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**SILVER LAKE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Regular SLNC Green Committee Board Meeting

IN PERSON
Silver Lake Rec Center
1850 W. Silver Lake Dr. LA 90026

Thursday, August 8 , 2024
6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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ALL ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

01. Call to Order 6:30 pm
02. Land Acknowledgement 6:32 pm
The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council acknowledges all of the original stewards and inhabitants of the Los Angeles Basin, or *Tovaangar*, and their descendants. We pay tribute to the Gabrielino-Tongva (Toviscanga) people who lived and cared for Yaanga & Maawnga—the lands which include present day Silver Lake—as well as the Kizh, Chumash, & Fernandeno-Tataviam Band who also inhabited Tovaangar. As constituents of Silver Lake, we vow to make decisions mindfully and with effort to preserve the ancestral land of the Tongva, the ‘People of the Earth,’ in a sustainable and respectful manner. We will continuously strive to collaborate with and listen to members of the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe and descendants of all first peoples of Los Angeles when acting as representatives of this community.
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03. Welcome and rules for action on public meeting and public input 6:35 pm
04. Introductions 6:40 pm
05. General Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) 6:45 pm
06. Call for Time Sensitive Agenda Items 6:55 pm
07. Administrative 7:00 pm
 - a. Approval of the Draft Green Committee minutes 6-13-24 <https://www.silverlakenc.org/green>
 - b. Next regular Green Committee meeting: 9/12/2024 at 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom
(Second Thursday of the month via Zoom; Quarterly in person at Rec Ctr)
08. Old Business (Discussion, Motion, Possible Action) 7:05 pm
 - a. Electric Leaf Blower Outreach (Cyndi, Ianthe)
 - b. Sunset Blvd Tree Well Cleanup Event Planning (Henric)
 - c. Lose the Lid Campaign (Mary, Cyndi)
 - d. Bellevue Rec Center Quimby Funds Meeting (Georgene, Ianthe)
 - e. Silver Lake Stairs - Various (Ianthe, Holly Scott, Peter Cerrato)
 - i. Maltman Walkway stair adoption
 - ii. Lanterman stairs retaining wall repair
 - iii. August Upper Micheltorena stair clean up (8/24)
 - f. DWP/CD4 building decarbonization grant (Lisa)
 - g. LASan Biodiversity [Education Initiative](#) (Lisa)
 - h. Native Plants and Trees Promotion and Planting Guide – outreach (Cyndi, Henric)
[Recommended Plants](#)
[Recommended Trees](#)
09. New Business (Discussion, Motion, Possible Action) 7:20 pm
 - a. Guerilla Gardening for open tree wells (Eric B)
[Silver Lake Dead Tree Wells Map](#)
 - b. Artificial Turf Ban Proposed in City Council (Lisa)
 - [LA Council committee moves synthetic grass ban proposal forward - CBS Los Angeles](#)
 - [24-0602 \(CFMS\)](#)

c. Green Committee Outreach Messaging (Cyndi, Eric C)

10. Future Agenda Items

7:50 pm

11. Links of Interest

- a. [LA County Captures 96 Billion Gallons of Water](#) (LA Times)
- b. [Commercial Garden Equipment Exchange Program](#) (SCAQMD)
- c. [Gas powered leaf-blower phaseout next year](#) (KCRW)
- d. [Raman Motion to Enforce Gas Leaf Blower Ordinance](#) (City of LA)
- e. [Administrative Citation Enforcement Program](#) (City of LA)
- f. [How Renters Can Green Their Homes](#) (TreePeople on IG)
- g. [Wasting Less, Made Easy](#) (Ridwell)
- h. [Are plastics poisoning us?](#) (New Yorker)
- i. ['Forever chemicals' are eternal no more](#) (geekwire)
- j. [This city is getting off fossil fuels, building by building](#) (npr.org)
- k. [There's plastic in my plaque!](#) (Eric Topol, Substack)
- l. [Rebates for planting native trees](#) (Metropolitan Water District)
- m. [The future is sponge](#) (Wired)
- n. [From canal to freeway to canal](#) (Leaf of Life)
- o. [Paris Transforms Industrial Lot to Car-Free Neighborhood](#) (Fast Company)
- p. [Los Angeles Styrofoam Ban Takes Effect](#) (LA Magazine)
- q. [California Compost Law Guide](#) (LAist)
- r. [Why Topping Trees is Harmful](#) (LAist)
- s. [Endangered Frog Species Makes a Comeback](#) (TheCooldown)
- t. [Nuclear Waste Site to Solar Installation](#) (Canary Media)

12. [Local Resource List](#) (Cyndi H)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

8:00 pm

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DRAFT SLNC GREEN COMMITTEE [DRAFT] MINUTES

June 13th, 2024

Via Zoom

01. Call to Order 6:34 PM
- a. Attendance: Cyndi Hubach, Lisa Hart, Ianthe Zevos, Henric Nieminen, Eric Brightwell, Nikos Constant, Georgene Smith, Donna Barstow
02. Land Acknowledgement 6:35 PM
- a. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council acknowledges all of the original stewards and inhabitants of the Los Angeles Basin, or *Tovaangar*, and their descendants. We pay tribute to the Gabrielino-Tongva (Toviscanga) people who lived and cared for Yaanga & Maawnga—the lands which include present day Silver Lake—as well as the Kizh, Chumash, & Fernandeno-Tataviam Band who also inhabited Tovaangar. As constituents of Silver Lake, we vow to make decisions mindfully and with effort to preserve the ancestral land of the Tongva, the ‘People of the Earth,’ in a sustainable and respectful manner. We will continuously strive to collaborate with and listen to members of the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe and descendants of all first peoples of Los Angeles when acting as representatives of this community. {Tovaangar (**To-VAA-ngar**), Gabrielino-Tongva (**Gab-ree-uh-LEE-noh-Tong-vuh**), Toviscanga (**Tov-vee-SCA-nga**), Yaanga (**YAA-nga**), Maawnga (**MAAW-nga**), Kizh (**Keech**), Chumash (**Choo-mash**), Fernandeno-Tataviam (**Fer-nan-DE-no Tah-tah-vee-yum**)}
03. Welcome and rules for action on public meeting and public input 6:38 pm
04. Introductions
05. General Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) 6:45 pm
- Henric reminded folks to use 3-1-1. Eric suggested a campaign to name the various public staircases in SL. Ianthe reported on a growing sentiment to honor Nina Sorkin with a plaque or other naming opportunity in Silver Lake.
06. Call for Time Sensitive Agenda Items 6:55 pm
07. Administrative 7:00 pm
- a. **MOTION** to approve the Draft Green Committee minutes 5-09-24 <https://www.silverlakenc.org/green> Ianthe moved to approve the minutes. Eric B. seconded. **Motion passes.**
- b. Next regular Green Committee meeting: 7/11/2024 at 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom
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08. Old Business (Discussion, Motion, Possible Action) 7:05 pm
- a. Electric Leaf Blower Outreach (Cyndi, Ianthe)
Ianthe and Cyndi will work on text and graphics for a small card in English and Spanish (“Bad for Plants and People,” “Leave the Leaves,” “Sweep in Change, Use a Broom!”) with a QR code for info re electric leaf blowers SCAQMD website and/or SLNC website. Work with the Outreach committee. Lisa can help w/ website update. “99% Invisible” episode on the history of leaf blowers. Check with AGZA for updates on rebates.
- b. CIS Update - Leaf blowers and 1700 Maltman (Cyndi)
The CIS letters were approved by the Governing Board and will be submitted to the council file.
- c. Ivan Hill Steps Cleanup Report (Ianthe)

More than a dozen folks turned out for the cleanup day, plus LACC and CD4. Successful event!

- d. N. Vendome St. cleanup and tree trimming update - (Henric) SLIA's gardener has completed much of the work on the median. Regina says the palm trees are on the pruning schedule for City Forestry but the date is not known.
- e. Sunset Blvd Tree Well Cleanup Event Planning (Henric)
Henric will check in with local businesses to assess interest in caring for new street trees.
- f. Lose the Lid Campaign (Mary, Cyndi)
Mary reported via email that she has placed LTL stickers in 20 coffee shops. Cyndi has placed a few as well. Efforts are continuing. Discussion about local company Buoy which uses recycled plastic to make reusable cups specifically for coffee shops.

09. New Business (Discussion, Motion, Possible Action)

7:40 pm

- a. Bellevue Rec Center Quimby Funds (Georgene, Ianthe)
Georgene asked to partner with the Green Committee and SLNC to hold community meeting regarding use of Quimby funds from new development on Sunset Blvd (near Micheltorena). Meeting will be held at Bellevue. Georgene will coordinate with Jimmy of the Rec Center to determine possible dates. SLNC and Green Committee will work on outreach and co-hosting.
- b. LASan Biodiversity [Education Initiative](#) (Lisa)
Nothing to report.
- c. Native Milkweed Seeds / Plants (Debbie)
Nothing to report.
- d. Native Plants and Trees – Parkway Planting Guide (Cyndi, Henric)
[Recommended Plants](#)
[Recommended Trees](#)
Cyndi shared lists of plants compiled by local native plants expert Charles Miller. Suggestions included promoting the lists on the website and working with Outreach. Maybe start a social media campaign to share front yards and parkways that use native plants well (Submit your photos!). Ask Robert at the Eastsider to start promoting gardens with native plants. Cyndi will work on this.
- e. SL Reservoir Improvements (Cyndi)
Cyndi talked about new efforts to move forward on small elements of the Reservoir Master Plan such as mobility/connectivity and habitat restoration. Early efforts might focus on opening the interior path, extending the Ivanhoe path south into the Eucalyptus Grove and transitioning the eucalyptus area to a native woodland with oaks, sycamores and other native trees and understory plants. General support from Green Committee members.

10. Future Agenda Items

- a. Tap Water Filtration Recommendations (Henric)
No action.

Adjourned 8:14 PM

Minute Taker: Cyndi Hubach