

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
7pm

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91309624810>
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1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:04pm with 17 Board members present.

2) Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Anthony Crump, Co-Chair
Nicholas Fox-Robbins, Co-Chair
Nora Goudsmit, Vice Chair
Maebe A. Girl, Treasurer
Tina Lin, Secretary
Seth Copenhaver
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Scott Gamzon
Lena Najarian Kaderali

Non-Attending Board Members:

Paul Emmons
Mark Duncan
Cameron Bard
Elaine Roark

3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Barbara Ringuette said that she had a point of order. She commented that the issues contained in agenda items 9.c and 11.c are still under the authority of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee and the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Board jointly and therefore should not be discussed during this meeting. That is also true for agenda items 9.c. This is not the appropriate body to approve those minutes. They first must be approved by the body in which the minutes were taken.

By placing these on tonight's agenda, you are denying a number of people, over 30 people, including the first co-chair of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, the right to approve or not approve the minutes of the joint meeting. I move that items 11.c and 9.c be referred back to the appropriate body or joint body for vetting. Also, items 10.a and 11.f on the Bylaws Committee and Board meeting joint agenda are the same concerns. They too should be referred back to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, she motioned.

Anthony Crump said to hold on those comments until when we have the opportunity to discuss those issues during the agenda. This is not a point of order. You've not been recognized to make a motion.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins welcomed everyone. He said we are electing new co-chairs tonight.

He offered reflections on his position as co-chair. He praised fellow co-chair Anthony Crump. He said it's been a pleasure to work with Crump. I've done my best over the past, though there were moments where I fell short of my expectations. Under the various circumstances where Anthony Crump and I found our greatest successes, there were an equally varying set of qualities that helped us. At times, compassion and stoicism served them well. Sometimes we had to serve as an ethical roadmap and at other times as administrative bureaucrats. We brought stability, decency, and common human respect. More than anything, we brought neutrality to the Board. We worked with a sense of right and wrong, of appropriate and inappropriate. We also believe in fairness, even for those we disagree with or those who disagree with how we have done our jobs. We both believe in ensuring that the neighborhood council functions well and empowers our members to do the work that they were elected to do. We don't believe the role is to bully or be bullied. We've created a culture of inclusivity, accountability, stability, and transparency. We did so imperfectly but with a reasonable degree of success.

However, there was room for improvement in the area of communication. The number of emails was daunting. Taking the time to make decisions was an arduous process as well as the time to communicate those decisions. I've not been a perfect leader. There is no such thing. There is such a thing as a true

leader. He described what a true leader is, one who seeks to bridge even the most impossible divide. A true leader does not seek to divide a community in order to accomplish their goals or create drama to get his or her way. I hope that compassion, transparency, stoicism, and accountability will be qualities of the new co-chairs. That they fulfill their duties with a sense of decency, civility, fairness, and a strong moral code of right and wrong.

4) Rules for action on agenda items and public input

After his opening remarks Fox-Robbins then explained how the public can comment on agenda items. There will be a limit of 1 minute per public comment.

Anthony Crump said we have a very packed agenda tonight, including controversial items. There were questions raised about including items on tonight's agenda. We checked with DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) and the City Attorney about this. They said the agenda was appropriate. Not everything on the agenda will be voted on tonight. Nor do we want to vote on everything that's on the agenda tonight. Be patient, he urged. There is a lot of anxiety in the country at this time. People are sensitive to voter participation. Bare with us in the spirit of service and collaboration.

5) General Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Genelle Levin:

The Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) Music Box Steps Day was held October 24. More than 400 people viewed the event online internationally. It was really successful. It's still online. Thank you.

Nina Sorkin:

She offered thanks to Anthony Crump and Nicholas Fox-Robbins as co-chairs. She expressed concern about the lack of responsiveness on the part of SLNC to stakeholders. It's been more than a year since I talked about our goals meeting needed to be set. It's been more than a year that I've been concerned about an item being tabled at the July 2 joint meeting between the Bylaws and Standing Rules and Board regarding location. I'm concerned about the lack of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), which was not resolved for more than 3 months. There was also a lack of responsiveness regarding a PRA (Public Records Act) that I submitted in June 2019. Nora Goudsmit did respond within a month. But the one put forth in June 2020 was not responded to for four months. I just received a partial response to a PRA that I made in July 2020. Responsiveness to the community is important. That's part of transparency.

Separately, she told Genelle LeVin that the Music Box Steps event was wonderful.

Albert, Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Assistant Secretary:

I manage Twitter for the SLNC. Someone tweeted about the reinforcement of City parking citations. What next steps can we take? Enforcement has been really hurtful to my neighbors and myself.

He also mentioned the passing of Measure J for police reform. Our voice will be crucial for policing in Silver Lake.

Debbie Slater:

She requested to speak for 90 seconds. Anthony Crump said she could only speak for 1 minute. She suggested that at the beginning of each hour of Board meetings have a public declaration of how many people are present. That would be a great action for outreach and inclusivity in the age of Zoom.

She also echoed Nina Sorkin's comment about the goals meeting. You're in violation of Standing Rule 41 by not having that meeting and you're 18 months into your term. I have no idea what this Board is about aside from eliminating what the previous Board did. I'm not seeing a lot of uniting of the community.

Before July 2019 I'd never attended an SLNC Board meeting. I came because of a singular issue that led me to become quite active. When I read tonight's agenda I had a visceral response. That's not what you want from a stakeholder.

David Wheatley:

The long time Silver Lake resident expressed concern about a Constitutional violation of freedom of speech regarding Black Lives Matter posters. I have been a fierce defender of black people, lobbying the Police Commission to end profiling against African American people. It's not an issue of content. This board allowed two members to leave posters up for several meetings. This is a federal violation. We have big problems. I'm disappointed that the two chairs haven't done anything about this.

Sarah Ullman:

In my day job I work in the gun violence prevention space making anti-gun violence videos for candidates for free. If you're feeling stressed, take a deep breath. If you need a little hope, message me. We've had 52 wins and more are coming as votes come in. Have heart, have hope. Good people are winning all across this nation.

Jeremy Black:

Do we have final disposition on the NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) request approved at the last meeting for the SLIA for Music Box? DONE didn't approve it? Is there any update? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that Maebe A. Girl can discuss it later in the financial section.

Maebe A. Girl:

I believe in Black Lives Matter. It's not a political statement. Black Lives Matter.

Anthony Crump reminded the audience that comments made during public comment do not represent the neighborhood council board as a whole.

6) Presentations

No presentations today.

7) Announcements/Updates

Jackie Kim, DONE:

She mentioned two ordinances that went into effect on October 16.

She gave neighborhood council updates. The City Clerk is accepting event approval request forms for what a neighborhood council wants to do. If you do a virtual event and no funding is required, no form is necessary. She noted that under current Safer-At-Home LA orders, they are not approving in person events. Keep all events virtual.

For the upcoming neighborhood council elections, she mentioned that the first filing dates are coming up next week. December 5 is the beginning of candidate filing for the SLNC.

She announced that at 3pm tomorrow there will be a DONE potluck to meet community members.

The Public Information Officer and the Outreach Director will have 1-on-1 election strategy sessions for each neighborhood council. Jackie Kim will participate too. Dates are to be announced.

For leadership training all neighborhood council land use committee members have to take the Planning 101 course by December. There are no training dates in November.

She discussed the two new ordinances: the community interest stakeholder definition and uniform age, the minimum age for voting. These new ordinances

may impact bylaws. I will amend your neighborhood council bylaws directly. That will be necessary to administer the upcoming election.

The stakeholder ordinance clarifies the definition, someone active in a community organization. A community organization must have maintained a street address in the community for at least a year. It does not include for-profit organizations. This won't affect your Board seats.

There is now a uniform minimum voting age of 16 and a Board member of 18, unless you have a Youth Seat. Since the SLNC does not have a Youth Seat, there will be no changes for the SLNC. You are already in compliance.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked about the stakeholder definition. How will the Silver Lake Litter League be affected? We don't have a physical address. Does that exclude us? Jackie Kim said she's not sure. I can raise this with our director. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that's a barrier to being a community organization.

Samantha Danner commented that there's not a lot of clarity about rules for the event form. When did those rules go into effect? I was told at the last meeting that we did need to complete the form. That was a significant effort. She also asked how are the unhoused represented as voters?

Jackie Kim responded that with the pandemic, things are always in flux. Contact Monica at the City Clerk for issues and questions. For the unhoused, she said they are included in the stakeholder definition.

Samantha Danner said we worked with Monica at the City Clerk's office and they said we needed to complete an event form. Please communicate better with them.

Tina Lin asked about changing Bylaws? What does that mean? How do we get a copy? Jackie Kim said I'll modify sections affected by the ordinance. I can send you a text of proposed changes and action submitted to the City Clerk.

Nina Sorkin asked Jackie Kim when does the Bylaw change take effect? Regarding age, I sent an email to the co-chairs regarding a minor to sit on the Election Committee. Jackie Kim responded that according to the ordinance, it takes effect from October 16. She believes minors can sit on committees.

Maebe A. Girl asked about the stakeholder definition and the requirement of a physical address. What about the Litter League? How can a stakeholder qualify for the next election?

Jackie Kim answered for the stakeholder definition, use self-affirmation or you can bring documents. For the SLNC you use self-affirmation. No documentation is required.

Maebe A. Girl asked if someone wanted to vote and they were a part of the Litter League, can they vote based on their self-affirmation as a member of the Little League? Jackie Kim replied that the voter must self-affirm that they can participate.

Debbie Slater asked what was the Council File number? Jackie Kim answered 18-0467.

8) Committee Reports

Housing and Tenants' Rights Committee: Ben Cassorla said the Housing and Tenant's Rights Panel was really wonderful.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said the group is meeting 2-3 times per month. The town hall discussed for November will happen early next year. For information go to our newly redesigned website: www.Budgetadvocates.com.

Plan Cheque Liaison: Barbara Ringuette said we had a meeting with the Council District 4 Chief of Staff on October 10. For information: www.planchequencia.com. If you want to know how government functions, this is a good place to start.

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner said we have several City Council motions related to housing. There is a lot going on.

Council District 13 Alliance: Samantha Danner said the group had a meeting last Tuesday. It was the first one in several months.

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Joe Ferrell said the upcoming meeting will address a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request for a restaurant as well as a renovation for a single-family home.

LGBTQIA Advocates Committee: Maebe A. Girl said the meeting had too few attendees so we cancelled it. The next scheduled meeting is December 17. The Small Revolution event that we supported along with other neighborhood councils will be Wednesday, November 18, at 7pm.

SLIA Liaison: Maebe A. Girl said I attended the last meeting. SLIA President Genelle LeVin wanted the Board to know about the power washing situation at Silver Lake Plaza. It will cost more than anticipated, probably about \$500.

9) Administrative:

a) (Treasurer) Motion to approve September 2020 MER (MER attached)

Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Lena Kaderali seconded.

Maebe A. Girl said that for the September balance there is \$26,034.16 remaining and \$25,990.41 net available.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Secretary) Motion to approve October 7th Governing Board minutes

Tina Lin made the motion to approve the October 7 minutes. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

David Wheatley asked can the person making the motion take role and make the count? I think a neutral person has to do that. Nicholas Fox-

Robbins explained that it's the Treasurers responsibility to do roll call for financial matters. The minute taker handles other votes.

Barbara Ringuette said I sent Tina Lin an email with a correction. On page 8, "box" should be changed to "BONC" (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners).

VOTE
14-0-3
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Seth Copenhaver
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Scott Gamzon
Lena Kaderali
Dulce Stein

c) (Secretary) Motion to approve October 27th, 2020 Joint Standing Rules and Bylaws / Governing Board meeting minutes (Attached).

Tina Lin said I wasn't there. Can the Bylaws Committee do this?

Anthony Crump said it was a joint meeting. Either the Committee or the Board can do the minutes. I have no strong feelings. The Board can differ to the Committee but minutes have to be approved at some point. There is no rush. Nora Goudsmit and Debbie Slater are the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee co-chairs.

Debbie Slater said that within these minutes there is a vote for the last joint meeting from 18 months ago, I request approval be returned to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. Things need to be cleaned up. I respectfully ask for this to return to Committee.

Nora Goudsmit asked if anyone has specific edits for the draft minutes? Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked you want to take the edits now and send it back to Committee? Anthony Crump said it sounds like Debbie Slater has several changes. You and Debbie Slater should have a Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee meeting and deal with them there, he suggested. This is time consuming because of the details. Nora Goudsmit said she is happy to bring it back to Committee.

Tina Lin commented that I received no edits via email. Anthony Crump said if there are edits, send them to Tina Lin. After the Committee approves the minutes, send them back to the Board. Nora Goudsmit and Debbie Slater agreed. Anthony Crump said we are referring that back to Committee for edits to the minutes. Send the edits to Tina Lin.

d) (Secretary) Discussion and follow up on transfer of Governing Board Emails –

Tina Lin said that following discussions with me and the webmaster about options to transfer to the new Gmail accounts, Board members wanted option c to help transfer GoDaddy emails. It took an extremely long time to transfer emails for one account. That required much of the webmaster's time. I sent an email to the Board saying that it wasn't going well and only options a and b were available.

Two months ago, I put this forth with just option a and it was approved. Last month, we approved this with options a, b, and c. Since then we discovered that option c is difficult.

Nora Goudsmit said I have a lot of reservations moving forward with my account. I have a lot of emails. It was a very painstaking process for the webmaster. None of my sent emails could be transferred to the alias. This is problematic. I have no record of emails that were not returned. I like having a record. It's good practice to keep them.

I wasn't able to access my emails as the webmaster changed my password. That's a hard thing. It's very glitchy right now. Self-selecting emails is not a prudent approach. Can we reconsider this motion? Perhaps shift the time frame to after elections or maintain GoDaddy accounts and have a natural segway into new accounts?

Ilanthe Zevos said I also chose option c. When Tina Lin said Nora Goudsmit had difficulty, I exported my mailboxes. It's easy to do with a Mac. I had about 4500 emails in one account and 1500 in another.

Lena Kaderali said I echo what Nora Goudsmit said. It's critical that we maintain emails. I'm curious about Ianthe Zevos' solution. My emails are public. If there is no solution, I'd also prefer to postpone to a more natural transition.

Samantha Danner said I found instructions that were very useful. Go into the "sent" folder and export those emails. I sent instructions to Tina Lin for distribution. It took 10 minutes for the transfer but I have fewer emails than other people. Hopefully, the benefits of a Gmail inbox outweigh the temporary inconvenience of transferring the emails.

Jeremy Black asked do we know what required record retention policy we must follow? Nora Goudsmit said that DONE doesn't have a specific retention period. The SLNC has a 6-month policy. Personally, I keep them for the term.

Jeremy Black asked can Jackie Kim respond? How do we respond to public records requests after people resign? Jackie Kim said that generally, we don't have a retention policy. If someone quits tomorrow and their account is shut down, we can either try to get records or indicate that in sending the request back to the original requester.

Anthony Crump added that PRA (Public Records Act) requests only pertain to certain documents that we have in our possession. If we are unable to access those email accounts, then we don't have those in our possession.

Barbara Ringuette asked which email address will be working? GoDaddy or a new one? Some of us gave an SLNC email address to Budget Advocates. Tina Lin said the Gmail accounts that I created for everyone are active but they can't access the GoDaddy emails. The proposal was that on December 1 we were to move to Gmail and get rid of GoDaddy. The SLNC emails would still work but they would forward to the new Gmail addresses. I'm working with the webmaster about setting this up. I've never done this with a group of this size before.

Nora Goudsmit said I can use GoDaddy. If I use Gmail before December 1 it won't say slnc.org. Until the switch is made, it won't show up under the SLNC alias. As the transitions are made in November, you need to use your GoDaddy until December 1. Thereafter everything will appear as a Gmail alias. I want to be able to view emails. Today, I have all

GoDaddy emails in my Gmail inbox, both those received and sent. They are not separated. I personally have a problem with this.

Anthony Crump said this sounds like a complex issue. Is there a path forward? What is the resolution? Tina Lin said I propose to discuss and decide on the issue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Samantha Danner said I had the same issue as Nora Goudsmit. She suggested to label all sent messages as "sent". Then export them to Gmail. I'm happy to help. It's a great idea to move this to the Executive Committee meeting.

Lorraine Getz concurred. It's great that it goes to the Executive Committee meeting. Maybe postpone this until after the new Board begins? That may be an easier transition.

Anthony Crump made a request to send the issue to the Executive Committee. Tina Lin said that sounds good.

Separately, Crump announced that there are 17 Board members here and about 25 participants in the audience now.

e) (Treasurer) Financial Picture to Date

Maebe A. Girl then corrected the MER vote record to 17 yeses, not 18.

Maebe A. Girl discussed expenses for this month, which included about \$563 for Appleone. We've spent about \$3,014 or 63% of what we've allotted for note taking for the fiscal year already. We need to be a little bit careful. Also, she also noted that Mailchimp expenses were \$84.

She recalled that last month we voted to put rollover funds into the annual budget. We voted to give \$3,708.51 to NPGs and \$1,000 to elections. That is still in process. We are waiting for the 3rd signer for the administrative package to submit to the funding portal.

Budget allocations remaining will include \$4,730 for NPGs and \$1,900 for outreach and \$2,000 for elections, once approved.

The SLIA NPG was rejected. There was back and forth between the City Clerk, the City Attorney, and the neighborhood council. There is a potential conflict of interest. The issue is that a member voted and has a potential conflict of interest. We can't do a revote on the NPG. The City Attorney cannot advise after the action has already been taken. We can't make a contribution to the Music Box event. So, the \$500 that we voted on will remain in our funds.

The LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District) contract is for in-person meetings. Regarding the question of whether it would be with only Ivanhoe Elementary School or could be used for other locations, the City said it's specific to Ivanhoe. So, I opted to not enter such a contract. We may not have in-person meetings for months. We can agree to a location at a future date.

Nina Sorkin thanked Maebe A. Girl for holding back on the contract. We need to have a location that is accessible to all stakeholders.

10) Old Business

a) (Crump) Move to amend and modify Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Standing Rule Number Thirty-nine (#39) "Policy on Communication of Official Positions Government Agencies" to clarify the role and communications guidelines for Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Committees.

Anthony Crump explained that for this item and 11.c, these are the two Standing Rules items. There have been a number of emails and comments and statements about the joint meeting with the Standing Rules Committee and the placement of these two items on the agenda. Why was it a joint meeting? 10.a was heard at the Board last month. The collective decision was to refer this to the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee. The joint meeting was to allow fuller participation by the public and Board members. Normally, under the Brown Act only 4 Board members can participate in Committee discussions.

These items on the agenda tonight are always retained by the Board for action. We didn't intend for the Board to take action today. We wanted a discussion about the path forward for proposals today and put forth recently.

There was great deal of public interest with over 50 attendees at the Standing Rules Committee meeting. The group had not met for some time. Debbie Slater and Nora Goudsmit were selected as co-chairs. After 2 hours of discussion, there was no action on any of the 7 items on the agenda.

Tonight, we can discuss how to move forward with these items. My idea is for the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee to have another meeting followed by a Special Board meeting. Given the high level of interest, there is no way that we can have a full discussion at a regular Board meeting. That is not the intent. This is a discussion on a path forward. We always want to have public input and comment. This is not a railroad job. No votes are scheduled for tonight. That would be a 3-hour meeting.

An idea would be to schedule another Standing Rules Committee meeting for agenda items 10a and 11c. Follow that with special Governing Board meeting devoted to Standing Rules and Bylaws.

Debbie Slater urged caution. The way things are written it appeared that you were planning to vote on this. Calling this as an open discussion would have been a better way to write this. I have concerns about a joint meeting and votes to confirm. I appreciate your clarification comments. Much of my anxiety could have been avoided with more careful discussion.

Anthony Crump said one of the challenges is that because everyone who attends is potentially a member so for every potential change we need a rollcall vote for 55 people. That makes it a challenge.

Debbie Slater said that as a stakeholder, I recommend advisory committees, like that one. This is the point of action where stakeholders can add value. It's an arduous process. Perhaps we need to narrow the focus for what's important now as elections approach?

Cliff Towne said that for agenda item 11.c, you want to make alterations for UDP (the Urban Design and Preservation Committee). The best way to show good leadership is to recognize the value of what the Committee does. I've worked for the Committee for 7 years. There is lots of talent and experience on the UDP Committee. I want my letter to you included in the record.

Ilanthe Zevos noted that there is Genelle LeVin and another person in the audience. Perhaps they want to comment?

Barbara Ringuette said that the joint meeting should have been preceded by discussion with UDP. There is a long history of UDP. I've been a member of 2010. Not everyone is aware of that history and what we have been able to accomplish. You need discussion with the Committee about alternative structures. How would the vote play out? Anthony Crump said the proposed changes are not exclusive to UDP.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee is the perfect place for UDP to discuss the rules. There has been a narrative about these Standing Rules considerations being punitive toward UDP. That's such an incredibly false narrative. These rules would affect every committee. These ideas came from a situation with UDP that revealed nebulous unclear areas of Standing Rules that left room for miscommunication and misunderstanding between committees and the Governing Board. I don't see an issue with clarifying things. I don't understand why that's punitive.

Tina Lin noted that at the joint meeting there were not many Board members there. They are effectively voting twice. It's better to have the Committee address this first. It confuses things. Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented that every Board member on any committee is voting twice.

Jerome Courshon, a former Board member, said that as a former UDP Committee member from 2012 to 2018, I agree with what Nicholas Fox-Robbins said. The Standing Rules need correction and tightening up. However, he cautioned that the membership rules were designed about 2010. They were crucial where a developer could come with a large group of people and get a project passed. It's important that the Committee not be taken over. It takes a lot of time and work to understand everything. You can't learn that at one meeting. Maintaining a minimum membership rule is really important. Otherwise, I agree with the suggested changes. We want less room for misunderstanding and miscommunication.

Scott Plante, former co-chair of UDP, explained that the history was to avoid packing meetings with developers. Developers would flood the meeting with their people or emails to get the decision that they wanted. We worked very hard to develop the Committee as it is today. Membership rules should have been discussed with the Committee before going to the Bylaws Committee. The City is proposing all land use committee members Citywide take a test. So, having meetings open doesn't make sense. Have UDP discuss this at their January meeting.

Anthony Crump said we have no intent to have a vote tonight. We want the Bylaws Committee to meet followed by a special Board meeting. Any stakeholder can bring any motion to this body for consideration. They don't need to ask anyone's permission. We have an open access Governing Board.

David Wheatley said I'm surprised that anyone can show up at the last minute and bus a bunch of people in to support a developer. I'm astonished that this made it to the agenda tonight. UDP is difficult work. It takes months and months to train. We have serious problems to try to protect Silver Lake. This goes against those protections. It looks like the Board is out to get UDP. Just look at the data Nicholas Fox-Robbins. You can say whatever you want. You send your people in. They vote against the election of our chairs.

Nina Sorkin said I've only attended two UDP meetings. I'm concerned about whether there is a standard, like Jackie Kim pointed out. Does the City have a standard for this Committee? Within the last decade, there has been lots of trouble regarding the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council.

People were just stacking that Board and their committees. What is the standard for all neighborhood councils?

Joe Ferrell I echo what others said. This should be discussed in UDP before Bylaws. It's a rule that fundamentally changes the Committee and how it works. Finding out about it the night before is a little alarming. This is being rushed through and there is retribution. It's like the Senate Confirmation Hearings for Supreme Court Justice Amy Comey Barrett. Why is this on the agenda without being vetted by a committee while things that I submitted two months ago that had been vetted? Why is this more important? UDP has the highest participation of any Committee. About 70 people participated in the Barbara Bestor project discussions.

Anthony Crump said I explained why this was on tonight's agenda at the beginning of the meeting. We had no plan for action tonight. If there are items that we missed, please let us know.

Sarah Ullman said I did research on committee structure for other neighborhood councils. We are the only neighborhood council with this particular membership structure. In the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, all committee chairs are appointed by the Board. For Echo Park, the land use committee is limited to 9 members with 4 board members. The Board appoints chairs. Membership must be confirmed by the Governing Board. I disagree about the packing meetings thing. My concerns are about more participation. Coming more into line with other neighborhood councils is something that we can consider.

Barbara Ringuette noted that there are more than 5 Board members on UDP. Each should be able to speak at the Bylaws Committee. The consequences of the proposed changes could have the greatest impact on UDP. By limiting the number of Board members who can speak, that would disenfranchise other Board members. This needs to be agendized as a joint meeting. Every member of UDP who is a Board member should have the opportunity to speak so it must be agendized as a joint committee meeting.

Nora Goudsmit said whether it's a joint meeting or a Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee meeting, the focus is the discourse of the meeting. We were able to have a conversation and discussion about potential amendments. If it's possible to have a committee meeting to discuss amendments and make changes, that would be important. We want to set a base for meetings. I would like to schedule a special meeting of the Board on the calendar. A Committee meeting would proceed that.

Debbie Slater said that should be discussed with Nora Goudsmit and I before placing it on the calendar. I have a lot of schedule conflicts.

Anthony Crump said yes, you and Nora Goudsmit need to agree to a time. I would like to have a special Board meeting before our regular December meeting. I would like to move in a timely fashion. You, me, Nicholas Fox-Robbins and Nora Goudsmit should talk offline about this. Don't wait months to discuss these items. Agenda items 10.a and 11.c will be discussed by the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee and then by the Board, said Anthony Crump.

11) New Business

a) (Chair) Move to reinstate Ad Hoc Election Committee and discuss/complete the 2021 Election Information Worksheet.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that he had been on the Election Committee. It's an important committee. We really count on this group to work independently. This committee coordinates closely with DONE because of COVID and changes for the election. This is incredibly important.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.

Anthony Crump said that by November 13 we need to approve the Election Information Worksheet. That will probably require a special meeting.

Nina Sorkin expressed concern about the November 13 deadline. Will you appoint co-chairs and committee members? Or will everything be handled by the committee co-chairs? Quorum for the Election Committee is 4 people.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we plan to support the co-chairs to appoint committee members. I care about a fair election process for the SLNC. If this was an appointed only committee, I would not have been able to do that. Regarding inviting selected committee members to participate, I'm not sure that appointing them is the most inclusive way to proceed. Nina Sorkin said each region should have a representative on the committee.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said to reinstate the committee, elect co-chairs, assist co-chairs to build committees with at least one representative from every region. We should empower the co-chairs to be independent from the Board. We had 3 election co-chairs resign last time, three talented thoughtful members resigned because of interference from the Board.

Debbie Slater noted that the DONE packet was only sent to the Board. In the Standing Rules, 7 committee members from the stakeholder regions will be selected by the board. There is nothing in the package that says that the Board selects co-chairs. Co-chairs have to be elected at that

committee. The lack of outreach to the community about this is disheartening. I haven't seen this distributed to shareholders except in one newsletter. Can we have an extension to submit the form?

Anthony Crump said the Board has to act, whether as a group or as selected individuals. We can complete the form by November 13 and appoint people later. Jackie Kim said if it's a few days late, I'm sure they can accept it. They want to be flexible. Anthony Crump said now let's establish the committee. Then we can proceed to the next item.

Jerome Courshon said I agree with what Nicholas Fox-Robbins said. We did have resignations because of interference by the previous Board. Keep an arms-length relationship with the committee and the co-chairs. Try to set them free and let them do their jobs. It's a lot of work. You may need to outreach. It's a thankless job.

Nina Sorkin recommends that the Executive Committee finalize this before November 13. Anthony Crump said that requires Board action.

Teresa Padua, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic, said I'm interested in being on the committee. I'm in region 4. I've been on the committee in the past. I'm not interested in being co-chair.

Barbara Ringuette recommended that Nina Sorkin participate. Cliff Towne too. And others on this phone call.

Barbara Ringuette seconded the motion.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump
Nicholas Fox-Robbins
Nora Goudsmit
Maebe A. Girl
Tina Lin
Seth Copenhaver
Samantha Danner
Sarah Ullman
Barbara Ringuette
Imran Syed
Ilanthe Zevos
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black

Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Scott Gamzon
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Chair) Move to elect Election Committee Co-Chairs. Nominations for two (2) co-chairs will be accepted during the meeting. Each nominee will have an opportunity to provide a 1-minute personal statement during the meeting.

Nicholas Fox-Robbin wants this withdrawn.

c) (Co-Chair) Move to amend Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) Standing Rules numbers 10, 16, 29, 33, 37, 39, 42, 44, and 47 as described.

Anthony Crump said that this agenda item has already been done.

d) (Girl / Ullman) Move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for Council File 20-1376 opposing amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11, which would make it illegal to sit, lie, sleep, or store property on any street, sidewalk, or street, or within 500 feet of any freeway/ramp/tunnel, or within 500 feet of any supportive services facility built after January 1, 2018.

Maebe A. Girl made the motion. Scott Gamzon seconded.

Maebe A. Girl explained that this came up suddenly. Normally it would go through the Homelessness Committee. It will probably be voted on quickly. It would make it illegal for anyone unhoused to sit, sleep, or lie within 500 feet of any store, freeway, ramp, tunnel, or supportive services facility. It makes it illegal to be homeless, making it difficult for them to find a place to rest.

Sarah Ullman said this one is pretty cruel. We want them to be near support facilities. The argument for this motion is that if a community has supportive services building, in return they should get their public spaces back. That's a dehumanizing way to think about the unhoused.

Miranda, a 20-year resident, said that this is extremely cruel and criminalizes the homeless. I followed this closely at City Council. Lots of people are opposed to this. Council Member Mike Bonin is proposing social housing in the future as a counter measure.

Tina Lin said we voted on something similar to this in the past. Was that a letter or a CIS (Community Impact Statement)? Sarah Ullman said they are trying it again with a new council file. Samantha Danner said we had several CIS' on this topic in previous months. Previous measures were stopped because of COVID. This is aimed at criminalizing homelessness. We are not fond of that.

Ben Cassorla added that this came up super fast last month. City Council was hoping that no one would find out about it. When will this be voted on? Barbara Ringuette informed that the Council continued this matter to November 24. Council Members Bonin and Ryu introduced a substitute motion on October 28. I presume that this CIS will address the original motion which is horrid. Maybe we can come up with something that relates to the substitute motion, which seems reasonable. Maybe have a CIS to support that?

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that agenda items 11.g, h, k and o are time sensitive and need to be addressed tonight.

g) (Urban Design and Preservation Committee) Motion to send a letter of support for request for a Zoning Administrative adjustment to allow for parking in the front yard setback at the project located at 2811 Waverly Drive.

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Liza Temple had to leave so she can't comment on this item.

Scott Plante said this is an adjustment. The owner had issue with the original plan submitted. He resigned the plan to accommodate parking and an easement. This is a very good solution.

Sarah Ullman commented that there is a pattern at UDP of documents being available for the Committee but not provided to the public. The public is not being adequately informed about the subject matter before the Committee.

Jeremy Black asked how many people were at the meeting that voted?
Barbara Ringuette said the vote was 11-1-2.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Lorraine Getz did not vote.)

h) (Urban Design and Preservation Committee) Motion to send a letter of support for CUB request to allow the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and beer and wine only for off-site consumption at a 999 sq. ft. restaurant with 54 indoor seats and 58 outdoor seats located at 1529 Griffith Park Blvd.

Ben Cassorla seconded.

Scott Plante said this is for a liquor license for a small bistrot at the edge of Silver Lake Plaza. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the vote was 11-2-1.

Barbara Ringuette said I voted no because there are 54 seats outside of 112 total. That's lots of seats and lots of vehicles. The developer said people would all be local but that's not possible. It's inconsistent with other restaurants. We require them to have a parking plan. The City won't require them to have parking now in the time of COVID. The grant of the license is forever. I was disappointed in the Committee that we didn't have an amendment to require parking after the COVID emergency ends.

Jeremy Black said I know the area and the restaurant and the developers. I live nearby. It will be quite nice. It's an Italian restaurant. They are bringing a chef from Naples. There is zero street parking but there is plenty of parking on Sunset. I don't see an issue. Support our businesses. I'm in favor of this.

Cliff Towne said I voted for it. It sounds like it will be a great place to eat. Most neighbor concerns were satisfied by the people running the operation. I agree with Barbara Ringuette to enforce a parking plan based on the number of seats.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said this letter requires no conditions. If we want to submit with conditions, someone needs to make a motion to amend. *Barbara Ringuette made the motion to amend to provide parking after COVID ends. There was no second.*

Tari K., who is affiliated with the project, said that parking is based on the current municipal code. There is no parking required. We're not using a COVID exception to not have parking. We discussed parking at UDP.

VOTE
16-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Barbara Ringuette

Present, Not Voting:

None

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that he wants to extend the meeting for agenda items k and o. He does not want to extend to a specific time. Ben Cassorla seconded.

VOTE to extend meeting

14-1-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

Barbara Ringuette
Imran Syed
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Scott Gamzon
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz

Present, Not Voting:

Ianthe Zevos
Jeremy Black

k) (Homelessness Committee) Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send the attached letter advocating regular cleaning and maintenance of Covid-related hygiene resources for unhoused people such as hand-washing stations and port-a-potties to LA City Council members Ryu and O'Farrell I)
(Homelessness Committee) Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 20-0769-S2, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY / UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS / LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY / LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH COMMISSION, with recommendations for additional action

Barbara Ringuette seconded.

Samantha Danner said this is a letter asking City Council to consider handwashing and port-a-potties to be maintained and cleaned near encampments. The measure also calls for a map of the porta-potties and hand washing stations to be made public to ensure accountability.

VOTE

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

Barbara Ringuette
Imran Syed
lanthe Zevos
Lorraine Getz
Jeremy Black
Ben Cassorla
Dulce Stein
Scott Gamzon
Lena Najarian Kaderali

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

o) (Vice Chair) Elections for new Governing Board Co-Chairs. Nominations for SLNC Governing Board Co-Chairs will be accepted during the meeting.

Anthony Crump said our terms are up. It's been a pleasure serving this Board.

Nora Goudsmit is chairing this item.

Dulce Stein seconded.

Nominations:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins nominated Anthony Crump.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins nominated himself.

Anthony Crump said I've been on the neighborhood council for some time. I want to give newcomers a chance. I'm not perfect but I try to be fair and open. I'd like to continue that. We'll select new co-chairs in April.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I echo Anthony Crump's sentiments. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said he's dedicated to being fair and treating people with respect. I wanted to improve Board interaction with the public and with itself. I have succeeded in that. Anthony Crump and I made a good team in that regard.

Maebe A. Girl said I support both candidates. They have been fantastic co-chairs. They have shown great humility and confidence. You're getting into a groove. It would be beneficial to the Board to keep you on.

Seth Copenhaver said a lot has been made recently about criticism of this Board. From my point of view, this Board has done amazing work over the past two years. I attribute that to our co-chairs. I'm ecstatic that you want to continue as co-chairs. You've done a wonderful job.

Jeremy Black said I'm supportive of both. However, we've had lots of long meetings and special meetings. What's your plan to respect everyone's time?

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I would like to put it to the Governing Board to prioritize putting together the agenda. I don't want to rush through agenda items. We were accused of that. In the summer, we had COVID and we were stressed about getting NPG money.

Anthony Crump said the previous Board was accused that things weren't being heard or being rushed along or sent back to committee. We've erred on the side of agendaizing items. These virtual meetings take a lot longer. Voice votes are time consuming. Stakeholders say they want an open and honest discussion of things.

Ilanthe Zevos thanked the co-chairs for their work. I appreciate the grace with which you navigate issues, she said. Seth Copenhaver said I don't see a jam-packed agenda as a negative. The rare special meetings are not a burden. We've been elected to do a job for the community so whatever it takes. Ben Cassorla said that he agrees with everyone else.

Barbara Ringuette said that she is delighted that you've chosen to continue as co-chairs. Thank you for your service. Dulce Stein said thank you! The only agenda solution is to extend the meetings to four hours. Just kidding.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins withdrew from consideration for the first co-chair seat.

VOTE for Anthony Crump
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

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

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
None

Second co-chair candidates:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins nominated himself.

VOTE for Nicholas Fox-Robbins
16-0-1
PASSED

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

No Votes:
None

Present, Not Voting:
Nicholas Fox-Robbins

12) Future Agenda Items

The remaining agenda items will be for the next meeting, said Nicholas Fox-Robbins.

13) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:19pm.