

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

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:03pm 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  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos (arrived late)  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black (left early)  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan (missed much of the meeting, left early)  
Cameron Bard

Non-Attending Board Members:

Elaine Roark  
Tina Lin, Secretary  
Scott Gamzon

There are 11 people attending the online meeting, said Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins.

### 3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Nicholas Fox-Robbins, quoting President Theodore Roosevelt, said “It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong stumble, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the one who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming. But who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spins themselves in a worthy cause, who at the best in the end, knows the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly, so that their place will never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Sarah Ullman offered thanks for his words. It was wonderful. She asked him to record the meeting. Nicholas Fox-Robbins began to record the meeting.

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

Nicholas Fox-Robbins welcomed the audience and explained how the meeting will work, particularly for public comment.

(Note: Ianthe Zevos arrived at 7:08pm. There are now 18 Board members here.)

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

*Brett:*

I’m a resident on Silver Lake Boulevard south of Sunset. In the alley behind my place there were 9 break-ins within a week. The LAPD (Los Angeles Police Department) did nothing. It’s about the encampment under the bridge at Sunset. People are doing drugs and there is a bike chop shop. Nobody is doing anything about it. The lawlessness is encroaching on everyone around.

*Nina Sorkin:*

She asked about a meeting on December 21. That will be a regular Governing Board meeting, said co-chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins.

Anthony Crump told the audience that public comment doesn’t necessarily reflect the SLNC (Silver Lake Neighborhood Council) as a whole. He also told Brett that we don’t do back and forth during public comment for items that have not been

agendized. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we encourage everyone to email the Board when they need help. Separately, he urged Board members to arrive on time.

*Barbara Ringuette:*

She said that she wants to set up a meeting with Brett. We have new Board email addresses. She urged him to email her. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that stakeholders can also email [board@silverlakenc.org](mailto:board@silverlakenc.org) for assistance.

*Seth Copenhaver:*

He mentioned the amazing work that City Controller Ron Galperin is doing. He attended a homelessness town hall meeting where Galperin discussed measure HHH. Galperin's put together good reports and data about things happening around town. See [www.lacontroller.org](http://www.lacontroller.org) for more information, including a discussion about equity.

*Sarah Ullman:*

She mentioned the Draft Social Media Policy for neighborhood council members. It will govern all neighborhood councils on social media. It's overdue but needs our voices to shape it. She expressed concerns around personal social media versus neighborhood council social media. There will be an information session for feedback. I forwarded the details to you. Please attend.

*Ilanthe Zevos:*

I live around the corner from you, Brett, on Marathon. I want to be looped into your conversation with Barbara Ringuette. I want to work with you about that.

## 6) Presentations

### a) Discussion of SLNC Amended By-laws received from EmpowerLA in November 2020

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) gave a new stakeholder definition. He read from the amended Bylaws of November 2020.

A stakeholder is someone who lives, works, or owns real property in an area. Or a community interest stakeholder, someone who participates in a community organization, an entity with a physical street address for over a year in the area that engaged in activities that benefit the community. Only 501c3 non-profits are eligible. This is dictated to us by EmpowerLA, he stressed. Some of you may take umbrage with this.

Anthony Crump said this is not an actionable item. This has been dictated to us. We're not empowered to accept or reject this. There is no need to discuss it. A motion can be proposed for the next meeting. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said it's worthwhile to take action if you object. Submit a motion to the neighborhood council. Anyone can present a motion. Think about this and take action.

Anthony Crump recalled that this is on the agenda so we can discuss it.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I disagree strongly with the physical street address requirement. That's incredibly problematic. It excludes unhoused stakeholders. That's my personal opinion.

Alexandra Aurish asked what are the changes and why were they made? Jackie Kim, a representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) under EmpowerLA, responded by saying that BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) had been discussing this since 2008. The rationale is to tighten up who qualifies as a stakeholder within the neighborhood council boundaries. She can look into other reasons. That was the primary reason. The physical street address and the requirement for a non-profit to have had a presence for at least a year are the major changes.

Maebe A. Girl said that according to the community interest stakeholder definition, could this include people who are involved with the neighborhood council itself? Our organization fits that criteria. I imagine for many people whose stakeholder status may be at risk because of the pandemic through things like job loss. Jackie Kim said that's a great question. The City Clerk will certify who is a stakeholder. I can bring this up with them.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked when can Bylaws be amended? Jackie Kim replied after elections.

Jeremy Black noted that previously, we had parents of students in the area as stakeholders. Jackie Kim commented that that would be a community organization. Parents involved with schools are stakeholders.

Sarah Ullman explained that eligibility has been tightened up to reduce confusion about who can vote in the elections. It's complex to define who is a member of a community. A lot of it revolves around elections and neighborhood council participation.

Dulce Stein said I am a stakeholder with a physical address. Would a post office box be helpful? Jackie Kim said post office boxes do not

qualify. Dulce Stein expressed concern for people who have been investing in the community for more than a year. Maybe they could get a post office box? How can we help them keep their status? Jackie Kim said that she will raise that issue with the City Clerk.

Samantha Danner said the changes are not problematic for the unhoused to vote. However, there is a concern with outreach efforts. People can use an intersection or the address of an organization like a food pantry to qualify for stakeholder status. How will unhoused people get information about elections? There are still questions to be answered. She is concerned about leaning on community organizations to get information to the unhoused.

Jackie Kim responded that the City Clerk is identifying organizations to help with voters with providing ballots, ballot drop off locations, and candidacy eligibility forms. Our department is looking to partner with one main organization in different Service Planning Areas (SPAs). That can be the main hub for candidate recruitment and outreach.

## 7) Announcements/Updates

### b) Office of LA Councilman David Ryu, District 4 (Rachel Fox)

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that Council Member Elect Nithya Raman will join us next month.

### d) Empower LA/Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Representative (Jackie Kim)

Jackie Kim said the Planning 101 training is required for Urban Design and Preservation Committee members. The content is the same as the public version of the course. December 7, 11, and 15 are the upcoming training dates.

She said that DONE is putting forth a new digital media policy for all neighborhood councils. Please review it. They won't vote on it until January or February. We are holding an information session on Wednesday, December 16, at 5pm.

Candidate information sessions for the neighborhood council elections will be December 5 and 12. You can attend for information regarding how to run campaigns and how to connect with voters.

Debbie Slater said that I registered and watched a recorded land use and planning 101 session. Does that qualify? Jackie Kim said no. You will have to reregister.

Albert, Assistant Secretary, and co-chair of the Elections Committee, mentioned the DONE 2021 Election Strategy Plan line items with dollar amounts. Will funding be disbursed from DONE? Jackie Kim said that the funding is offered through the City Clerk. It will be evenly divided by region to support outreach.

SLNC Board Updates:

Anthony Crump announced that SLNC emails will transfer on December 7 to the new system. GoDaddy emails will no longer be available.

Regarding Bylaws and Standing Rules, we had a good discussion on Monday. We'll have two meetings. There will be a Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee meeting on December 16. That's for the public. We will schedule a special Board meeting on December 21 to consider all the various motions related to Bylaws changes.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that the December 16 meeting will begin at 6pm. Only 5 board members can participate in a committee meeting. Show up early.

Anthony Crump spoke about absences. Keep an eye on your absences. Try to be here as often as possible.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I'm working on the annual report. It will be a report that details all of the neighborhood council work from the election in May 2018 to December 2020. The deadline for submissions is December 14. Send us your accomplishments and achievements over past 18 months. We owe it to the public and to ourselves.

## 8) Committee Reports and SLIA Liaison Update

Budget and Finance Committee: Treasurer Maebe A. Girl had no updates.

LGBTQIA Advocacy Committee: Maebe A. Girl mentioned the Small Revolutions event with the East Hollywood and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils. It focused on queer venues as endangered spaces. We had about 70 people in the audience, a great turnout. Dulce Stein will take the lead in the next Small Revolutions event focusing on the unhoused. We had a meeting scheduled for this month but there was no quorum so the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is in January.

Separately, Maebe A. Girl reported that Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) member Vince Brooks related that a neighbor on Next Door said he's

been harassed by neighbors as a queer person. I was shocked. Try to look out for your neighbors.

Standing Rules Committee: Sarah Ullman spoke about a Standing Rules and an Executive Committee conversation about attendance. To make the relationship between committees and the Board abundantly clear, she stated that it is not the prerogative of committee chairs to determine which Board members can or cannot attend committee meetings. So, arrive early.

Reservoir Committee: Sarah Ullman spoke about the Master Plan for the Silver Lake Reservoir. The group had a meeting about funding and funding sources. We want to attack in different segments. However, first they need an EIR (Environmental Impact Report), which could take two years. So, we have another couple of years before decisions are made. The next step is figuring out how the Master Plan would impact the community.

Executive Committee: Nora Goudsmit said the group met December 7. You will lose access to GoDaddy emails, she warned. You should be keeping tabs on your emails. Secretary Tina Lin gives you account access. Make sure all of your emails transferred.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Nora Goudsmit said the group will host a Committee meeting on December 16 at 6pm. Debbie Slater and I are working on the agenda. We will address unfinished business from the October 27 meeting. Thereafter, there will be a December 21 special meeting with the Board to consider motions to vote on.

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner said that next week's meeting is cancelled. Instead, there will be a joint meeting of the Housing and Homelessness and Tenants' Rights Committees. On December 15 we will discuss Housing and Tenants' Rights. We need to select Co-Chairs. Anyone can attend and participate. There has been action towards community Fridges. We've done a lot with Community Impact Statements (CIS).

Alliance of River Committees: Barbara Ringuette said the group met last night and discussed the Boyle Heights Community Plan. Silver Lake, Elysian Valley, and Echo Park will begin the Community Plan Process, which can span 3 years.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette said the City Administrative Officer (CAO) will soon issue his second financial status report. He's expected to detail proposed solutions to help eliminate the City's \$700 million budget gap. These could include elimination of non-core operations by all departments. The renegotiation of labor agreements, and massive furloughs and layoffs. This is not a pretty picture. Council Member Krekorian said the City cannot expect a Federal bailout. We are on our own. The next Administration in Washington may take a different view. The shortfall is the result of unsustainable labor

agreements, the loss of revenues because of the pandemic, and inter alia, the cost of major construction projects. Separately, we have a new website: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org).

Housing and Tenants' Rights Committee: Ben Cassorla said the next meeting will be an ad hoc joint committee meeting. We have been supporting the anti-tenant harassment ordinance. We've been discussing how to better advocate for tenants, particularly in terms of our recent housing panel. We want to limit evictions in our neighborhood. The next meeting will be December 15.

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA): Seth Copenhaver said the meeting was bumped by Thanksgiving. There is an agenda item tonight.

Ad Hoc Committee for Police Reform: The next meeting will be December 14 at 7pm. The LAPD is seeking an additional \$100 million this year. Council Member Mike Bonin wrote an Op-Ed recently discussing how every City agency is being asked to cut back. The LAPD seems immune.

Outreach Committee: Seth Copenhaver said he wants to schedule a meeting regarding elections, probably in December. Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked should we call a joint Elections and Outreach Committee meeting? Seth Copenhaver agreed.

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said the group will meet December 17 at 7pm. They have 2 CISs (Community Impact Statements) on the agenda tonight. A Neighborhood Land Trust representative discussed creating green spaces. We're also replanting trees on Silver Lake Boulevard. We are also addressing leaf blowers.

Transportation Committee: Cameron Bard said that Paul Emmons and I held our 5<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting last week. We had 9 attendees, including several attending for the first time.

Elections Committee: Albert Andrade said the Committee is up to full speed. The next meeting will be December 6. We can use help. We need more regional members, stakeholders for representation.

SLIA: Maebe A. Girl said that the last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be December 14. The County of Los Angeles is promoting an anti-hate campaign. Call 211 to report hate crimes.

LGBTQIA Advocacy Committee: Dulce Stein discussed the Small Revolutions event addressing youth and homelessness. How did we get here. The SLNC has done great work. Help us put on a good show.

9) Administrative:

a) (Treasurer) Motion to approve October 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (attached)

*Maebe A. Girl made the motion to approve the October MER (Monthly Expense Report). Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Maebe A. Girl said we spent \$691 in October. There is about \$25,342 left.

**VOTE for MER**

**18-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Secretary) Motion to approve November 4, 2020 Regular Governing Board minutes

*Anthony Crump made the motion to approve the November minutes. Paul Emmons seconded.*

**VOTE**

**17-0-1  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

c) (Treasurer) Financial Picture to Date

Treasurer Maebe A. Girl offered a financial outlook. There is \$25,254 net available.

We have not yet processed the Appleone invoice for November. We are expected to have a couple of additional charges because of committee meetings. That's something to monitor in upcoming months. We are on track to exceed our allocated budget for note taking services. There is \$2,000 in unallocated expenses for elections and \$8,438 left for NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grants). Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented that note-taking is important with Zoom meetings. It's more challenging to take minutes in a Zoom environment.

Lena Kaderali has a budget question about the rollover of unspent funds from the prior year's budget. It hasn't occurred yet. Is there a reason for the delay?

Maebe A. Girl said I submitted the BAC (Board Action Certification). On the funding portal, it does reflect that. Lena Kaderali noted that on the public website it's not showing up. Maebe A. Girl said I'll reach out to Monica for reconciliation.

## 10) Old Business

a) (Urban Design and Preservation Committee) Move to send a letter of support for Councilmember Blumenfeld and Councilmember Rodriguez's motion "Building a Safer Los Angeles" which would expand Fire District 1 and expand building code fire safety requirements for new multi-family and commercial projects.

*Paul Emmons seconded.*

Sarah Ullman said that this is the second time that UDP has heard this motion. There were two presenters who came to the meeting. There is preferencing concrete in the name of fire safety with the materials to be used for building.

Building A Safer Los Angeles is the name of the proposed ordinance. The text was not ajenized so there is no specific information available to the Committee. Documentation was not provided to the public. It's from the National Mixed Concrete Association. The presenters said they are not concrete lobbyists. They are affiliated with a concrete advocacy organization. I don't have an issue with the substance. I want to table this until the presenters can come to the Board and disclose their affiliation, so that the documentation can be reviewed in sunlight.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that there was an email exchange about this item. That exchange is included on this agenda.

*Jeremy Black seconded the motion to table.*

**VOTE to table**

**14-2-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos

Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Anthony Crump

Present, Not Voting:

Dulce Stein

There are 14 audience members here at 8:25pm, said Nicholas Fox-Robbins.

b) (Urban Design and Preservation Committee) Motion to request the Board approve a letter template that can be sent by the UDP committee to City officials directly.

*Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the draft letter template is included with the agenda.

Scott Plante said this is important when there is no time to get documentation from the Committee to the Board to Planning Department in time. It's to get the voice of the Committee heard at the Planning Department as quickly as possible. It may happen a couple of times a year. It alleviates the confusion and concerns from the past.

Samantha Danner said I have reviewed the text of the letter. If we go ahead, UDP can communicate with the City but other committees cannot. When things come up for other committees, this could be useful (e.g. Homelessness). Committees may not have time to consider items that impact our communities. It's an issue with the system as a whole. It's a little bit concerning. Some committees might have the ability to communicate directly with the City while other committees cannot. It's valuable to think about the power of different committees within the neighborhood council.

Seth Copenhaver commented that what Samantha Danner said should be considered. This is a middle ground. This would allow UDP to send a letter to communicate with the City without communicating with the Governing Board, except they are seeking approval right now. I sourced this from the UDP and Planning and Land Use committees of

neighborhood councils around our area asking what they do. This was a solution. UDP Committee Co-Chair Liza Temple thought this was a good idea.

This says we didn't have time to hear this and asks the City to hold off on meeting so planners can come before UDP then to the Board. We're not giving them carte blanche.

The controversial motion from a few months ago is what happens when there is a no vote. It doesn't come before the Board. That's what happened in that scenario.

Cameron Bard asked what types of projects or situations would this letter alleviate? He asked Seth Copenhaver this language comes from other neighborhood councils? I want to hear more about that. As a fellow co-chair of another committee, I interact with the City informally. This is more formal. I too share concerns with exempting one committee while others cannot send letters. I would like more examples of this type of situation.

Scott Plante said it's any kind of project. Some opted not to come to UDP even though they needed a variance. City Planning told them to come to UDP. The only projects that come to UDP are those requiring a variance. It can be any kind.

I understand the concern about other committees. This came about in 2013 or so. Our letters were getting bogged down at the Board. Neighbors were upset that their voices weren't being heard. Planning doesn't wait. We talked to the City Attorney at the time. There is angst about not having voices heard regarding projects being built next to them.

Barbara Ringuette added that this form letter would only be used when there is a Zoning Administrator hearing that would go forward if we didn't ask them to not go forward. It's important that neighborhood councils not be seen as missing in action. We want to be seen as being responsive. I see this as asking for the Zoning Administrator not to move forward, to wait and postpone until the Board has an opportunity to act.

Anthony Crump said I share concerns. Other committees can ask the Board for the same conditions. He suggested to amend the motion to require that a copy of the letter go to the Board at same time as it goes to City officials.

*Anthony Crump's Amendment: "I move that the Silver Lake Council Governing Board approve the following letter template that can be sent by the UDP Committee to City Officials directly, with a copy of said letter sent*

*to the Silver Lake Governing Board at the time of distribution” and then the letter continues with existing language.*

*Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

Jeremy Black said I love the spirit of collaboration and compromise in this motion. I’m concerned about the last line “with approval of the Governing Board”. *He suggested an amendment to remove that last part. Anthony Crump said I can incorporate that amendment into my amendment. Barbara Ringuette said that’s fine with me.*

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked why would we remove that if we are voting to give them approval for the letter? Is there concern about the circumstances for sending a letter? He noted that this template is not taking a position. He suggested that perhaps the UDP Chairs contact the Board Chairs to inform them about sending a letter, seeking permission before sending it. This is an idea, not an amendment.

Anthony Crump commented that there is ambiguity. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said if UDP is sending this and it included a position, that would be problematic. Anthony Crump said that UDP should not be taking a position on an issue.

Dulce Stein said I understand stakeholders being concerned. We should also write a twin letter where we have the same rights for the Homelessness Committee. We can write the same thing. If everyone has to wait...we would love to reach out to elected officials. I agree with Samantha Danner. We should have thought about this earlier. Who should have privilege? Maybe we should be fair regarding other committees.

Maebe A. Girl commented that it’s not taking a position. It allows greater opportunity for community input. Time sensitivity is an issue for many committees. Is there any precedence of other neighborhood councils doing this? Would the City actually listen to this? I would love to see a line saying this is not a stance on the issue but simply a request to hold off on the hearing. Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented that that would be another amendment. Anthony Crump said that’s in the text of the letter itself.

Seth Copenhaver explained that I emailed 8 or 9 neighborhood council land use committees. I wanted clarification about correspondence to the City without approaching the Board. The answer was no but some use a template.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee should consider this for other committees. This conversation should continue. Samantha Danner said there are other issues beyond those considered by the Planning Committee. I would love for other committees to be able to comment on things as they come up. It's an equity issue. There is so much money in development but that's no reason for UDP to be treated differently than other committees.

Nora Goudsmit said that for Anthony Crump's amendment, the issue is that UDP needs to be able to send something to the City telling the City to wait until the Governing Board can take action. I'm not sure why this letter needs to have any reason. It says please don't move forward until our Board can address the issue.

Anthony Crump said that sometimes there are a variety of reasons for a developer to not give UDP adequate notice. They may not realize that they need to approach UDP.

Anthony Crump's Amendment: "I move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board approve the following letter template that can be sent by the UDP Committee to City Officials directly with a copy of the letter sent to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board at distribution. The below letter will be sent on the appropriate letterhead..." The text in the letter remains intact except for the signature line, which will be corrected to say "Sincerely, SLNC Urban Design and Preservation Committee."

**VOTE for amendment**

**17-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

**VOTE for amended motion**  
**10-4-3**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Jeremy Black  
Paul Emmons

No Votes:  
Nora Goudsmit  
Dulce Stein  
Samantha Danner  
Cameron Bard

Present, Not Voting:  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Kaderali  
Sarah Ullman

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we encourage all committee chairs with time sensitive motions to come forward to the Board. He also offered apologies. This motion was a particularly important issue so it took extra time.

c) (Green Committee) Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Councilmember Blumenfield's motion to create a plan to divest the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement

System (LACERS) investment funds from fossil fuel companies. (Motion seconded by Councilmember O'Farrell.)

Ilanthe Zevos explained that this is a CIS in support of Council Member Blumenthal's motion regarding fossil fuels. It passed City Council today. It's about divesting and taking City money from fossil fuels and dirty air. *Barbara Ringuette seconded Ianthe Zevos' motion.*

Maebe A. Girl said this is important for us to take a position. It passed unanimously in City Council.

**VOTE**  
**16-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard  
Dulce Stein

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Jeremy Black left the meeting at 9pm. He did not vote.)

d) (Green Committee) Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File #20-0492 in support of Councilmember Blumenfield's motion to avoid purchasing and not renewing insurance from companies with investments in fossil fuels.

*Ilanthe Zevos made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.* She explained that this motion and the previous motion are supported by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Gird  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

e) (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

*Samantha Danner made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Samantha Danner explained that this is about COVID-related resources for the unhoused. It's a request that hygiene facilities continue to be maintained regularly. They have not been serviced so they are useless to the unhoused. Given the new stay-at-home order, it's more important for the unhoused to have access to basic necessities. With businesses closed down, it's harder to access those services. We want sanitation to be aware of this and establish a regular schedule for maintenance.

*Nora Goudsmit asked can we extend this letter to other Council Members to expand the reach? Samantha Danner said I would love to consider this. Extend this to the entire City Council. I'm willing to make that amendment. Maebe A. Girl seconded.*

**VOTE for amendment**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

**VOTE for 10e amended motion**

**15-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

f) (Homelessness Committee) Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) opposing amendments to Council File 20-0147, Coronavirus Strain / Potential Outbreak / Los Angeles County Health Department

*Samantha Danner made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Samantha Danner said the title of the motion is inadequate. The Council File for CARE Plus sweeps for homeless encampments has been requested to be postponed by the Shelter-in-Place order. It's designed to disenfranchise and harass the unhoused. This is a hot button issue. CARE Plus has resumed in certain City Council districts. The sweeps are destructive and unhelpful to the unhoused. We want sweeps suspended as people have little access to services, relative to the time before the pandemic. This includes a draft CIS from the Homelessness Committee.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins said let's amend the motion because a CIS has already been written. Samantha Danner agreed to the amendment.*

Paul Emmons asked are you asking whether the original motion maker can rewrite the motion? If so, the answer is yes. Have her read the motion with the new language.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins' amendment: "Move to submit it a Community Impact Statement opposing..." Samantha Danner said this will also apply to the next motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

Maebe A Girl said that City Council voted on this yesterday and unfortunately adopted it. However, it's still important for us to voice our stance. There is talk about how to help our unhoused neighbors. The sweeps are cruel and traumatic. People will lose belongings, documentation, etc. Make the humane choice to oppose this.

Seth Copenhaver said there have been two motions discussed at City Council. My understanding is that with the motion approved yesterday, sweeps resume in Council District 15 around San Pedro. Only two City Council members voted no, David Ryu and Mike Bonin.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

g) (Homelessness Committee) Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 20-1179, 1122 Cole Avenue / Hollywood Recreation Center / Feasibility / Interim Housing / Persons Experiencing Homelessness / Council District 13, with recommendations for additional action

*Samantha Danner made the motion. lanthe Zevos seconded.*

This is approved and in progress already. This would support the feasibility study, said Samantha Danner. Anthony Crump asked has anyone reached out to the Hollywood Neighborhood Council to see whether they have a position on this issue? Samantha Danner said yes. The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council asked for other

neighborhood councils to offer motions. Ben Cassorla mentioned the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council too.

**VOTE**  
**15-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

11) New Business

a) (Chairs) Discussion and possible action to approve complete Election Information Worksheet and to be transmitted to the LA City Clerk.

*Dulce Stein seconded.*

Nicholas Fox-Robbins explained I accidentally submitted a blank form. It's a short document. Can I share it on Zoom and read it aloud so everyone can participate? Anthony Crump agreed. Nicholas Fox-Robbins read the worksheet.

Anthony Crump offered an amendment for translations, say Spanish in both fields for candidates and vote by mail, he suggested. Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented we will include Spanish. We just need to add it to the document. No amendment is necessary. Samantha Danner observed

that it looks like Spanish and Korean are included as a default so we don't need to amend.

Elections Committee Co-Chair Albert Andrade said we have limited time to discuss drop off locations. We'll revisit this in the Elections Committee. This is a good worksheet to give to DONE. We didn't have enough time to have a meaningful conversation. Anthony Crump said we informed DONE and the City Clerk that we would be sending this in late.

**VOTE for 11.a**

**17-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b) (Transportation & Safety Committee) Motion to send a letter to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, LADWP, and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department calling for the creation and installation of durable COVID-19 prevention signs on the grounds inside the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex perimeter fence.

*Cameron Bard made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.*

Cameron Bard explained that a couple of months ago, the City installed temporary signs for one-way walks at the Silver Lake Reservoir along with wear mask signs. There are calls for the City to put in permanent signs that would be protected from vandalism. We want the City to allocate funds for new signs. The old signs are gone.

Amy Ragsdale, a Committee member, said I'm an active user of the Reservoir. After the signs disappeared there's been a precipitous drop-off in the number of people going the right way and wearing masks. Having that visual cue provides peer pressure.

Sarah Ullman commented that the Reservoir Committee has also addressed this. We have not taken a vote but everyone who attended the meeting supports this.

Maebe A. Girl added that the Board received several emails from stakeholders asking for the signs to be replaced.

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

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

c) (Transportation & Safety Committee) Move to send a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of expanding the approved City Council File 20-1365 to include a return to relaxed parking enforcement in wake of surging COVID-19 cases.

*Cameron Bard made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded.*

Cameron Bard said this is unanimously supported by the Transportation Committee.

Albert Andrade quoted Mayor Eric Garcetti, saying “All of us have a role to play in defeating this virus and saving lives and no one should worry about facing extra financial burdens when they are keeping their family, friends, and community safe during this crisis”. I was interviewed by ABC television news today about this. It’s been a massive issue in my specific neighborhood.

Mollie said it’s a great letter. I’d love to see it passed.

**VOTE**  
**14-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Anthony Crump

d) (SLIA Liaisons) moves for the Governing Board to approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,500 to allow for three separate steam cleanings of the Sunset Triangle Plaza (to be completed every 6 weeks)

*Barbara Ringuette recused herself.*

*Seth Copenhaver said the SLIA NPG is for \$1,500 for the cleaning of Sunset Plaza. Anthony Crump seconded.*

Genelle LeVin said we will send completion forms. We're looking for funding all over the place. Everybody's hurting. We're looking for draft proposals. We're applying to the City. We'll do what we can.

Seth Copenhaver said this is a longstanding issue before this Board, the cleanliness of the plaza. It's been a long road and we're trying to find a solution for everyone.

Genelle LeVin said it's a very popular place. We had a new vendor for \$350. The new vendor is more expensive but the cleaning lasts longer.

Dorsay Dujon, an SLIA Board member, said that in other cities where plazas are built, they partner with the City to do this. Why SLIA? If not us, it would be another organization that the City would partner with. We're blessed to have neighborhood councils to partner with other organizations who can raise funds. You have an opportunity to participate in the community by giving back. We are grateful that you are there. Partnering with you is a win-win situation. Thank you.

Nina Sorkin said that she is not an SLIA member but she's supported them by the donation of art for their silent auctions. That's not possible this year because of COVID.

Sarah Ullman said I would love to propose a solution to make the partnership official. Have SLIA and the SLNC partner on a contract with the DOT (Department of Transportation) about the plaza maintenance. We would set aside funding specifically for maintenance. Repeated funding motions put maintenance up for a vote. That doesn't feel sustainable but we are community partner. We should formalize that partnership. It's tough to keep voting on this.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins explained that the City can't go into a contract with itself. We can't do that. A community partner is required. Anthony Crump told Sarah Ullman, I think you're on to something. I'd be happy to explore that.

Mark Duncan said I love the triangle plaza and I love the farmers market. It seems that the farmers market makes a lot of that mess while using public resources. Maybe they should fund this?

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that's an interesting idea. But that's a different motion. Mark Duncan said we're giving away budget for something that the farmer's market should take care of.

*Nora Goudsmit offered an amendment to reduce the NPG amount for budgetary reasons, given how we've supported the SLIA in the past. Amend to \$250. Samantha Danner seconded.*

Genelle LeVin said I don't see how that will work at all. The SLNC funded the first year that the plaza was open at \$2,000 for maintenance. They've paid little for maintenance since yet they received a permanent recognition and signage in the plaza. How does this benefit the community? It won't cover one power washing. I'll leave it up to you guys. If you don't want it clean, that's the way it's going to be.

Nora Goudsmit said it's not a matter of not wanting to keep it clean. This contextualizes the times that we are in and the City's funding difficulties. There is a housing crisis and real suffering. How we use funds really matters. This isn't the first time that the SLIA has come for money.

Dulce Stein said I consider the plaza to be the heart of Silver Lake. So many things happen there. It's unfortunate that they cut our funding. However, I understand that we have to pick our battles. Either we support the organization that has stood up for Silver Lake in their time of need or we don't. We can do a fund raiser. They didn't have their fund raiser. We have to protect the organizations that have been there for us forever.

Paul Emmons interrupted gave a time check, noting that there are 4 minutes left in the scheduled meeting time.

Dulce Stein concluded by saying to remember that we belong to Silver Lake.

Cameron Bard commended Sarah Ullman's idea to formalize the relationship and have an allocated annual budget. Nora, I agree with the intent of your comment but it's more important than ever to get NPGs out to people who will benefit. It's also important to support small business.

*Paul Emmons made a motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes. Nicholas Fox-Robbins seconded.*

**VOTE to extend the meeting by 20 minutes**  
**15-1-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz

Present, Not Voting:

None

d) (SLIA Liaisons) moves for the Governing Board to approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,500 to allow for three separate steam cleanings of the Sunset Triangle Plaza (to be completed every 6 weeks) -- CONTINUED

Anthony Crump said I disagree with Nora Goudsmit's motion. Given the pandemic, our outdoor spaces are more important. Being outside in in plaza is one of few places you can gather in that part of Silver Lake. It would benefit from a wash every six weeks. I will vote no on that amendment. Sarah Ullman is onto something with formalization of a relationship though.

**VOTE to amend to \$250**  
**7-6-3-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit

Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

Paul Emmons  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Dulce Stein  
Anthony Crump  
lanthe Zevos  
Cameron Bard

Present, Not Voting:

Seth Copenhaver  
Imran Syed  
Maebe A. Girl

Recusals:

Barbara Ringuette

**VOTE for amended motion for \$250 for SLIA**

**9-4-2-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Nora Goudsmit  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Imran Syed  
lanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:

Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Anthony Crump  
Cameron Bard  
Dulce Stein

Present, Not Voting:  
Seth Copenhaver  
Maebe A. Girl

Recusals:  
Barbara Ringuette

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said I'm not sure that Maebe A. Girl and Seth Copenhaver needed to recuse. Barbara Ringuette recused because she is on the SLIA Board. Anthony Crump said we need to give Barbara Ringuette an opportunity to speak. That may not be true.

Maebe A. Girl said I chose to abstain to avoid favoritism. Seth Copenhaver said that any SLIA motion is very controversial. Their funding request for the recent Music Box stairs event got denied, even though it passed in a Board vote. I wanted a clean vote with no concerns about favoritism. Anthony Crump said I concur with Nicholas Fox-Robbins. They can choose to abstain but as SLIA Liaisons you retain your vote.

Barbara Ringuette said the reason for her recusal is because she serves on the SLIA Board and wanted no conflict of interest. She exercised an abundance of caution.

g) (David Wheatley) Motion is that for any amount of time that any board members use their zoom video to present a poster or image during a meeting that any and all people attending the meeting shall be permitted to do so in equal time. And that the total minutes used by board members since the meetings have gone to Zoom shall be allowed to be matched for attendees' use for the future. And that these provisions shall be announced at the beginning of each meeting.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked David Wheatley can we put this at top of the agenda for the next meeting? Would you be willing to do so? He explained that given the late hour, there would be more time to discuss it. David Wheatly said I'd be honored. I'll revise it and do more research for the next meeting.

e) (Copenhaver) moves for the Governing Board to approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,300 to support tuberculosis shots and holiday gift cards at Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic.

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Seth Copenhaver commented that the organization is a great partner in the community. Anthony Crump commented that the tuberculosis (TB) screening tests are okay. What about gift cards? What is the cost of each?

Seth Copenhaver said there may be a typographical error for the costs. Sarah Ullman noted that \$600 is allocated for the tests and \$700 for the gift cards. Anthony Crump said I'm not comfortable with gift card distribution

Teresa from the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic explained that the cost of the TB (tuberculosis) screening is about \$460 for 50 tests or about \$130 for 10. That varies according to the market. We usually do 20-25 per month but that's increasing. People are applying for shelters and other places that require TB screenings. This is for 60 TB screenings.

Gift card give aways were started in 1978. We are seeking ways to safely do a children's Christmas party. We want to offer parents the choice of getting a chicken or other meat. They have choice. It's a \$10 gift certificate for about 70 families. It's difficult to provide these types of things in a clinic setting.

Anthony Crump recalled that we gave gift cards to schools. We took a great deal of effort with extensive debate. He is reluctant to support gift cards.

Nora Goudsmit said that she supports this motion. TB testing is essential for people to not be turned away from shelters. Support gift cards for families in need. Maebe A. Girl said I'm in support of this. Are there any criteria for who gets the gift cards? Teresa said we have a list. Families are calling us asking for help. We know the families. We have files on them.

Dulce Stein commented that this clinic is the heart of Silver Lake. We have to choose our battles and who we stand for. I'm starting a community kitchen. I want to offer Teresa, if you can give me a list of families, I will donate meals for Christmas, a whole meal. We would only have to sponsor the medicine that she needs. Paul Emmons noted this is beyond the scope of the motion. Nicholas Fox-Robbins told Dulce Stein to speak with Teresa offline about that proposal.

**VOTE**  
**14-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Seth Copenhaver

Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Anthony Crump  
Imran Syed

Paul Emmons said we're out of time.

#### 12) Future Agenda Items

Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked can we push the remaining motions to the next meeting?

There will be a Special Board meeting on 12/21.

#### 13) Adjournment\*

The meeting ended at 10:23pm.