

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING  
Final Minutes  
Wednesday, October 7, 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 7:04pm with 15 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 (arrived late)  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark (left early)  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan (arrived late, left early)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Paul Emmons  
Dulce Stein  
Scott Gamzon  
Lena Najarian Kaderali

3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that he wanted to honor recently deceased former Board member Janis Purins:

“He was a strong man who cared deeply about this community. He advocated for the well being of our neighborhood with a quiet veracity, voraciously pursuing the changes he thought best served Silver Lake while retaining tremendous respect for everyone in the room. He treated everyone with kindness. When he spoke, people listened. And when people spoke. He listened. It’s easy to be nice to those who agree with us. It is those who we disagree with that we must ensure that we bring our higher selves and Janis did this at every turn. This is a model for all of us to follow and he will be deeply missed. Not only by hi family and friends but by the entire Silver Lake community. Please join me for a few moments of silence to honor his memory.”

Thereafter, Nicholas Fox-Robbins said: “We are all here to work on your behalf. This is a place for public discussion on what matters to our community and there is always a wide spectrum of opinions and beliefs, both from the public and the Board. That said, I’d like to point out that no individual opinion from either the public or the Board is representative of the position of the Governing Board. The Governing Board is an elected body that speaks with our votes. When we vote for or against something, this is a statement from our Board. All other opinions expressed at our meetings are the opinions solely of the person speaking.

I’d also like to note that parking enforcement is being restarted on October 15, which is a week from tomorrow. I know many of us stay home most of the day, mindful that some form of quarantine helps our community curb COVID but please remember that (with) street cleans and other parking enforcement, we need to pay attention to where our cars are parked.

Lastly, I encourage everyone here to vote. The registration deadline in California is October 19. The absentee ballot deadline is October 27. Election Day is November 3. Please take the steps you need to participate in our democracy.”

Nicholas Fox-Robbins then explained how public comment would work for the online meeting.

#### 4) Rules for action on agenda items

Anthony Crump further discussed the rules of public comment. He noted that people were free to use language that they preferred, even if others find it offensive or triggering. That is their right as a resident participating in a public meeting. However, those views expressed do not necessarily reflect the view of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC). Opinions expressed are solely those of the person speaking. We respect and encourage people to express opinions but recognize that it’s not necessarily representative of the Board as a whole.

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

*Debbie Slater:*

I'm speaking on behalf of Council Member David Ryu ahead of the election. She does not work on his campaign or volunteer for him. She said that he has lived up to his campaign goals regarding corruption and homelessness. He grew up in Los Angeles and knows the City well. He's worked tirelessly for the City for over a decade in various capacities. He's endorsed by the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, the Los Angeles Times, Planned Parenthood, firefighters, environmental groups, and others. I encourage everyone to consider him when they vote on November 3.

(Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that there are 3 people in the audience. (The Vice Presidential Debate is happening now.))

*Barbara Ringuette:*

I'm so impressed with Council Member David Ryu. He has added a lot toward moving City Council in a more ethical direction.

Separately, she announced that there will be a Budget Advocates meeting tomorrow morning with Mayor Garcetti at 10:30am. If you have something that I should discuss with the Mayor, let me know now. Anthony Crump asked Barbara Ringuette to discuss that further during Committee Reports.

*Maebe A. Girl:*

I attended the BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) meeting last night. It was five hours long. There were two important items: the upcoming elections and changes for neighborhood council elections. Also, they are currently discussing and voting on a new digital media policy. I'm not in favor of it. It's too restrictive. It would even govern personal social media, for both Board and Committee members, to comment about anything related to the neighborhood councils and City. There will be a 90-day period to discuss this.

(Note: Mark Duncan arrived at 7:19pm.)

*Seth Copenhaver:*

Speaking as a Budget Advocate, he announced that Barbara Ringuette's meeting with the Mayor has been moved to Friday so you have a bit more time to formulate questions.

## 6) Presentations

a) Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters - Jeff Klein  
Presentation followed by Q&A

Jeff Klein said that he will discuss the upcoming Presidential elections in November. He shared a Power Point presentation entitled "Voting in a Time of Pandemic".

I oversee civic engagement. In March, we went to the vote center model allowing you to vote anywhere in Los Angeles County, which has 6.1 million eligible voters. This is the largest voting center in the US, so that's a very large task. Some 5.5 million voters will all receive a vote-by-mail ballot. There will be over 750 vote centers around Los Angeles County.

There will be 10 days of early voting as well as an expanded drop box program for completed ballots. About 400 locations are open now. You can also mail in or walk in your completed ballots to a voting center.

Vote-by-mail is safe because everyone must sign their ballots. All signatures are checked. The ballots were mailed October 5. Some 5.5 million blank ballots have been mailed to potential voters. These must be postmarked by Election Day. They will be counted within 17 days of the election. You can track your ballot under the "Where's My Ballot" section on the website or at [www.california.ballot.track.net](http://www.california.ballot.track.net).

About 100 voting center locations are opening October 24. Another 650 locations will open October 30. Hours will be 10am to 7pm daily except on Election Day when they will be open from 7am to 8pm. We will send out postcards with nearby voting locations. You can check in with your postcard to expedite the process.

For voting in person you will use a paper ballot. There will be no internet connection. The machines are fully secure. A blind person can vote without the help of any other person.

Voters can use an interactive sample ballot. These measures were rolled out in March. You can vote online and then print out your ballot at a voting center.

We will social distance at Vote Centers. Voters will need to wear a mask. We'll have them available, along with hand sanitizer. Gloves will be available upon request. Ballot devices will be cleaned after each use.

Sample ballot booklets have been mailed. Vote by mail ballots are going out. October 19 is the date that registration closes for vote-by-mail ballots.

All vote centers will be open by October 30. November 3 is Election Day. If you miss voter registration, you can still show up and have a conditional ballot. Stay engaged. See [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for information. You can also view us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Debbie Slater said I've worked at polling stations in the past. Are you still seeking people? Jeff Klein replied we are still seeking election workers. Apply!

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked when you check signatures, what do you compare the signature on the ballot with? Jeff Klein responded that if you register online, we pull your signature from the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles). If you forget to sign your ballot, we will send you a letter and ask you to correct that. If signatures don't match, we'll send you a letter and give you a chance to correct your ballot. It's a multi-step process. There is an automatic signature matching device.

Mark Duncan asked about the 17-day limit after Election Day, is that just for California? California won't post results for 17 days? Jeff Klein explained that 17 days is specific to California. It used to be 3 days. We want to allow more ballots to be counted in case the mails are slow. We are reporting after 30 days to certify the election results. Every state is different. California has the longest process.

Ilanthe Zevos said "I've seen anxiety online that the ballot drop boxes aren't safe." How often are ballots collected? Jeff Klein said they are safe and secure. We had no issues with them during the primary. They are bolted to the ground unless they are indoors. They are vandalism resistant with a very narrow slot. We will collect ballots every 72 hours in early voting. During the final 10 days we will pick up ballots on a daily basis.

b) Los Angeles Office of the City Clerk - Lanee Basulto, Election Administrator  
Presentation followed by Q&A email: [lanee.basulto@lacity.org](mailto:lanee.basulto@lacity.org)

Lanee Basulto said I'm your election administrator. I've been with the election division since 2007. The next neighborhood council elections will be in Spring 2021. We'll use an all vote-by-mail voting model for 2021 because of the pandemic. All elections will happen on a Tuesday. That date will be April 6, 2021 for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

An Election Worksheet has been emailed to you. It is due November 13. A handbook has been given to you too. We want feedback on this. The comment period has been extended to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Candidate filing has been extended from 30 days to 45 days. Yours begins December 5, 2020.

You can use the portal online. This is safer. It will be accessible to stakeholders 24/7.

Our staff is available by phone during office hours. The Vote-By-Mail online portal opens 60 days before the election on February 5, 2021. Paper applications will be an option. There will be self-affirmation for voters. The last day to request ballots will be seven days before the election. Ballots must be postmarked by election day. Postage is prepaid. You can use drop off boxes. The unhoused will be able to participate. We've created an independent grievance panel with two neighborhood council stakeholders and one City Clerk representative.

Tina Lin asked where can we find a summary of all of these dates? Lanee Basulto said we sent an email to the neighborhood councils. Email her for details.

Samantha Danner asked about unhoused stakeholders outreach and voting. Who will be responsible for this? Lanee Basulto said that DONE is responsible for outreach. We are responsible for the elections. She spoke about DONE's plans for outreach, using other organizations. Homeless people can use self-affirmation. They won't have to prove residency with documentation.

Lanee Basulto stressed that the deadline to submit the election worksheet will be November 13 and that requires Board action. So, please it on your agenda. She also mentioned the choosing of an election chair.

Maebe A. Girl asked about outreach to the unhoused across the City. Getting that information out there is so vital. Lanee Basulto referred her to DONE and added that they are actively seeking organizations to partner with to attempt to reach the unhoused.

## 7) Announcements/Updates

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that he wants to bump up Jackie Kim's announcement update to now to keep discussing elections.

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

DONE is hosting an elections workshop for Board members about public relations skills. These will be held October 22 and 29. The RSVP link will be available soon. It will provide examples about how to engage people.

We had a Homelessness Liaison impact session in August. We've compiled feedback for presentation to City Council. Recommendations and findings

include partnering with service providers, making sure that there are accessible drop box locations, etc.

Maebe A. Girl asked about how the Homelessness Committee can help with outreach to the unhoused. When there is more concrete information we can have a more in-depth discussion at the committee level.

Samantha Danner asked when will the Homelessness Liaison feedback t be presented to City Council? Jackie Kim said she will have to check on the specific date and time.

Separately, Jackie Kim said that BONC passed a neighborhood council leadership orientation policy that requires all planning and land use committee members to take Planning 101 classes. The training will be available October 13, 14, and 17. These will cover how planning works.

She announced that the Ageing Town Hall will be October 29.

## 8) Committee Reports

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner thanked everyone who attended the September meeting. We have a couple of items on tonight's agenda. Additionally, we are seeking a location for a community frig in the Silver Lake area. She attended the recent Homelessness Liaison meeting. Many of the Liaisons had complaints seems personal and did not fit the meeting format.

Executive Committee: Nicholas Fox-Robbins announced that this is final month of our terms as co-chairs. Co-chair elections will be in November. Ben Cassorla said I'm hoping that Nicholas Fox-Robbins and Anthony Crump will stay on as cochairs.

Housing Committee: Ben Cassorla said they have a motion on tonight's agenda. We set up a regular meeting for every month now to help tenants in our neighborhood.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Nora Goudsmit said the group will meet next week. Send us agenda items. Anthony Crump added that the Silver Lake Terrace project brought the relationship between committees and the Board into focus. How is communication handled? Some ideas were discussed on Monday. Liza Temple and Joe Ferrell, co-chairs of the Urban Design and Preservation Committee were there. We formulated some ideas for standing Rules.

Police Reform Committee: Seth Copenhaver said to cancel your plans for the next three Mondays. Our Committee will meet next Monday. We will start to

map out what we want to accomplish and when. The gathering will be October 12 at 7pm.

Outreach Committee: Seth Copenhaver said we will have a meeting to discuss the website on Monday, October 19. We will also meet October 26.

Budget and Finance Committee: Maebe A Girl said we have a couple of motions tonight.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said we are meeting with the Mayor on Friday. She explained that the group identifies priority items. The budget will probably be cut for everyone. Furlough days will be more limited than expected. She hopes that the Federal government offers funds, otherwise there will be cutbacks. Regarding the BONC (Bureau of Neighborhood Councils) meeting last night, there was a discussion of Budget Advocates. There is a proposal that DONE take money from a special fund. This is rather odd. It's a tough issue for the Budget Advocates. We want to use those funds for outreach.

Transportation Committee: Cameron Bard said that Paul Emmons and I were re-elected as co-chairs. Matt Morland is a young stakeholder who wanted to discuss traffic safety along Angus Street. He is also doing a project with Ivanhoe Elementary about community engagement. We discussed a Slow Down Silver Lake sign campaign. We decided to table that to next year. We're not sure how effective those signs are. They may not be the best use of NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) funds. Our application has been put on hold. The City is overwhelmed with requests.

Reservoir Committee: Cameron Bard said we observed a moment of silence for Janis Purins. He was a wonderful gentle giant. Anthony Crump said my street was declared a Slow Street. I didn't know it was part of the application. It's not good because it's a truck route too.

#### 9) Administrative:

a) (Treasurer) July Monthly Expenditures Report (MER) - Motion to approve August 2020 MER: LINK.

Treasurer Maebe A. Girl offered an amendment to remove July. We already approved the July MER at the last meeting. Anthony Crump said no amendment is necessary.

Maebe A. Girl said that \$27,375 is the net available for the remainder of the fiscal year from August.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.*

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

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Mark Duncan  
Nora Goudsmit  
Lorraine Getz  
Elaine Roark  
Samantha Danner  
Tina Lin  
Barbara Ringuette  
Ben Cassorla  
Seth Copenhaver  
Anthony Crump  
Imran Syed  
Ianthe Zevos  
Jeremy Black  
Maebe A. Girl  
Sarah Ullman  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Paul Emmons, Dulce Stein, Lena Kaderali, and Scott Gamzon are not here and did not vote.)

8) Committee Reports – REVISITED

Urban Design and Preservation Committee: Joe Ferrell said that last month we passed a CIS (Community Impact Statement) regarding City Council Member Jose Huizar and corruption at City Hall and former City Council member Mitchell Englander. Hopefully this can go to the Board agenda.

At our next meeting, we will consider an application for the Erewan market for an alcohol-related CUP (Conditional Use Permit) as well as a small lot development on Hyperion and a letter regarding small lot developments. Also, at last month's meeting Liza Temple and I were re-elected as co-chairs.

9) Administrative -- REVISITED

b) (Secretary) Motion to approve September 2nd, 2020 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

*Barbara Ringuette seconded Tina Lin's motion.*

**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  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Secretary) Discussion and possible action on Governing Board emails: The Secretary will create 21 Gmail accounts for each governing board member and provide login credentials to respective board members by 10/17/2020.

Tina Lin said this provides deadlines for folks. There are three different options for each Board member to transition from GoDaddy to Gmail.

There is an edit to the motion: both the Webmaster and the Secretary, under Part C, can request the Webmaster to assist Board members with Thunderbird software to transfer GoDaddy emails to Gmail if you tell us by November 1.

*Nora Goudsmit seconded Tina Lin's motion.*

Imran Syed asked does Gmail reduce the amount of spam? Tina Lin said yes. Maybe emails will be presented as graphics? That reduces spam.

Nora Goudsmit asked when an alias is being used, it will appear as a Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to the email recipient. What happens to the Gmail account after you are no longer serving? What is the security of the email accounts?

Tina Lin replied that aliases are forwarded to another existing account. If a person steps down from the Board or a committee, I will work with the Webmaster to change the alias. It would go to the new person. There is nothing to prevent people from sending emails via Gmail but it won't say that it's from the SLNC.

Nora Goudsmit asked so will I still be able to access the account? Tina Lin said they will not be able to send from an SLNC named email.

Samantha Danner noted that Tina Lin has been working hard on this. Thanks for that. Also, the website should be managed by DONE. That would take the difficulty of dealing with it away from us. Tina Lin agreed.

**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  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (Treasurer) Financial Picture To Date

Maebe A. Girl said that everything is in order now with available funds. Office-related expenses are already accounted for along with NPGs (\$4,730) and outreach. However, this does not include rollover funds.

We need to stay aware of Appleone spending. We spend more than expected. Our July to September spending was 51% of the annual allocated budget for minute-taking services. Anthony Crump explained we had more special meetings. Samantha Danner said we had a large minute taking bill for July and August.

Cameron Bard asked about other expenses, exceeded NPGs. How do we stack up relative to past years? What more can we do to push out dollars amid the weak economy? Maebe A. Girl said we're on course. There is nothing to worry about. Appleone expenses are within office. There are other office expense allocations where we aren't spending.

e) (Treasurer) Motion to approve amended SLNC budget, including \$4,708.51 in rollover funds from FY 2019-2020, for FY 2020-2021.

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

Maebe A. Girl explained that at the end of every fiscal year, we have extra money in the kitty. The rollover into the current year is \$4,708.51. We must decide how to distribute that into the current budget. The Budget and Finance Committee determined that the best way to allocate funds is \$1,000 to elections for outreach and the rest (\$3,708.51) to NPGs.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked \$1,000 is going to elections? So, we're giving \$2,000 to elections? Maebe A. Girl said yes. We allocated \$1,000 at the beginning of the year. We decided to give an extra \$1,000 to elections.

**VOTE for Amended Budget**

**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  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

10) New Business

a) (Budget & Finance Committee) The Budget & Finance Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council grant permission for the City Clerk to enter a contract with LAUSD on behalf of the SLNC for meeting space rental for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 in the event that in person meetings resume.

*Tina Lin seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.*

Maebe A. Girl said I was contracted by the City Clerk representative to enter into a contract with the City on behalf of the Board. For the meeting space at Ivanhoe Elementary, we had to enter into a contract with the LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District). In the 2019-20 budget, we set aside funding. At the end of that fiscal year, funding was not collected from us. Former Treasurer Lena Kaderali tried to reconcile this.

At a point, we must decide where to meet when in person meetings resume. I recommend that we enter contract with the LAUSD for a smooth transition. We only have to pay for the months when we actually use space.

Nora Goudsmit asked is the contract specific to one location or to all of LAUSD? Maebe A. Girl said she isn't sure. It may be location specific. Nora Goudsmit said there is a second issue. At the end of the fiscal year,

the LAUSD wasn't willing to generate a bill for the use of space. If we enter a LAUSD contract, will we have difficulty to pay?

Maebe A. Girl said I was cc'd on things. Lena Kaderali worked really hard to resolve this. I don't really know what will happen this year. We have the money for it. We should commit to it.

Anthony Crump said this is not a new issue. It's been going on for over 10 years. LAUSD is not the most efficient government entity. Nora Goudsmit said that Lena Kaderali tried very hard to engage them. Should we engage in a contract at this point?

Maebe A. Girl said that when in-person meetings resume, we'll probably just get an email. Having a contract takes several steps between government entities so it could streamline things. We don't have to pay when we don't use the space.

Ilanthe Zevas asked is there a timeline on this? She has a question about the location in the neighborhood. Maebe A. Girl said I'm not sure what the implications would be for the SLNC if we wanted to switch locations. It's probably easier if we already have a contract with LAUSD and just change location. I can look into this. We can postpone and discuss next month.

*Nichola Fox-Robbins commented that there are several unanswered questions like access to the neighborhood. He made a motion to table the motion to answer questions. Maebe A. Girl seconded.*

Jeremy Black said that he's also in favor of tabling. What is our commitment? Can we change it? Can we wait, he asked. Maebe A. Girl said that it's a time-consuming process to enter the contract. The advantage that it would be set in place.

Anthony Crump said that Maebe A. Girl is right. It takes awhile to get this done. It's easy to change locations. We need to identify a central location where we have meetings. Because of the coronavirus, the Governor modified the Brown Act so we don't have to have in person meetings. Should he revert to the original Brown Act, we need to have something in place for when things change.

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

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Budget & Finance Committee) The Budget & Finance Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council allocate \$1,000 of Rollover funds to Election expenditures, and \$3,708.51 to NPG's.

*Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

*Maebe A. Girl said that she wants to table this. We've already answered the questions.*

**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

Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
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Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Budget & Finance Committee) The Budget & Finance Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve minute taking services for all Governing Board and Special Governing Board meetings, as well as once a month for the UDP Committee.

*Ben Cassorla seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.*

Maebe A. Girl said we're halfway through the funds that we've allotted this fiscal year for minute taking services. We must take control over how we use minute taking services.

They are essential for Board meetings. The only committee that uses minute taking is Urban Design and Preservation. It's important for them to have minute taking. However, that's not fair to other committees. This motion controls how much committees use minute taking services once a month. They must come before the Board for additional minute taking. Other committees can use a minute taker but consider the implications for the entire neighborhood council.

Samantha Danner suggested to establish a metric to allow committees to use services. Look at the number of attendees with 15-20 people as a starting point for at least two consecutive meetings. The benefit is that for long and involved meetings, this relieves the co-chairs from taking minutes.

Nora Goudsmit said that's a great idea. It should turn into a Standing Rule. Minute taking is exceptionally important. Is there other money that can be moved? It's essential.

Maebe A. Girl said we have extra money. We have funding available for going over from other office and operational expenses. For example

there is \$1,750 allocated for the use of Ivanhoe Elementary, which is an unknown.

Ilanthe Zevos asked about the benchmark with attendance. Does a committee bring a request to the Board? Maebe A. Girl said a threshold has not been determined yet. No other committees use minute taking services. That's an option. Tina Lin said I approve the time cards. Each meeting costs about \$250.

Debbie Slater said when I joined the Urban Design and Preservation Committee last year I was informed that we have minute taking for projects going before the City. That's my understanding about why that committee has minute taking.

Anthony Crump said it's not a requirement. Someone else can take notes. But that committee has a heightened profile so we decided that the Urban Design and Preservation Committee (UDP) should have accurate minutes.

Barbara Ringuette said there are attendees, presenters, and neighbors at UDP meetings. It's a big burden on the chairs. It's quite essential to have a note taker there. Anthony Crump added that we also want an impartial 3<sup>rd</sup> party taking the notes.

**VOTE for 10.c**

**15-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Ben Cassorla

(Note: Mark Duncan is not there and did not vote.)

d) (Housing & Tenant's Rights) The Housing & Tenant's Rights Committee moved that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council host a virtual panel at the end of October to help tenants navigate the City, State, and Federal Housing legislation created in response to the COVID pandemic. We recommend inviting other nearby Neighborhood Councils to participate.

*Samantha Danner seconded.*

Ben Cassorla said the patchwork of laws (State, local, etc.) is difficult to comprehend. We want to be part of information sharing so tenants are as informed as they can be. There are new laws and sunset clauses all the time. It's difficult to know what's going on. There will be a panel at the end of October. It's likely to be October 28 at 6pm.

We are in discussion with potential panelists. Various groups and Council District 4 Field Deputy Rachel Fox and an attorney will join. We've reached out to other neighborhood councils including East Hollywood, Rampart Village, Los Feliz, Atwater, and Echo Park Neighborhood Councils. They are all on board to join and help with outreach.

There is a question about interpreters in Spanish. Also, what about outreach and social media channels?

Ilanthe Zevo said that lots of laws require tenants to take affirmative steps. There is tons of confusion out there. Contact DONE for Spanish language services. They have a Spanish channel.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked what about people with limited internet access? That's one of the first bills to go if people are struggling financially. He asked about libraries. Ben Cassorla said they are only open for pick-ups and returns. There is rarely anyone there. Tina Lin said to let me know the date for the website. Ben Cassorla said yes.

Glenn Bailey, a member of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council and a Budget Advocate, said that interpretation is built into your Zoom account. You can enable it. You must have someone to do translation. He noted that this is within 30 days for an event with multiple neighborhood councils. Has your event approval form been submitted?

They prefer 30 days notice. Ben Cassorla said that nothing has been submitted yet for events form.

Sarah Ullman said I'm excited about the event. It's an important contribution to the community. How about a non-traditional structure for the event? Maybe someone who posts up in the community? This is not canvassing. Is there somewhere we can go and put this in the path of people without internet? Ben Cassorla said no. In Committee, we talked about how to broaden outreach. We are doing this now because of the emergency situation. We are seeking ideas. Do we need to fill out an event form if there is no funding sought? Glenn Bailey said yes.

**VOTE for 10.d**  
**14-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (LGBTQIA Advocates Committee) The LGBTQIA Advocates Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve the LGBTQIA Advocates Committee hosting a nonpartisan voter registration event on Saturday, October 10, 2020 called " Take Pride in Voting"

Maebe A. Girl asked can I table this? Anthony Crump said yes.

f) (LGBTQIA Advocates Committee) The LGBTQIA Advocates Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council join the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council in hosting the second Small Revolutions Zoom Panel called “Endangered Spaces” which will focus on this importance of and preservation of queer spaces in East Central LA.

*Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said that at the last meeting, we voted to co-host the first event. Several neighborhood councils were involved. The event took place last week. It focused on redlining. It was a great success, very informative. There was a great crowd. The second event is coming. We want to cohost with the SLNC name on it. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council are organizers. The LGBTQIA Alliance would take the lead for the SLNC if this is approved.

Glenn Bailey said when multiple neighborhood councils work together the City Clerk is requiring an event form. You only need to do one, even though there are multiple neighborhood councils involved. The City faces liability such as slander and other things.

Sarah Ullman said I’m excited for this event. It seems very cool. Who are the panelists? We should be informed about the full scope of the event and who’s speaking before we approve something. I would love to have full information.

Maebe A. Girl said that Cosway approached me from Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Arts and Culture Committee. We are selecting panelists now. We will seek Board approval. We want the event to be as diverse as possible. Do you have recommendations for panelists?

**VOTE for 10.f**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

Elaine Roark  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

g) (Homelessness committee) The Homelessness committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council use social media channels and monthly newsletter to spotlight local mutual aid organizations active in the Silver Lake community.

*lanthe Zevos seconded.*

Samantha Danner said we want to use social media to make sure the community is aware of active groups. As co-chair of the Homeless Committee, people want to help but don't know their options. We can use social media and the newsletter to highlight groups and the need for volunteers. The groups may or may not have nonprofit status.

Tina Lin asked what are examples of groups? Samantha Danner responded Ground Game LA, Life Kits, Water Drop, the SELAH Neighborhood Homelessness Coalition, the Silver Lake Community Church, etc.

**VOTE for 10g**  
**15-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Elaine Roark

Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Jeremy Black  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

h) (Homelessness committee) The Homelessness committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council send the attached letter regarding the definition of stakeholder and voting access for unhoused community members to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

*Ben Cassorla seconded.*

Samantha Danner said we would like to see a consistent definition of stakeholder so all Los Angeles County residents can vote in the election. This is a vision statement. Unhoused people should be considered as stakeholders. We want to see a consistent take on this.

Glenn Bailey noted that there is a new ordinance that changes the stakeholder definition for the entire city. It takes effect October 16. It will go into the Bylaws of all 99 neighborhood councils. It will be easier for neighborhood councils that use self-affirmation like the SLNC.

**VOTE to 10.h**  
**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  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

i) (SLIA Liaisons) SLIA Liaisons move the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve an NPG in the amount of \$500 to support the 26th Annual Music Box Steps Day, happening virtually on Saturday, October 24th from 2 – 4PM.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

Seth Copenhaver said that the SLNC supports this event most years. I attended last year. It will be online this year. The Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) is being incredibly creative in the way they are doing this event. It's amazing. They have stuff scheduled and historians. Laurel and Hardy filmed the short film "The Music Box" there and it won an Oscar.

Debbie Slater said this is fabulous to support. We're all fatigued. Having something joyful and fun is really great stuff. I'd be excited to see the neighborhood council support this event.

Jeremy Black noted that the SLIA came to us for funding for power washing. That hasn't been done. The Plaza is still in a state of disrepair. How many more events will SLIA want us to fund this year? What is the status of the power washing?

Seth Copenhaver replied that the Silver Lake Beautification Team normally does power washing. They haven't been able to contact them over last two months. They are now in discussion with other power washing companies who charge much more. Jeremy Black commented that they are not taking care of contractual obligations. Why give them more money?

Ilanthe Zevos said that the Music Box Steps is an event that many people look forward to. They've already started filming. She noted that Genelle LeVin, President of the SLIA, is an attendee at tonight's meeting.

Maebe A. Girl mentioned the financial outlook now after tonight's approvals: We have \$9,438 in NPGs available now.

Barbara Ringuette said this video event will be very special. It can go out to people around the world. The movie will be shown. Beloved veteran actor Dick Van Dyke will have something to say. I really look forward to this. Genelle LeVin said I'm here to answer questions.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked who is the money going to? Genelle LeVin said that Ed Bell is one of the lookalikes to play Oliver Hardy. He is putting the production together for us. It will be two hours of production. There is a 26-minute introduction that has already been filmed. It includes film history and an interview with Charles Fleming. The money going to one person but someone else did the filming. Ed Bell is the recipient of the funds.

DISCUSSION PAUSED

MEETING EXTENSION MOTION

*Anthony Crump made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

**VOTE to extend meeting by 10 minutes**

**15-0-0**

**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  
Cameron Bard  
Ben Cassorla

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

DISCUSSION CONTINUED for agenda item 10.i

Imran Syed expressed concern about the steps being almost unusable because of debris and unhoused individuals going to the restroom there. Genelle LeVin said we have paid Juan Hidalgo for 3 hours of labor before filming in September. It looked pretty good then.

Lorraine Getz asked Maebe A. Girl about NPG funding for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending in June. She said we have a lot of NPGs to consider and it's still early in the year. I love the event. Is there any marketing involved? How many people will attend? We have to be very fiscally prudent. Will there be enough people in attendance to warrant the expense? The stairs are in disarray right now.

Cameron Bard commented that it's an economic and moral imperative to get money out the door. The economy is not doing well. Move with haste to invest in our community.

Ilanthe Zevos said that on the steps, two unhoused neighbors are the primary drivers of the debris. There is a conversation happening with Council District 13 Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez. I'll bring this up at the Green Committee meeting. We'll take a look at it.

Maebe A. Girl offered thanks to Lorraine Getz for inquiring about remaining NPG funds. You can always reduce the amount.

**VOTE for 10.i**

**9-4-2**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz  
Samantha Danner

Ben Cassorla  
Jeremy Black

Present, Not Voting:

Maebe A. Girl  
Sarah Ullman

Jeremy Black asked is it a conflict of interest for someone from the SLIA to vote on this? Anthony Crump said he didn't know. It's not for him to say.

j) (Crump) Motion 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 said that he is referring this to the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee. There is only one minute left.

Sarah Ullman asked is there a plan to discuss this at the Board in the future? Anthony Crump replied yes. Nora Goudsmit said she intends to have a meeting in a week. Then it will come back to board in November.

Jackie Kim, DONE, she said that she will email official guidance on communicating official positions to government agencies.

12) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:12pm.