

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING  
Draft Minutes  
Thursday, January 14, 2021  
7:00pm-10:00pm

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581353350>  
or by telephone by calling (669) 900-6833  
and entering Webinar ID: 865 8135 3350#

1) Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02pm with 16 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  
Scott Gamzon  
Seth Copenhaver (arrived late)  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ilanthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz (left early)  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein (arrived late)  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan (arrived late)  
Cameron Bard (resigned during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Elaine Roark  
Jeremy Black

3) Welcome and Rules for Action on Virtual Meeting

Co-Chair Nicholas Fox-Robbins made opening remarks:

“We’ve gotten a lot of criticism for putting Standing Rules motions on the Governing Board agenda. There have been those who are quick to outrage and to accuse the Council of some type of power grab. There have also been those who jump to the conclusion that just because an item is agendaized that the entire Board as a single body is trying to force new rules down people’s throats. But if these are the conclusions that someone jumps to, I have to wonder if they are attending the same Governing Board meetings that I have. If you came to the last Governing Board meeting, you will have seen our Governing Board address several Standing Rule functions. Perhaps we can agree that the last Governing Board meeting was the first time you were able to have a thorough and thoughtful discussion of Standing Rules issues that everyone who wanted to speak had an opportunity to speak, multiple times. Perhaps we can agree that one of the interesting things that was revealed because the Governing Board members actually have a variety of opinions and a variety of suggestions or solutions, rather than being of a single mind trying to force solutions. Another thing that was revealed was that there is actually some common ground between community members and Governing Board members once we talked it through. I think working through committees is generally the correct way to go. My concern has been, maybe you can hear me out so you’ll know where I’m coming from, is that the last few Standing Rules Committees have been rather ineffective in addressing the Standing Rules. This is not to judge the Committee, the Co-Chairs or the members. With the combination of the challenges of Zoom and the way that it slows things down, mixed with what I view as some community members intentional efforts to delay and filibuster the discussion, we haven’t gotten very far in those meetings. My concern is that the Standing Rules Committee meetings have served to stoke flame and create more division and anger rather than providing a forum for healthy conversation. In contrast, at the last Governing Board meeting, it actually had a thoughtful helpful discussion, inclusive of all community members and we agreed to discuss issues further. Show me the person who was at the last Governing Board meeting who was excluded and didn’t have a chance to express how they felt about the issues and engage with the discussion. The conversation we had could have never occurred if we hadn’t put it on the agenda. That’s how the Council works. We can’t even discuss something if it’s not on the agenda. I felt like we took a really positive step forward. Do you disagree? This is and has been Anthony and I’s perspective and approach. There’s a lack of trust right now and I think we need to push ourselves to be kinder to one another. I think we need to push ourselves to not see the worst intentions in one another and to listen and collaborate. Let’s not insult one another. Let’s not demean one another. I think if we can bring the temperature down, we can actually make great progress here. It’s been a challenging week for this country and this community. Let’s come together as a community and examine these complicated issues, even if we don’t see eye to

eye all the time. I'm not your enemy and you are not mine. You're my neighbor and I'm yours."

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

Co-Chair Anthony Crump said I second what Nicholas Fox-Robbins said. He encouraged people to behave peacefully and respectfully. We are following State law.

Some Board members have banners in place instead of their images. That's up to the individual Board members. The banners don't necessarily reflect the position of the neighborhood council or the City of Los Angeles.

He explained how general public comment will work. The comments don't necessarily reflect the Board as a whole or the City of Los Angeles.

He announced that there are 16 people present in the audience now.

(Note: At 7:08 Dulce Stein, Mark Duncan, and Seth Copenhaver arrived and been promoted to panelist, said Nicholas Fox-Robbins. Now there are 19 Board members here.)

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

*Genelle LeVin:*

She said that the Silver Lake Improvement Association hasn't received the \$250 that the neighborhood council voted on for the Sunset Plaza clean up. I'll arrange for power washing in early February.

She also said that she is disappointed that there's not been much outreach to get more candidates to run for elections. I hope that that will be taken care of soon. Good luck to everyone.

*Albert Andrade:*

White Supremacy was on full display last week on Capital Hill. It was a terrorist attack. The most striking image was a police officer holding hands with a protester while escorting down the Capital steps. Yet, people like George Floyd Breonna Taylor and others are murdered. As this Governing Board meeting unfolds it will remain painfully clear that White supremacy persists here in our own neighborhood. Black lives matter forever!

*Justine Paragas:*

She said that she is a high school student, a Filipina, and a strong advocate of Black Lives Matter. Fighting for the rights of black people is not political nor a violation of free speech. It's an attempt to address racism and inequity. The motion in tonight's agenda is unbelievable and demonstrates White Supremacy and attacks people of color in the Silver Lake community. I am disappointed by this motion, which attacks communities of color, especially black people. Please vote wisely. It has a huge impact to this community and this Council. Anthony Crump cautioned that public comment is for non-agenda items. We do have a motion to support Black Lives Matter later in the agenda.

*Nina Sorkin:*

She asked about the issue of division and goals, a Standing Rule. Will it ever be discussed or ever happen? That is a violation of the rules as it's not discussed nor planned for. The rules also talk about committee meetings happening at least quarterly. Many committees haven't met on a quarterly basis.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins is doing a report on activities for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC). That has been on the agenda for the last few meetings but not tonight. I hope that that is proceeding. It's important that stakeholders are informed of what is happening in the neighborhood and to be able to have input.

Anthony Crump said that Nicholas Fox-Robbins will address that in announcements.

*David Wheatley:*

He said that he's been a Silver Lake resident since 1976. He asked why am I getting so frustrated with meetings? I appreciate what Nicholas Fox-Robbins said. The last meeting went better than previous meetings.

Regarding the banners displayed by some Board members during meetings, I spoke with someone at the First Amendment Coalition who said speech can't be suppressed by Government. I'd like to put up my own banner right now. I feel like my civil rights are being violated by my inability to express myself. Sarah Ullman said she sent an email with instructions on how to do that.

*Bowls S.:*

White supremacy is very much alive in this community. Stamp that out at all levels. I want to remind you of that responsibility.

*Diego Zuniga:*

He said that he is a 15-year-old LatinX student who is appalled by the behavior of adults. People are unqualified to represent the community. You are also targeting other minority groups when you attack the Black Lives Matter movement. We are unified. We need to clear out this horrendous mentality.

There is a motion on the agenda is for the Board to support Black Lives Matter, said Anthony Crump. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said an agenda item is not the opinion of the Board. It just provides an opportunity for discussion. Community member are allowed to place motions on the agenda.

*Scott Plante:*

He said that the Sunset Junction project has been happening since 2012. There will be a community meeting via Zoom about it on January 26 at 7pm. For information: [www.silverlaketgether.com](http://www.silverlaketgether.com).

*Cameron Bard:*

He announced that this is my last meeting. I have some at home needs. I've relocated to another neighborhood in Los Angeles. Silver Lake was my first home in Los Angeles. It has been an honor to work with so many of you. Silver Lake was my first home in Los Angeles. Cherish your renters and those who are not homeowners, he urged. We care as much about this community as everyone else. I will vote Present, Not Voting on all items tonight.

*Ilanthe Zevos:*

I want to speak about tone. The people on the Board are your neighbors and we are volunteers here to try to make the neighborhood better. It's been an incredibly challenging year for everyone. We have lots of things that we are passionate about and things nationally that cause anxiety.

*Dulce Stein:*

She said that she seconded what Ianthe Zevos just said. We are volunteers. We are here for you. We work for the benefit of everybody. Sometimes some of us are being treated unfairly. I really dislike that.

*Paul Emmons:*

He offered thanks to Cameron Bard for his participation on the Board and as Transportation Safety Committee Co-Chair. He will be sorely missed.

*Mark Duncan:*

He offered his thanks to Cameron Bard. You were a great addition to Silver Lake.

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins:*

He also thanked Cameron Bard for his service to the Board.

*Nora Goudsmit:*

She told Justine Paragas and Diego Zuniga that they are welcome to comment during an agenda item.

*Anthony Crump:*

He said that he seconded everything said about Cameron Bard. He's done wonders in his short time here. He's an example of good public service.

## 6) Announcements/Updates

Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented that Mary Rodriguez, Council District 13 Field Deputy, can't attend today.

There was a schedule conflict regarding Council District 13. New Council Member Nithya Raman will make a presentation at the February Board meeting, said Anthony Crump.

Dawn Cotterall, Department of Water and Power (DWP):

She said that her colleague Arthur Saginian is also here. We are here at your request. Sarah Ullman said this is about a noise pollution motion. When do you want to hear that, agenda item 10.g? Anthony Crump said let's address it after David Wheatley's motions, which are old business. We will address it at the top of new business, said Nicholas Fox-Robbins. Dawn Cotterall asked to move up the motion as soon as possible.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins announced that the annual report is in progress. He estimates that it will be done by the end of January. We hope to share with the public at the next Board meeting.

## 7) Committee Reports and SLIA Liaison Update

Elections Committee: Co-Chair Albert Andrade said that the election is in full swing. Candidate filing ends January 19. There are 10 candidates for 21 seats. There have been no filings for Region 1. Please consider running for the elections. Also, please join our Committee meetings. The next one will be

January 25 at 7pm. Our elections will be fair and inclusive. No one will infringe on your right to vote. For information: [elections@silverlakenc.org](mailto:elections@silverlakenc.org)

Bylaws Committee: Co-Chair Debbie Slater stressed the importance for stakeholders to have the opportunity to discuss and to vote. It is crucially important that stakeholders can vote in committee before an item is brought to the Board to discuss.

Budget Advocates: Barbara Ringuette offered an update. The City is facing a revenue challenge of about \$675 million. There is also a need to repay a \$75 million loan that was used for COVID19 related expenses. The City recommended that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) layoff about 1,700 employees. Instead the LAPD will lay off only 628 employees, including 355 officers. The City is seeking to delay pay raise agreements to avoid layoffs. We need to fill vacancies for the Budget Representatives. We need one more Budget Advocate for Region 7. If you know someone, please let me know.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins announced that 28 people are attending this meeting.

Homelessness Committee/Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness: Sarah Ullman said we installed a community fridge on Friday at United Bread and Pastry at the Sunset Triangle Plaza. It's a big success so far. There have been many donations. People are using the fridge. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Take food if you need it.

Culture Committee: Dulce Stein said we are collaborating with the Los Feliz and East Hollywood neighborhood councils for a Small Revolutions event. Our next meeting focus will be on youth who are unhoused and unsheltered. We invite you to our podcast. We will have new Council Member Nithya Raman, Council District 4, as a speaker. We have to redefine how we think and how we see homelessness.

Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and Housing: Maebe A. Girl invited everyone to attend Small Revolutions panel on February 11 at 7PM via Zoom. Spread the word. She said that she's excited about the community fridge. The fridge is fully stocked right now. We want to get the word out to neighbors who need it as a resource. It's in the parking lot of the United Bread and Pastry Company in Triangle Plaza.

LGBTQIA Committee: Maebe A. Girl said we haven't had a meeting this year.

LGBTQ Alliance: Maebe A. Girl said that the group's next meeting will be next Thursday. We will be addressing an issue at the Reseda Neighborhood Council, shaming of a youth board member. Thanks to everyone on this Council for treating me so kindly as a Trans person.

Green Committee: Ianthe Zevos said that the group has been doing good work. Trees are being planted on Silver Lake Boulevard. The next meeting will be January 21 at 7pm via Zoom. We will talk about trees and electric vehicles. There are lots of subsidies out there.

Homelessness Committee: Samantha Danner said the group met this week. We discussed a CIS (Community Impact Statement) regarding Proposition HHH and affordable housing. We also discussed the community fridge. It's a wonderful opportunity for people to volunteer. For more information: [Samantha.danner@silverlakenc.org](mailto:Samantha.danner@silverlakenc.org). She added that there are other mutual aid groups to volunteer with. I'm creating a database of volunteer opportunities. We have a COVID surge so there has been a reduction of outreach activities. If you see a neighbor in need, help them as much as possible.

Advisory Council: Jamie Penn, Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, said that he is the liaison. There is a bridge home shelter opening at Lafayette Park. There will be a meeting about it on January 30 at noon.

Housing and Tenant's Rights Committee: Ben Cassorla said the group will meet Tuesday.

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA): Maebe A. Girl noted that SLIA President Genelle LeVin had mentioned that they hadn't received \$250 from the SLNC. It says that the cheque was sent out on the portal. I'm surprised that you haven't received it. I'll follow up with Genelle LeVin about that.

#### 8) Administrative:

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

Treasurer Maebe A. Girl said we will approve the MER for November 2020. There has not been enough time for the December MER. We had a \$25,385 beginning balance then at the beginning of November and a \$23,747 net available at November. *Ianthe Zevos seconded Maebe A. Girl's motion.*

**VOTE to approve the November MER**  
**18-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
 Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
 Nora Goudsmit  
 Maebe A. Girl

Tina Lin  
Scott Gamzon  
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

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Cameron Bard

b) (Secretary) Motion to approve December 2, 2020 Regular Governing Board minutes – Attached

*Tina Lin made the motion. Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

Anthony Crump said that Genelle LeVin wanted a correction on page 34 regarding the cost of power washing at Silver Lake Triangle Plaza. Tina Lin asked for the correction to be forwarded to her. Anthony Crump agreed.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-2**  
**PASSED**

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

Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
Scott Gamzon  
Cameron Bard

Nicholas Fox-Robbins announced that there are 30 attendees in the audience for tonight's meeting along with 20 panelists.

c) (Secretary) Motion to approve December 21, 2020 Special Governing Board Minutes

*Tina Lin made the motion. Barbara Ringuette seconded.*

Barbara Ringuette has a correction, said Tina Lin.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Seth Copenhaver  
Samantha Danner  
Sarah Ullman  
Barbara Ringuette  
Imran Syed  
Ianthe Zevos  
Lorraine Getz  
Ben Cassorla  
Dulce Stein  
Lena Najarian Kaderali  
Paul Emmons

Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Scott Gamzon

Cameron Bard

d) (Treasurer) Financial Picture to Date

Treasurer Maebe A. Girl said the neighborhood council has \$22,125 in net available funds. We are in good financial standing. She noted that minute taking expenses have been over \$3,500 so far this fiscal year. That's 75% of that \$4,750 budget in 6 months.

9) Old Business

a) (Zevos) Move to approve a letter from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council requesting that DONE revised its communication policy recommending Neighborhood Councils communicate exclusively with LA City officials and departments.

*Ilanthe Zevos made the motion. Sarah Ullman seconded.*

Ilanthe Zevos explained that BONC (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) limits our communication to City officials. I don't see why we can't communicate with government officials outside of the City structure. It's a question of being authorized to communicate with other government officials.

Debbie Slater asked has Jackie Kim joined the meeting? Can she address Ilanthe Zevos' question? This is a good letter to submit.

Jackie Kim, a representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), said it's not a BONC policy. It's from the City Attorney. The way they interpret the City Charter they decided that neighborhood councils can't communicate directly with non-City entities so that the City speak with a single unified voice. Send your letter to their office.

Samantha Danner said this has been an issue for the Board and for committees. This is an opportunity for reform. There's not a lot of opportunity for us to comment on issues that come before the City.

Dulce Stein said I'm here to support Ianthe Zevos and what Samantha Danner said. We have to make it work and we have to write those letters. That is why we are here.

Maebe A. Girl said that she supports this motion. In our role at the neighborhood council, we're often not even heard. We should be able to have a voice.

Mark Duncan said I support this.

**VOTE**  
**18-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

b) (David Wheatley) Move 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 present a poster or image of their choosing for up to equal time and prominence during the meeting. And that this provision shall be printed in each meeting agenda and read aloud at the beginning of each meeting.

c) (David Wheatley) Move that the total minutes used by board members to present a poster or image during a meeting since the meetings have gone to Zoom shall be permitted to be matched by attendees' use at future meetings. And that this provision shall be announced at the beginning of each meeting and continue until the time accrued from the past has been used up

Anthony Crump explained that David Wheatley said these motions may not be germane. Therefore, he is withdrawing his motions.

David Wheatley explained I'm concerned about the freedom of speech issue regarding banners at meetings. I put together this motion so anyone can put up a banner. However, the First Amendment Coalition said the Brown Act doesn't require equal time for speech. The images rile me up.

I would like to revise my first motion. Attendees should be permitted to post banners during meetings.

I am withdrawing agenda item 9.c. It's not protected by the Brown Act.

Under the First Amendment, people get to speak. I want permission to be able to post things tonight.

Anthony Crump said my understanding is that participants can put up whatever they like. Participants can't place video under our Zoom license. We don't have a setting unless you are a panelist. Jackie Kim added that the City Attorney said individual Board members can put up disclaimers. I'm still working with the Department about how to place banners.

Anthony Crump asked David Wheatley, can you bring this back next month? We will revise this and bring it back in the February meeting. David Wheatley agreed.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we don't discuss a motion if it's not put forward to stakeholders. We're not dealing with this motion at all so we're moving on.

## 10) New Business

g) (Ullman & Bard) Move that the SLNC send the attached letter to LADWP and City Councilmembers Raman and O'Farrell, requesting proactive solutions to noise pollution at the Silver Lake Reservoir.

*Sarah Ullman made the motion. Paul Emmons seconded*

Sarah Ullman said I want proactive solutions to noise pollution at the Silver Lake Reservoir. There is construction.

Joshua Shenk, who lives near the reservoir, explained that this has been going on for years and years. There is always a project at the reservoir. I've asked Dawn Cotterall and others in her DWP office about this. Simple measures can be taken to mitigate noise pollution. This is an extremely distressing health issue. It generates panic and fear.

Arthur Saginian, Project Manager, DWP, explained that the module office project has been going on for over a year. The backup alarms on the vehicles are ear piercing. They bother me too.

Two things can be done. We've reached out to our management to not start before 7am. Brigade makes an alternative alarm more of a low level drone versus the high level beep. It will take time for evaluation and approval.

Regarding the use of noise barriers, Silver Lake is shaped like a football stadium. Noise can evade barriers. My project will end in February. Other projects will begin after that.

Dawn Cotterall said they have been talked to about not starting before 7am. They have also been talked to about being mindful of backing up and ways to avoid it.

Debbie Slater noticed a typographical error on the letter. The date is from last year.

Nina Sorkin said I have lived in Silver Lake for over 50 years. I can hear the papers being dropped in the morning. I haven't experienced any noise before 7am. This is a time limited project that will end next month. My neighbor putting in a pool bothers me more. This item should have been raised at a committee meeting.

Joshua Shenk said that before the modular construction there was another project. This is a constant and distressing present. This issue is not about the modular office.

Sarah Ullman said this was brought to our attention in November or October. There has been a lot going on. This didn't seem controversial.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins is now chairing the meeting.

Anthony Crump said I second what Sarah Ullman said. It's about all of the vehicles. We should treat this as a quality of life issue.

Cameron Bard said this is an urgent matter. People are at home for longer with the pandemic. This affects quality of life.

Dulce Stein commented that she is heartbroken. The architect Neutra had an answer to this question. No one loved the reservoir more than he did. I wish that Arthur Saginian and Dawn Cotterall could look at his projects.

Mark Duncan said I want to voice support for the stakeholder trying to get a little peace. Because of the Shelter at Home order, people are more affected than ever by that noise. Make an extended effort to find a solution that doesn't infringe upon people's quality of life.

Paul Emmons, speaking as co-chair of the Transportation and Safety Committee and a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Modular Building, said that we make complaints and requests and the DWP does what it wants and ignores us a lot. I hope you actually address the issues. Dawn Cotterall responded saying we listened. Thank you very much.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:  
Cameron Bard

(Note: Mark Duncan didn't vote.)

## 10) New Business

a) (UDP Committee) Motion to send a letter of support for the demolition and replacement of existing garage and addition of an elevator within front yard setback, and construction of retaining walls and fence at the property located at 2254 Micheltorena. Committee Vote: Passed 11-0-0

*Nicholas Fox-Robbins made the motion. Anthony Crump seconded.*

Carol Cetrone explained that this was a very well planned project. It was designed for long-term residents who want to be able to stay in their home as they age. They won't have to go up so many steps. The project fits in perfectly with the street. We supported it unanimously.

Debbie Slater said I echo what Carol Cetrone said. It's important to support stakeholders who want to remain in place in the community.

Nina Sorkin said I attended the UDP (Urban Design and Preservation) Committee meeting. I support the project. I received notification from the architect. This was the first time I received notice in 50 years.

Dulce Stein said I'm confused. I want to make our seniors more comfortable. Why do we have to vote for it? Carol Cetrone commented that this probably did trigger a variance or special approval. This is not a developer. It's a single-family home. They want to be able to access their home on a hillside as they grow older.

Dulce Stein said this should be a given. Carol Cetrone said this is not allowed under zoning. It requires special approval. This triggered a variance. The City asked them to come to the Committee. Nicholas Fox-Robbins suggested to attend the UDP meetings for more information.

Liza Temple said that construction of a retaining wall with a front yard setback triggered the need to come to us.

**VOTE**  
**18-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:  
 None

Present, Not Voting:  
 Cameron Bard

b) (UDP Committee) Motion to approve the CUP request for the sale, dispensing, and consumption of beer & wine in conjunction with a 1,421 SF restaurant with 31 indoor seats from 11am to 12am Sunday to Thursday and 11am to 1am Friday and Saturday located at 3503 W. Sunset Blvd. Committee Vote: Passed 11-0-0

*Dulce Stein seconded.*

Scott Plante explained that this project activates a dark dangerous part of the plaza. That building had been vacant for awhile. It will keep the Plaza safe.

Carol Cetrone said that she is fully in support of this. However, usually in UDP there is further discussion of hours, particularly for a new alcohol permit. I'm surprised that hours weren't discussed. I'm surprised that they were granted full hours and that we didn't ask more questions. It's a great project.

Liza Temple commented that it's right in the triangle area. Sarah Ullman said It's next to Rue. Liza Temple said it used to be an auto shop that

burned. This applicant did a lot of outreach with the apartment next door. I was very pleased.

**VOTE**  
**17-0-2**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard  
 Barbara Ringuette

c) (Election Committee) Motion to approve use of SLNC credit card towards printing 1000 black & white Election Outreach flyers with Seda's Printing and Direct Mailing (5335 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90029) for bid amount \$65.70 from the Election Committee's allocated budget of \$2,000 FY20-21.

*Albert Andrade wants to make an amendment to make the amount \$100. Samantha Danner seconded.*

Albert Andrade said the Election Committee hadn't met yet when this was submitted. We discussed this on January 4. The amended motion was passed unanimously by the committee.

Nina Sorkin said it will be the first of several motions from the Election Committee. We really need to do some outreach. Candidate filing closes in 5 days. Stakeholders must know that elections will be online.

Samantha Danner said I was at the meeting. This was thoroughly discussed. They are being asked to do a great deal of work without resources. We need to give more resources to the Elections Committee. \$100 is a pittance.

Ben Cassorla asked is the printing shop a union shop? What can we do to help outreach as there are only 5 days left? We're working on a series of motions with a myriad of outreach efforts. Consider running as a candidate. Albert Andrade responded I believe that it's a union shop. We're working on a myriad of outreach efforts. He asked the Board for help to get the word out and to encourage people to run for office.

Sarah Ullman asked has the Elections Committee thought about social media ads? Albert Andrade responded that social media will be part of the outreach campaign. The timeline of our meeting and the Governing Board meeting did not allow us to get all of the motions to the Board by this meeting.

Sarah Ullman asked can we amend this to include social media ads and a related budget? Anthony Crump cautioned that this is a financial issue so we must be clear about spending on the agenda. DONE frowns upon adding new issues that aren't on the agenda.

Maebe A. Girl noted that we have \$1,500 allotted for social media but only spent \$30 so far this fiscal year. We can use that funding for elections. Nicholas Fox-Robbins asked Albert Andrade to follow up with Tina Lin regarding social media.

### **VOTE for amendment**

**18-0-1**

**PASSED**

#### Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
 Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
 Nora Goudsmit  
 Maebe A. Girl  
 Tina Lin  
 Scott Gamzon  
 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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

**VOTE for amended motion**

**18-0-1**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Anthony Crump  
Nicholas Fox-Robbins  
Nora Goudsmit  
Maebe A. Girl  
Tina Lin  
Scott Gamzon  
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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

d) (Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness) Move that the SLNC implement a community food aid produce box distribution program in Silver Lake, inspired by the partnership between East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Councilmember O'Farrell & Rick's Produce. Committee Vote: Unanimous

*Dulce Stein seconded Sarah Ullman's motion.*

Sarah Ullman explained that this is a six-month-old partnership. It's a produce box distribution program where Rick's Produce gives away produce boxes. The number of community members who are homeless is at an all-time high. It's important to serve our community and keep people fed. We will seek a provider in our area and ask Council Member Nithya Raman if she would be willing to help fund the program.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that Rick's Produce was recently named Council District 13's good food champion.

Jiyoung Caroline Park said she supports this. There is a huge need for this in our area. Albert Andrade said that food and security is a major issue and one of the most important things we can do right now.

Bowls S. said I support this. However, any designation from Council Member Mitch O'Farrell is meaningless. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that designation was from the Los Angeles Policy Council, not Mitch O'Farrell.

Maebe A. Girl, speaking as co-chair of the Homelessness and Housing ad hoc committee, explained the difference between this and the community fridge. The community fridge is an ongoing thing. This is really an event. Rick's Produce does this about once a month. I support this.

Dulce Stein spoke in favor of community kitchens and the community fridge to feed families. We have so many opportunities. We can actively make a difference.

Barbara Ringuette said the concept is great. Where does the produce come from? Sarah Ullman said we don't have a specific vendor picked out in Silver Lake. Samantha Danner said I believe the Council Member provides financial support and that Rick's Produce provides the food at cost. I'm in full support.

**VOTE**  
**18-0-1**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:  
Anthony Crump

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

e) (SLNC Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform) Move for the Governing Board to officially and publicly support 'Black Lives Matter'. Committee Vote: 7-0-0

*Seth Copenhaver made the motion. Nora Goudsmit seconded.*

Debbie Slater asked is Jackie Kim still here? This is an important issue. I'm concerned about a potential Bylaws violation with the Board supporting something political. Black Lives Matter is a political organization I think.

Jackie Kim replied did receive Debbie Slater's email which, inter alia, expressed concern that Black Lives Matter is a PAC (political action committee). That's distinct from the movement. There is a distinction. I must consult with the City Attorney about it.

Sarah Ullman noted that the Bylaws say we can't support political candidates. There is no candidate mentioned in Black Lives Matter. Jackie Kim said there are restrictions on politically related organizations. It really depends.

Jamie said that she supports this. It's a necessary thing. It's important to be good allies.

Steve R. said that she supports this. This is really necessary. That we even have this as a motion, says why we need to support this. We're all God's children. We shouldn't have to do this.

Albert Andrade said that his Elections Committee Co-Chair Justine Braga was shocked that this was on the agenda. She'd asked why is this up for a vote? He said this is a call for inclusivity and safety. Anything short of a yes vote is failing our POC (People of Color) neighbors. We can't fail our neighbors. Make the message clear.

Chloe S. said I agree with what's been said. I'm sad that it even had to come up and that people are speaking out against this. There is a difference between a political movement and a statement that black lives matter.

David Wheatley said there are 13 guiding principles of Black Lives Matter (BLM). I agree with most of them. However, this group seems to marginalize men, particularly black men. My black friends are awesome. They don't need this. This is a call for exclusivity. It excludes indigenous and immigrant people, older people, sign language people, and handicapped people. Lots of people are excluded. This group wants their issues addressed first. All the issues should be addressed at the same time. This should be referred to a new committee to deal with diversity, all diversity.

Arden said I'm so appalled by the last comment. If David Wheatley feels marginalized, he should think about that on his own time. There is no more time to not support Black Lives Matter. We do not have the time to debate this. I openly support ending racially motivated crime against black people.

Jiyoung Caroline Park said I'm not understanding the basis for the opposition. It feels like a no brainer to me. It would be very tone deaf to vote against this. This council would lose all credibility. I hope you will show that black people are welcome in our community.

Bowls S. said that he supports the motion. The Black Lives Matter organization has plenty of men. The movement has all kinds of people with all kinds of backgrounds. All voices in our community matter, particularly black lives because they have been so marginalized.

Anthony Crump said that all stakeholders must have access to the neighborhood council, whether you agree with them or not.

Jamie Penn said I was arrested with Black Lives Matter a month ago. They are not a political movement. They don't endorse candidates. This

is the future. I'm a Trans woman. Until black lives matter, my life won't matter. Let's get on the same page.

Alexandra Auris said black lives matter! I strongly support this motion.

Nora Goudsmit said that as Vice Chair I proudly support Black Lives Matter. I will continue to use my voice and my role as a duly elected at-large representative on the SLNC to support the pursuit of social and racial justice and I will do so unapologetically with my name written proudly in front of the words Black Lives Matter. I would also like to address email sent to the Board and City by Debbie Slater who equates the Black Lives Matter movement with QAnon. In Debbie's written words "the opposite equivalent". She writes "I do not take issue with the message of these banners. However, if I were to have a QAnon banner, the opposite equivalent, how would that be received?" This is a false equivalence. The Black Lives Movement is a matter of human rights, decency and regard for black people and the lives of all people of color. Let's be clear. QAnon is baseless conspiracy theory that promulgates hate, White Supremacy, anti-LGBTQIA sentiment, and anti-semitism. In my view Debbie, your QAnon banner would -- At that point Anthony Crump interrupted because she had exceeded her time.

Maebe A. Girl said I support Black Lives Matter 100,000%. This should not be a controversial issue. The fact that it is is all the more reason that we have to have this amongst this Board. There have been Black Lives Matter protests daily in Silver Lake. Last year this Board voted to enact an anti-racism resolution. This is the perfect opportunity to act on that resolution and declare Black Lives Matter. Black trans lives matter too.

Dulce Stein said that as a person of color, when we start a movement and say it's enough. For David Wheatley, when we put up our banners, there is no difference between this and an art banner. Will you complain?

Lena Kaderali informed that at the Federal level the US Office of Special Council opined on this matter and asserted that Black Lives Matter is not a partisan political organization and as such cleared the way for Federal employees to express their support, even while performing their duties. I think we can extrapolate that to our level. Political action committees notwithstanding, the promise that a human rights issue is a partisan political matter is wholly appalling. I support this motion.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins commented that to say that BLM is exclusionary is bizarre and illogical and offensive. Any vote that is not unanimous would be an embarrassment to this Council. I would be appalled by anything but a unanimous vote!

Paul Emmons said that he wholeheartedly supports this motion. The attempt to mischaracterize the black lives movement is typical of White Supremacy and racism that is far too prevalent in this country. The Black Lives Matter movement is about excluding anyone or any groups. The only possible rationale for opposing Black Lives Matter or this motion is to say that black lives don't matter. Please support this motion.

Mark Duncan said I unequivocally support Black Lives Matter. Our job is to amplify the voice of the community. It's apparent to everyone that the will of Silver Lake is to support Black Lives Matter.

Samantha Danner said that black lives will always matter. I'm shocked that we have to spend time debating this.

Anthony Crump said I support this. However, one of the principles that we need to elevate is that everyone is entitled to a voice. We must exercise tolerance. It's clear that black lives matter. However, there are other different opinions.

SDS said she is a Silver Lake resident who lives near Whole Foods. I'm a white woman. I fully endorse Black Lives Matter. Silver Lake is not black enough. There's a reason for that. We have to be open and loving. She thanked Anthony Crump for integrity and grace. Silver Lake is a place for freedom.

**VOTE**  
**19-0-0**  
**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

Paul Emmons  
Mark Duncan  
Cameron Bard

No Votes:  
None

Present, Not Voting:  
None

**EXTEND MEETING MOTION**

Samantha Danner said that she wants agenda item 10.i to be discussed next.

*Samantha Danner made a motion to extend the meeting until 10:30pm. Ianthe Zevos seconded.*

**VOTE to extend to 10:30pm  
16-2-1  
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

Lorraine Getz  
Scott Gamzon

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

i) (Albert Andrade) Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council increase the allocated budget for the Elections Committee from \$2,000 to up to \$5,000 in furthering 'get out the vote' efforts for the 2021 Neighborhood Council Election.

*Albert Andrade made the motion. Dulce Stein seconded.*

Albert Andrade said there are 5 days left for candidate filing. We are way behind in our outreach. We want a budget increase for outreach. We don't have enough for outreach.

Debbie Slater noted that the idea of increasing this budget has come up several times. Does the Election Committee have the freedom to spend and then remit receipts to the Board considering the truncated time?

Maebe A. Girl said we allotted \$2,000 for these expenses. I'm not sure if we need to vote on every single item. I don't know if we have to pre-approve them. I will follow up with the City Clerk. Lena Kaderali said expenses would have to be approved before spending. Only Governing Board members can be reimbursed.

Nina Sorkin said this is very critical. We need to empower regions 2 and 3. Historically, the neighborhood council gets less than 50 votes from each of those regions. I'd like to request that each of you ask someone new to file for candidacy. We do need the extra money. We had a wonderful flyer that went out in 2019 and I think that can be done again.

Scott Plante asked will there be vote by mail flyers sent out for those who are not internet savvy? Albert Andrade responded that is the intent, to send out mailers. DONE has not effectively rolled out their outreach strategies for neighborhood council regions 5, 6, and 7. They don't do this in time for our election. We're stepping in to take care of that.

Sarah Ullman said I support this. However, this motion doesn't have enough information in it about how the money will be spent. \$5,000 is quite an increase. There are no line items. It's very general. Nicholas Fox-Robbins said any expense would have to be voted on by us.

Tina Lin commented I have a similar comment, a question about a budget. Albert Andrade said we are creating a spreadsheet. I've only been co-chair for a few weeks. The Committee was formed very late. We're playing catch up at this point.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins said that as a former co-chair of that Committee, I experienced the same stresses as Albert Andrade. I suggested that he seek \$5,000.

Dulce Stein said I wish we could send ballots to voters so they don't have to request them. We must make sure that people know we exist. If it takes \$5,000, we need to make sure that people know about the elections. I'm running for re-election. I want people to know that there is voting going on. If that takes \$5,000, that's cheap.

Mark Duncan asked about the five day urgency for candidates? Do we need all the money now? Can we extend the filing period? Would a mailing arrive before the five day deadline passes?

Albert Andrade said I've been pleading with the City Clerk and DONE to extend candidate filing. The services for the unhoused and youth and multilingual stakeholders have not been set up. We can't extend the deadline. This work should have been handled 4 months ago. We failed our stakeholders. This is a motion to increase outreach efforts.

Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that the motion is for up to \$5,000. We may not spend it all. Mark Duncan asked why do we need to apportion this now? Why not in stages? Nicholas Fox-Robbins said we need to support all of this.

Anthony Crump observed that we won't get to all the items on the agenda tonight, including hot button issues related to Standing Rules (i.e. j, k, and i). We'll carry them forward to the next agenda as Old Business. Those items will not be heard tonight.

Treasurer Maebe A. Girl commented to go from \$2,000 to \$5,000, we should do this for the election. However, we don't have a lot of money. We are scrambling to fill in those gaps. Is this even possible? Theoretically it is possible but there are consequences.

Three areas were allocated funding that hasn't been used. Printed materials is allocated \$1,000. That can be used. Social media is allocated \$1,500. There are outreach funds available too. I don't know if it's the wisest decision. Let's use our money to actually help the community, concluded Maebe A. Girl.

Samantha Danner said that DONE has failed, not the SLNC. Their activity is far too limited. There are COVID concerns. We have two months where people can request ballots. They should spend their budget for outreach. We should continue to lobby them to be more flexible and spend more money.

Debbie Slater noted that in previous elections, \$4,000-\$5,000 was spent so this is not unprecedented. We can't plan without the funds to begin with.

Nina Sorkin said time is of the essence. Can the Executive Committee approve funding motions prior to going to the Board? If we have to wait for Board to take action, can we consider this first before Old Business? It's going to take a substantial amount of time. Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that the next Executive Committee meeting will be January 25. Anthony Crump said he'd defer to Lena Kaderali about the Executive Committee question. Maebe A. Girl said she didn't know but she would follow up with DONE. She suspects the answer is no.

*Albert Andrade said that he wants a substitute motion, an increase from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Nicholas Fox-Robbins noted that the motion already says up to \$5,000. Albert Andrade withdrew his motion.*

Maebe A. Girl said I'd like to advance with the motion. Anthony Crump said that Albert Andrade can change his motion.

*Albert Andrade made a motion for a \$3,500 amendment. Lorraine Getz seconded.*

### **VOTE for election funding (substitute motion for \$3,500)**

**18-0-1**

**PASSED**

#### Yes Votes:

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

Mark Duncan

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

Cameron Bard

f) (SLNC Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform) Move for the Governing Board to approve the attached CIS regarding the City Budget and bringing the LAPPL back to the bargaining table and to allow our Committee to share this letter with other NC's to increase support for this initiative across the City. Committee Vote: 7-0-0

*Seth Copetfnhaver made the motion. Ben Cassorla seconded.*

Seth Copenhaver explained that this is a letter for the LAPD (Los Angeles Police Department) union to return to the bargaining table to discuss measures to avoid a budget shortfall. Everyone else has made concessions. This week, the Los Angeles Fire Department delayed their own raises.

Jiyoung Caroline Park said I recently left a job with SEIU local 1000, which represents 96,000 State workers. They all agreed to take a hit. The pain has to be spread around. The police are not special. Albert Andrade said I support the CIS.

David Wheatley said I've been outspoken against police brutality for a long time. They've been profiling my black friends and pulling them over for no reason. However, this movement to defund the police, when we have so much trespassing and theft, will cost us. That movement has been a big mistake. We need to appreciate the police more. They have to behave properly and obey their own rules and not discriminate. We're asking for trouble with the defund the police movement. Budget Advocate Barbara Ringuette said it's more a matter of sharing the pain than defunding the police.

Ilanthe Zevos said we are in a unique moment in history. I support this. Everyone must do their part/ Dulce Stein said we have forgotten the moto: "to protect and serve". That has changed and we have to bring it back.

**VOTE**

**18-0-0**

**PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

(Note: Lorraine Getz did not vote.)

## 12) Adjournment

Nicholas Fox-Robbins told Cameron Bard you are a classy guy. Dulce Stein added that he's also very cute. Cameron Bard said it's been a privilege. I'll be cheering from Woodland Hills.

Dulce Stein praised Board members. I'm proud of all of us. She praised Barbara Ringuette, Paul Emmons, and Mark Duncan. She commented that Paul Emmons is very cute.

The meeting ended at 10:29pm.