nominated them. We don't want that result repeated. We must vote in such massive numbers that the election is not close.

Nora Goudsmit said I think that you are a national treasure. She thanked him for his service. Regarding unemployment insurance issues, she asked what is the new legislation to close gaps?

Congressman Schiff replied that if people had a small amount of W2 income but historically most of their work came from 1099 independent contractor income, they may get very little. That wasn't intended by Congress. We're trying to fix it. The challenge is that state unemployment offices are already overwhelmed. The solution must be simple. It must be equitable. He hopes that if they can get another aid package that this will be part of it. If not, he wants them to be able to receive retroactive benefits from the first Federal aid package. I hope that there will be bipartisan support for another Federal aid package.

Maebe A. Girl said we formed an ad hoc committee on police reform. We want the dissolution of the school police. Do you support defunding the police?

Congressman Schiff responded I support reimagining funding of our police departments and getting other agencies to take on non-police work. I support the efforts of the Black Lives Matter movement. To get police to focus on their core mission and attack systemic racism, those are important changes that we need to make. The George Floyd Justice and Policing Act is an important step in the right direction. However, it doesn't really address the issue of how are we spending our resources?

There should be more focus on proactive preventive action so there is less work for police to do. When he was a state legislator, he created the Schiff-Hartness Community Juvenile Justice Grant Program, which invested as much proactively in prevention as it did in police. We should front load resources in prevention rather than in reaction. Systemic racism in police departments is only a part of the problem. It exists throughout the criminal justice system. It's in other aspects of society too.

I'm introducing bill soon to address bias in healthcare depending on the color of your skin regardless of socio-economic background. It will use the model of the Fair Housing Act. It will treat health care as a civil right. We need to open our eyes to bring about reforms like that across society.

Ben Cassorla asked about foreign intervention in the electoral system. What changes can be made to dampen that? People should be warned about foreign controlled media outlets. Congressman Schiff said our goal should be to deter foreign intervention. We lost our deterrent because the President doesn't want deterrence. He begged Chinese President Xi for help, according to John Bolton. The Russians have been encouraged to continue their efforts.

Joe Biden's speech warned Russia that they would pay a heavy price for intervening in our elections. In my committee, we expose what the Russians are doing. It's difficult. Dan Coates, former Director of National Intelligence, was fired for speaking out. Joe McGuire, another intelligence officer, was fired for briefing the House Intelligence Committee on what the Russians were doing. Trump now has pliable intelligence directors. We want them to speak the truth. We will also alert state and local agencies if we meddling with the infrastructure of elections.

Jeremy Black asked about election security and vulnerability of voting machines. There are only two major providers of voting machines. He said that he was on the ground in Pennsylvania as an organizer for Hilary Clinton's Presidential election campaign where there were a number of irregularities. What can be done to make sure voting machine companies are held to account?

Congressman Schiff said these voting technologies are pretty opaque. The vendors won't share technologies for the government to determine how safe or unsafe they are. You only need to intervene in a few key jurisdictions in a few

key states. Some of them don't even have a paper trail. We tried to sound the alarm to state officials. The Republicans were not willing to do it.

We are better positioned today than 4 years ago because we were forewarned. However, there are jurisdictions with no paper trail, which is incomprehensible to me. However, because elections are decentralized, there is not much that Congress can do. The broader point was evident during impeachment. You can have the best constitution and laws and resources but if you have one political party turned into personality cult that isn't willing to uphold institutions, the foundations of the republic are shaken. That makes this a perilous time. However, I have great hope and faith in the country that we will get through this. This too shall pass.

For months, I've been working on a package of post-Watergate reforms to strengthen the independence of the Justice Department. We hope to introduce it in 1-2 weeks. This is a long list of reforms that we need to keep adding to.

## 7) 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 announced that the Department of Transportation (DOT) speed humps program is coming up on September 16. She'll send out information and eligibility requirements. Each council district gets only 30 applications. Submissions open at 8am and usually closes within hours.

On September 10, Council Member Ryu will host a business resources webinar on issues related to the pandemic. That will begin at noon.

She said that Griffith Park Boulevard is being resurfaced. This is asphalt resurfacing. However, there are utility holds on parts of the street that are still surfaced in concrete.

The Jewish Free Loans Association is offering assistance to small businesses and individuals. See [www.jfla.org](http://www.jfla.org) for more information.

She mentioned the Griffith Park aerial tram study that Council Member Ryu commissioned in 2018 around Hollywood sign. It was identified by a consultant. So far, the consultant is working with the Recreation and Parks Department to consider 4 different routes. For more information: [www.griffithparkaerialtransit.com](http://www.griffithparkaerialtransit.com). There will be a town hall meeting tomorrow night at 6pm.

Council Member Ryu introduced legislation to expand drop off boxes for the November election. Council Member Ryu and Council President Nuri Martinez

want to allocate \$50 million from the CARES Act for workers diagnosed with COVID to quarantine for two weeks with wages paid.

Debbie Slater asked about a Riverside Drive bridge housing update? It's almost to capacity. Rachel Fox answered that there were 70 residents on Monday. The intake process is slower than at other sites. This facility can take 100 people. She noted that there is a fantastic article in the Ledger. Outreach is important. There will be another community meeting on September 10 at 6:30pm.

Ilanthe Zevos asked about the voting drop boxes. Is Ryu planning to do a graphic about where they will be? She wants to add that information to the neighborhood council's social media. Rachel Fox said that's an excellent idea and resource.

Ben Cassorla asked a petition about rental relief via the Federal Reserve. Where does that motion stand?

Rachel Fox said that it's in committee now. We need support from constituents. We are at the beginning of a tsunami of evictions. Why not have the City go into debt to prevent this? The need is so dire right now. This is a priority for the City right now. We need more support from community members, like public comments on CIS'. We need to convince other folks.

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

On August 20, Council Member Mitch O'Farrell hosted a Council Member In Your Corner event. A Streets LA representative discussed their work during COVID. Concrete street repairs are being delayed. We won't get it for the next fiscal year because of budget cuts. I hope we can move forward with that. We also discussed the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic and their importance in the community. We want to do another one in the not too distant future.

There is talk about the Bureau of Engineering repaving concrete around the Silver Lake Reservoir today. Engineers were speaking with neighbors today. Word got out. They will replace damaged sidewalk and install missing sidewalk near the dog park and the recreation center. The design work should be completed this year with construction in the Spring of 2021, depending on the City budget.

Someone hates one-way reservoir signs and vandalized them repeatedly. We will utilize the one-way signs that we need for Echo Park Lake. We will post the signs inside the perimeter but with protection.

The Recreation and Parks Department said they did upgrades to the dog parks. They added 8 dog bone benches, trimmed trees, and adjusted irrigation.

Today on Sunset Boulevard, between Lucille and Edgecliff, we have been working with restaurants to use the entire sidewalk for dining. This is the reverse of al fresco dining program. We are creating pedestrian access in the parking lane of the street. Concrete guards were delivered today. Now the entire sidewalk is for restaurants and customers.

Debbie Slater asked about the clean-up on Sunset. They were out on Sunday on Silver Lake Boulevard at the Sunset underpass. They are being proactive. Mary Rodriguez said they did not contact our office. We go there every Wednesday with our Clean Team to pick up debris and trash bags left by the homeless.

Alexandra Auris commented that at Echo Park Lake, the one-way signs were only posted in the direction that people were supposed to walk. If you're walking the other way, you don't see them. Can that be changed? Mary Rodriguez said that most people know that walks are one-way in a counter clockwise direction.

Cameron Bard asked for more permanent signage at Silver Lake Reservoir to deter vandalism, what would be the cost and timing? Mary Rodriguez said it will be very expensive. Metal signs would be more expensive. There are different sign companies. It's worth a conversation. Cameron Bard said we're happy to add this to the committee agenda. Mary Rodriguez said we were hoping to post them yesterday but we hope to do so next Tuesday. Approval is needed to enter the property.

*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 BONC is considering new policies. They are reviewing the Code of Conduct policy. They are also working on a digital media policy as well as leadership, training, and diversity policies.

Ahead of the neighborhood council elections, there will be a training on September 30 regarding outreach and digital content.

There will be a Homelessness Liaison meeting on September 30 at 6:30pm.

A Vote-By-Mail survey was sent out to Board members. We're taking any suggestions for election strategies for the 2021 neighborhood council elections.

Tina Lin asked will there be more Zoom support? Will there be more users to help committees? We are still using one log in. Jackie Kim said that it's in the works.

## 8) Committee Reports

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said that on Thursday, September 24 at 7pm there will be a meeting.

LGBTQ Alliance: Maebe A. Girl said that the citywide group will meet September 20.

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner said the group meets the second Tuesday of each month. They discussed things on the agenda tonight and at the next meeting including community refrigerators. The LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) homeless count revised numbers discussed.

Housing and Tenant's Rights Committee: Ben Cassorla said that Samantha Danner and I are now cochairs. We'll begin monthly meetings. The next 3-4 months will be incredibly important. Come to our next meeting, he urged.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman said the final Master Plan survey is open until September 4. It's about preference for the order that projects may take place.

Arts and Culture Committee: Dulce Stein said that collaboration for the Day of the Dead celebration is being planned. It will be virtual this year. Contact her if you're interested.

LatinX Committee: Dulce Stein is collaborating with Gloria Morales of the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce. We will hold a workshop in Spanish about tenants' rights. It will be in October. She noted that most workshops are in English so people don't understand.

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said the group will meet September 17 at 7pm. She and John Wingler were re-elected as co-chairs at the last meeting.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Cameron Bard discussed resurfacing and new lighting on Glendale Boulevard for pedestrians crossing streets. That's a key victory. There will be a Committee meeting next week. We will discuss elections and signage. Regarding Slow Signs, he asked do we want to support them?

Tina Lin informed committee chairs that there is a new letterhead that you can download from the website. Please use this for letters and CIS'. Also copy her on messages to Christina for website changes.

Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform: Seth Copenhaver said that the group held it's first meeting in August. We had great attendance. September 14 at 7pm will be next meeting. It will look at City Council motions about police reform.

Outreach Committee: Seth Copenhaver said that the group is back in business. Nicholas Fox-Robbins and I were re-elected as co-chairs. We hope to meet again within two weeks.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Liza Temple said things have slowed down a little bit. At the last meeting we discussed seeing lots of developers come to our Committee and request not to do normal street improvements. We discussed the possible impacts of that. We expect to see more of this as time goes on. Our next meeting will be next Wednesday at 6:30pm. We have three agenda items: Fire and Safety Ordinance, election of co-chairs, and we will also discuss the customary practice of the committee to send letters directly to the City when time is of the essence. We want to get the Committee on the same page on that and then present it to the Board for discussion.

9) Administrative:

d) (Secretary) Discussion and possible action: For the Secretary to temporarily downgrade our Mailchimp account to save funds from our current \$85/mo spending and maintain capability to send a single monthly newsletter to our 3,000+ master email list, which has about a 20-25% open rate (about 800 email opens). Board will review a future Mailchimp plan once committee chairs review how they would like to use the service.

e) (Secretary) For the Secretary to create 21 personal and free Gmail accounts (up to 15GB size) for each governing board member with the structure [firstname.lastname.slnc@gmail.com] and to direct the webmaster to: (a) transfer our domain registration from GoDaddy to Google Domains for \$12, (b) create or transfer 49 email aliases (21 board members and 28 committee emails ending with [@silverlakenc.org]) into aliases at Google Domains (as shown in the attached exhibit), and (c) to link the aliases with the new personal gmail accounts (created under (a)). Furthermore, upon notice by the Secretary for the governing board members to forward important SLNC emails from their GoDaddy webmail to the new personal gmails (created under (a)) prior to December 1, 2020 when our GoDaddy webmail plan ends, retiring an approximately \$1,000 cost per year. GoDaddy would continue to host the silverlakenc.org website for the time being. Annual Google Domain registration is estimated to remain at or near \$12/year. Annual use of Gmail, forwarding from our aliases and replying from our aliases would be free.

Hold agenda items 9.d and e until later in the meeting, said Anthony Crump.

f) (Treasurer) Verbal report on the SLNC Financial Picture to Date

Maebe A. Girl said that the net available is \$27,375 after expenses. The unspent NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grants) budget is \$4,730 not including \$4,700 in rollover funds.

b) (Treasurer) Motion to approve July 2020 Monthly Expenditures Report (MER) (Attached)

*Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
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Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

a) (Treasurer) Motion to approve the City Clerk entering a contract with The Mailroom for FY 2020- 2021 for website maintenance at a monthly rate of \$175.00.

*Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Tina Lin seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said we already approved this for website maintenance provided by Christina Smith. The City Clerk has a contract with her because it's a monthly expense.

**VOTE**  
**20-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
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Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Secretary) Motion to approve minutes of the August 5, 2020 Regular Governing Board Meeting.

*Tina Lin made the motion. lanthe Zevos seconded.*

**VOTE**  
**20-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
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Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

g) (Chair) Discussion and possible action to provide the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and East Hollywood Neighborhood Council permission to use the SLNC logo in promotion for the Civil Rights panel they have organized on 9/17 from 7-8pm.

The Los Feliz and East Hollywood neighborhood councils want the right to use our logo for a civil rights panel on September 17.

*Anthony Crump made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.*

Debbie Slater said this is a no brainer. We want to do more outreach with other neighborhood councils.

David Wheatley said it's a no brainer to say no. We need to know more about this organization. We shouldn't be lending our name to what may discriminate and be bad for Silver Lake and society. We need more details. You wouldn't see Disney attaching their name to something that they knew little about. He urged a no vote.

Anthony Crump read the letter about the event into the record. The first meeting will focus on red lining. Maebe A. Girl said the entire Board received the email. I support this.

Samantha Danner also said that she supports this. We should initiate events like this. I'm glad that the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council have included us. It's easy to put on these events.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the Outreach Chair of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council came to our meeting. They are making efforts to collaborate with us. We should absolutely do this.

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
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Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

## 10) Unfinished Business

a) (Fox Robbins) Nick Fox Robbins moves that the SLNC create two designated liaison positions to the Silver Lake Improvement Association, known collectively as “SLIA Liaisons”, whose role would be to encourage and support the maintenance of and cultural programming within the Sunset Triangle Plaza and to maintain a positive and fruitful working relationship with the SLIA.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Dulce Stein seconded.*

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that there is no greater role for our Governing Board with a limited budget than to spread our effect on the community by supporting other organizations. The SLIA are the stewards of Sunset Triangle Plaza. We all benefit from healthy working relationship with the SLIA. Liaisons are an olive branch, not an oversight. It would improve the upkeep of the plaza. Support SLIA and open ourselves up to more community collaboration on both ends.

We have a liaison for every other thing. The SLIA is a 30-year-old organization in Silver Lake and we should have a liaison for that.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made an amendment to include nominees: Seth Copenhaver and Maebe A. Girl as liaisons. Dulce Stein seconded.* Seth Copenhaver is Outreach Committee co-chair and has a positive relationship with the SLIA. Maebe A. Girl is representative for that region and has a good relationship with the SLIA as well.

Scott Plante said I’m trying to understand the intent. I’m concerned with legality. This is a public agency inserting itself into a private organization. Their meetings are public. Several Board members attend and Barbara Ringuette is already a member. What is the intent?

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this is not about inserting ourselves into an organization. I’ve had conversations with Genelle LeVin about this. I want the neighborhood council to have a more structured way to be informed about what the SLIA is doing. This is not an attempt to have control or oversight. It is geared toward fostering a positive relationship.

Debbie Slater suggested to just invite an SLIA person come to Board meetings and give updates. This seems unnecessary.

David Wheatley said I agree with Scott Plante and Debbie Slater. These affiliations with outside groups can lead to Brown Act violations. I believe in rotation of leadership. Other Board members would love to be a part of something but not this one.

Cameron Bard said that last month Nicholas Fox-Robbins mentioned it was pulled because he wanted to speak with Genelle LeVin, the SLIA President. Is there an update to that? Also, are Maebe A. Girl and Seth Copenhaver interested in taking on these roles?

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I was coordinating and communicating with Maebe A. Girl and Seth Copenhaver to gauge their interest. I apologized to Genelle LeVin about the lack of communication. We had a detailed conversation about the intent of the liaison. Genelle LeVin agreed to move forward with this.

Dulce Stein said this is a wonderful idea. It establishes a friendship to grow. We are friends and neighbors working for the community. We have to build bridges. I've spoken with Genelle LeVin and Nicholas Fox-Robbins. They've helped us many times so this is a way for us to be a help to them.

Maebe A. Girl said that she supports this. The SLIA is older than the SLNC. This is a great idea. I'd be happy to be a liaison.

**VOTE**  
**18-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Barbara Ringuette

Maebe A. Girl

## 11) New Business

a) (Ad Hoc Police Reform) Motion to submit to a letter to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Superintendent Austin Beutner (LAUSD Board Members and Stakeholders), Mayor Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members recommending the cancellation of any potential contracts with municipal police on LAUSD campuses and a measured dissolution of the L.A. School Police Department (LASPD).

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Lorraine Getz seconded.*

Seth Copenhaver explained that this was on the agenda at an earlier meeting. Nora Goudsmit was commended for the letter. The Ad Hoc Committee had no changes. This happens over a 3-year time period. It allows the LAUSD to work with the community and parents and other organizations to replace police with other organizations to put kids first.

Albert Andrade said I support this. My sister is a teacher in the LAUSD. I was a victim of a school shooting. Students are not made to feel safe by police. Police do not belong at schools.

Chloe Sprague said that she supports the letter. She attended a march a couple of months ago. Students don't feel that police are there to protect them. They are subject to racial profiling.

Jeremy Black asked what was the vote in Committee? Seth Copenhaver said it was 11-0-0. Maebe A. Girl added that it was unanimous. The support was incredible at the Committee level.

**VOTE**

**18-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Maebe A. Girl

Tina Lin

Seth Copenhaver

Samantha Danner

Sarah Ullman

Barbara Ringuette

Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

(Note: Nicholas Fox-Robbins left the meeting ill. There are 19 board members left.)

b) (Green Committee) Motion in support of Council File 18-0131 proposed by Councilmembers O'Farrell and Koretz directing the "Department of Recreation and Parks to report within 30 days on a strategy and timeline by which it can pilot and evaluate the use of zero emissions maintenance equipment at parks or golf courses in neighborhoods where improved air quality could be most beneficial."

*Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

Ianthe Zevos said that the Recreation and Parks Department has over 450 parks, 13 golf courses, many athletic fields that total about 16,000 acres of parkland that is maintained by dirty gas/emissions equipment. South Pasadena and the Southern California Air Quality Management District did a pilot program with zero emissions equipment.

Los Angeles has an aggressive Green New Deal that we are trying to enact. This takes emissions out of the system. Leaf blowers are particularly dirty.

**VOTE**

**19-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit

Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (House & Tenant Rights Committee) Motion to send to the City Council, LAPD, and City Attorney's Office the attached letter detailing illegal lockouts by landlords and specifying actions the city can take to prevent them.

*Paul Emmons seconded.*

Ben Cassorla said there are illegal lock ups happening around the City. This asks City Council to do something about it. Samantha Danner added that the lock-ups are aided by the Sheriff's Department.

**VOTE**

**18-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman

Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Elaine Roark left the meeting and didn't vote.)

d) (House & Tenant Rights Committee) Motion to send to the City Council, Mayor's Office, and City Attorney's Office the attached letter supporting greater funding for and attention to tenants in anticipation of the coming eviction surge.

*Samantha Danner seconded.*

Ben Cassorla said we all know what's coming once the eviction moratorium ends. This is a letter to the City Council to get them to think comprehensively about what they can do.

Tina Lin asked about the impact of the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) announcement about an eviction moratorium. Does it help?

Ben Cassorla said I don't know enough about it. Samantha Danner said the State legislation to extend the eviction moratorium to January from September but it's not a complete moratorium. There are a lot of issues. We need stronger protections for tenants.

**VOTE**

**17-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Lorraine Getz did not vote.)

e) (Transportation and Safety Committee) Motion to send a letter to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department and the Los Angeles Dodgers encouraging a pilot program to expand access to and use of the Tommy Lasorda Field of Dreams on Waterloo Street.

*Paul Emmons seconded.*

Cameron Bard said this passed unanimously at the March Transportation Committee meeting. It's a beautiful 1.5-acre field along Water Street, the Tommy Lasorda Field of Dreams. It's locked and gated and empty. The park was used less than 5% of daylight hours before the pandemic. This encourages a pilot program to increase access and use of the park. Let's use the space that we do have. Los Angeles has a lack of green space.

Nora Goudsmit asked about Dodgers involvement? Are they still involved? Cameron Bard said there was initial funding. Tommy Lasorda still works for the Dodgers. The Recreation and Parks Department controls the park. Dodgers support would be welcome.

Ilanthe Zevos said it's parkland we have but can't access. That's a fundamental issue.

**VOTE**  
**18-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Paul Emmons  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

f) (Ullman) Motion to approve up to \$1500 for a plaque memorializing Dion Neutra at the Silver Lake Reservoir.

Sarah Ullman said I want to remove the funding component of this. I want to pursue the concept of a plaque. Then, she will pursue funding.

*Sarah Ullman made the motion to approve the concept of a plaque.  
lanthe Zevos seconded.*

Sarah Ullman said this passed unanimously at the January meeting of the Reservoir Committee. The Neutras are legendary Silver Lake architects. Dulce Stein brought the motion to the Reservoir Committee. We want to honor the legends in our community.

The LA Parks Foundation requires \$1,500 for a plaque for an existing bench. She approached reservoir groups regarding funding. Council

District 4, Silver Lake Forward, and the Silver Lake Recreation Center are among the interested groups for funding.

Dulce Stein thanked Sarah Ullman for her work and research. Dion Neutra was very excited about the Master Plan. His favorite place was the Reservoir. Dulce thanked the neighborhood council for the plaque. It would mean a lot to him.

Ben Cassorla asked if the motion passes the application will be submitted? Does this depend on what the LA Parks Foundation says? Anthony Crump said this is the conceptual approval as Sarah Ullman seeks funding. Sarah Ullman commented that I've gone as far as I can without official support from Board.

Maebe A. Girl said this is a great way to honor Silver Lake legends. Their architecture was influential all over the world. Maebe A. Girl asked Sarah Ullman will you ask the Board to contribute financially in the future? Sarah Ullman said potentially. She has been in discussions with the Silver Lake Recreation Center, which has also done plaques at the reservoir for less money. At this point, I'm asking permission to pursue the project.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-0**  
**PASSED**

- Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Paul Emmons left the meeting and did not vote.)

Anthony Crump said he wanted to address agenda items 11.g, h, and i and then administrative items. Is everyone okay with that? There were no objections.

g) (Girl/LGBTQ+ Alliance) Motion to submit the attached Community Impact Statement in favor of Council File 20-0990 to require mandatory diversity, equity, and inclusion training and anti-bias training for all Neighborhood Councilmembers.

*Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said that the Highland Park Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee meeting is where I heard about this. We were thinking about getting DONE to discuss this, then a CIS came out. This would be similar to ethics training.

Samantha Danner asked are there any financial considerations? If so, how much? Maebe A. Girl said it's provided by DONE.

Cameron Bard asked can the training be tailored to those serving the public? Are other neighborhood councils exploring this? If so, are there opportunities to engage with them?

Maebe A. Girl said that the LGBTQ Plus Alliance approved the CIS. Other Alliance members also took it to their neighborhood councils. It went out in the progressive neighborhood council alliance circle. I haven't heard whether other neighborhood councils have approved it yet. I agree that it should be tailored to public officials.

**VOTE**

**17-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump

Nora Goudsmit

Maebe A. Girl

Tina Lin

Seth Copenhaver

Samantha Danner

Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY 15 MINUTES

*Anthony Crump said that he wants to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Tina Lin seconded.*

**VOTE to extend meeting by 15 minutes**

**13-4-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black

Scott Gamzon  
Sarah Ullman

Present, Not Voting:  
None

h) (Homelessness) Discussion and possible action regarding a collaboration between SLNC and LA Community Fridges to install a community fridge in Silver Lake. LA Community Fridges, a grassroots organization, has fridges to donate and guidelines and best practices to help start up new fridges. SLNC could assist in this project by working with the small business committee to identify potential locations/businesses to host a fridge, allocating CIP money and identifying an artist to paint/decorate the fridge, and identifying and managing volunteers to clean and stock the fridge and manage donations.

*Maebe A Girl seconded.*

Samantha Danner said it's community organization. This community refrigerator would be in the Hollywood area. She said it's for food, hygiene supplies, paper products. It's available to anyone. We've been in touch with an organization about setting up a fridge in Silver Lake. It's available for donations. They need volunteers to contact businesses for potential sites and for hosts and volunteers to help maintain and contribute to the fridge.

Nora Goudsmit said it's an interesting idea. In the context of COVID, how is it managed and how can people safely access food? Can an already established place host the refrigerator?

Samantha Danner replied that someone contacted Teresa at the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic. That's an excellent idea. The Silver Lake Community Church is also an option. With our support they may feel more secure about participating.

Seth Copenhaver said this is cool. They are doing this in New York City as well. Read the New York Times article about this. To Nora Goudsmit's point, this program is still finding its footing. Two fridges in Highland Park have been closed as well as one in Compton. But, it's a good idea. Sarah Ullman said that she supports this strongly. Do you know why those fridges were shut down?

Samantha Danner commented that the closed fridges blocked the public right of way. There are permit issues. Dulce Stein said we did something like this in Hawthorne. It's been working great. She offered donations of spray paint and artists to decorate them.

**VOTE**  
**14-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Lorraine Getz, Jeremy Black, and Scott Gamzon left the meeting and did not vote.)

i) (Homelessness) Discussion and possible action regarding sending City Council a Community Impact Statement in (conditional) support of Council File 20-1032: COVID-19 / Municipal Liquidity Facility Loan Assistance / Rent and Utility Related Debt Forgiveness / Program Structure and Implementation.

*Samantha Danner seconded.* She explained that this is a CIS about a Council File motion to look into ways to help prevent mass rental evictions and debt. Some parts of the CIS have become inaccurate. I would like to amend or postpone this. This is time sensitive. However, she wants more time to consider it.

Anthony Crump said that he prefers to pull it. We'll consider it for October.

9) Administrative -- REVISITED:

e) (Secretary) For the Secretary to create 21 personal and free Gmail accounts (up to 15GB size) for each governing board member with the structure [firstname.lastname.slnc@gmail.com] and to direct the webmaster to: (a) transfer our domain registration from GoDaddy to Google Domains for \$12, (b) create or transfer 49 email aliases (21 board members and 28 committee emails ending with [silverlakenc.org]) into aliases at Google Domains (as shown in the attached exhibit), and (c) to link the aliases with the new personal gmail accounts (created under (a)). Furthermore, upon notice by the Secretary for the governing board members to forward important SLNC emails from their GoDaddy webmail to the new personal gmails (created under (a)) prior to December 1, 2020 when our GoDaddy webmail plan ends, retiring an approximately \$1,000 cost per year. GoDaddy would continue to host the silverlakenc.org website for the time being. Annual Google Domain registration is estimated to remain at or near \$12/year. Annual use of Gmail, forwarding from our aliases and replying from our aliases would be free.

*Tina Lin made the motion. Seth Copenhaver seconded.*

Tina Lin said that she wants to approve this this month to give us time before December 1 for everyone to forward important emails from GoDaddy to Gmail. Once deactivated they won't be available. This will eliminate about a \$1,000 cost each year. SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition uses this, among other non-profits and small businesses.

Tina Lin wants to add "up to \$200" to webmaster Christina Smith to help create accounts. Anthony Crump said I can't do that. The amount must be on the agenda.

Lena Kaderali said I appreciate the cost savings. I'm not clear about email addresses. Samantha Danner explained the purpose of the alias email addresses, which allow people to keep their silverlakenc.org email addresses.

Nora Goudsmit said it feels messy to me. I'm not in favor of this. I'm concerned about the transfer of data.

Samantha Danner expressed concern about additional funding needed. Tina Lin said my understanding is \$12 is all that's needed. Committee co-chair emails can be forwarded to wherever people choose.

Cameron Bard said that regarding cost savings, it sounds like a fantastic move. Shouldn't EmpowerLA provide a systemwide platform for this? Tina Lin responded that I would love it if EmpowerLA did this. I found out from our webmaster that several other neighborhood councils do this at much lower cost. They were surprised that we spend \$1,000 for our

emails. Our webmaster did purchase a domain for \$12 to test it out. We feel it could work.

**VOTE**  
**10-2-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Samantha Danner  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Dulce Stein  
lanthe Zevos  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

Nora Goudsmit  
Sarah Ullman

Present, Not Voting:

Seth Copenhaver  
Lena Kaderali

12) Future Agenda Items

Anthony Crump said we'll either have a special meeting for left over items or roll them over to October.

13) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:22pm.