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**Governing Board
Meeting Agenda
July 1, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

Micheltorena School Auditorium
1511 Micheltorena Street

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- I. **Call to Order 7:00 p.m.**
- II. **Roll Call 7:01 p.m.**
 - a. Votes to pass
 - b. Attendance report
- III. **Approval of May 13, 2009 Minutes 7:04 p.m.**
- IV. **Approval of June 3, 2009 Minutes 7:05 p.m.**
- V. **Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items 7:06 p.m.**
- VI. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 7:07 p.m.**
- VII. **Correspondence 7:13 p.m.**

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Diversity, Innovation & Harmony

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VIII. Special Presentations and Reports 7:15 p.m.

- a. Greeter / Sergeant at Arms – 5 minutes
- b. Jullian Harris-Calvin, Council District 4 (LaBonge) – 3 minutes
- c. Ryan Carpio, Council District 13 (Garcetti) – 3 minutes
- d. Gabriela Quintana, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – 3 minutes
- e. John Hisserich, State Assembly District 43 (Krekorian) – 3 minutes
- f. Joseph Solis, State Senate District 21 (Liu) – 3 minutes
- g. James Coopman, Congressional District 33 (Watson) – 3 minutes
- h. Other “notables” in attendance

IX. Consent Calendar 7:40 p.m.

- a. **Motion: Governmental Affairs Committee** (Motion #: 20090703 – 1)

The governmental affairs committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support the new Westlake Neighborhood Council’s application for certification by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners at DONE.

- b. **Motion: Outreach Committee** (Motion #: 20090701 – 2)

The Outreach Committee hereby moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council elect the Secretary as an interim webmaster (with limited powers below) until such time as the new user-friendly website is established.

- c. **Motion: Patricia McGrath** (Motion #: 20090701 – 3)

The SLNC has voted against the Sunset Junction Street Festival in its present form. This was done on behalf of the Silver Lake residents and businesses that endure hardships & extreme distress regarding parking, traffic, poor safety control and financial demands. I, Patricia McGrath therefore move that the SLNC ask that the following conditions be applied for 2009, if this festival is to be held this year: (1) All Silver Lake residents and their families in zip codes 90039, 90029 and 90026 be allowed entry for free; and (2) Separate beer gardens be designated for alcohol, so attending individuals and families can find and walk in alcohol-free environs.

- d. **Motion: Paul Michael Neuman** (Motion #: 20090701 – 4)

Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council accept input, including conceptual proposals and detailed criteria, from any stakeholder or organization interested in exploring and describing potential festivals for Silver Lake in the remainder of 2009 or thereafter. Any contact information, submission or proposal by an actual or potential festival producer will be shared with the City of Los Angeles and made public to Silver Lake stakeholders. The hope is that ideas might be shared that might provide Silver Lake with the most interesting and meaningful choices as to what model or models of festival might be held in Silver Lake.

X. Unfinished Business 7:45 p.m.

- a. **Motion: Laura Dwan, Gail Jaffe, Rusty Millar** (Motion #: 20090701 – 5)

The SLNC moves to retain the services of webmaster to update the webmaster to allow all committees to have their own page and to make the adding and removing of committee pages easy to manage.

XI. New Business 7:55 p.m.

a. Motion: Rusty Millar Transportation & Public Works (Motion #: 20090701 – 6)

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) moves allocate \$5000 from the TPW budget for the repair of sidewalks in Silver Lake.

b. Motion: Arts & Culture Committee (Motion #: 20090701 – 7)

Arts & Culture Committee moves that \$500 be allocated for the printing of flyers for upcoming events and for the design of an Arts & Culture Committee logo.

c. Motion: Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee Motion #: 20090701 – 8)

Move that the SLNC Governing Board endorse the following UD&PAC Motion, regarding Application Case: VTT-70871: ZA 2009-0534 (ZV) (SPR); ENV-2009-0517-EAF, and authorize the UD&PAC Chair to send a letter on behalf of the SLNC Gov. Board to the DCP/AA for the Public Hearing in July, 2009.

d. Motion: Parks and Beautification Committee Motion #: 20090701 – 9)

Moves to be authorized to spend up to \$500.00 to purchase reusable banners with the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council imprinted, as well as the Parks and Beautification logo.

e. Motion: Parks and Beautification Committee Motion #: 20090701 – 10)

Moves to be authorized to spend up to \$900.00 to expand the previous garden competition to become “Beautification Awards.”

f. Discussion: Inviting board members, committee co-chairs and stakeholders to submit questions and ideas to the Executive Committee regarding SLNC logistical and procedural matters, for consideration at the next Executive Committee meeting.

g. Discussion: Considering allowing the board to approve or amend its meeting agendas, at the start of board meetings.

h. Discussion: Considering having committees move their motions as part of their committee reports, early in board meeting agendas.

i. Discussion: Procedures that authorize SLNC or SLNC committee support for non-SLNC groups, events or causes.

XII. Reports of Executive Committee 8:55 p.m.

a. Co-Chair, Paul Neuman

b. Co-Chair, Loren Colin

c. Vice Chair, Michael Menjivar

d. Treasurer, Crissi Avila

e. Secretary, Laurie Pepper

XIII. Committee Reports 9:00 p.m.

- a. Parks and Beautification (Cunningham)
- b. Outreach (Wallace, Pepper)
- c. Budget & Finance (Avila)
- d. Friends of Animals (Nahum)
- e. Urban Design & Preservation (Bougart-Sharkov)
- f. History Collective (McGrath/Herzog)
- g. Arts & Culture (Vazquez)
- h. Community Liaison
- i. Public Safety and Crime Prevention (Dakin/Berne)
- j. Governmental Affairs (Neuman)
- k. Youth & Families
- l. Transportation and Public Works (Millar)
- m. NC/LADWP MOU Task Force (Pepper/Nahum)
- n. LANC Congress (Crawford/Neuman)
- o. NC/LADOT MOU strategic planning committee (Millar)
- p. Gateways MOU (Lukens)

XIV. Agenda Items for next meetings 9:55 p.m.

- a. Discussion and possible action, planning and outreach for the August meeting, held at the usual time and place of Governing Board meetings, to be devoted largely or completely to committees and their co-chairs.
- b. Discussion and possible action, September's Governing Board meeting

XV. Announcements 9:58 p.m.

- a. The Executive Committee will begin to advertise, or continue to advertise the Region 2 and Region 6 vacancies and any other vacancies as they become vacant. The aim is to have such seats filled at the July 1 Governing Board meeting or – if that board meeting is deemed likely to fail to have a quorum to fill seats – the subsequent Governing Board meeting, in September, 2009. Postings and notifications must be handled in compliance with Brown Act requirements.

XVI. Adjourn 10:00 p.m.

Process for Reconsideration – The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a [Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion to Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion to Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

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Minutes: Governing Board Meeting June 3, 2009
Micheltorena School, 1511 Micheltorena Blvd.

- I. Call to Order 7:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Votes to pass – 9
 - b. Attendance report –
 - Present: Crawford, Wallace, Hessell, Avila, Jaffe, Millar, Lukens, Jones, McGrath, Colin, Nahum, Vazquez, Bougart-Sharkov, Cunningham, Dwan, Pepper, Neuman, Paden
 - Absent: Marquez, Menjivar
- III. Approval of May 6, 2009 Minutes – approved unanimously
- IV. Approval of May 21, 2009 Minutes
Approved with changes
 - Aye: Crawford, Wallace, Hessell, Avila, Jaffe, Millar, Lukens, Jones, McGrath, Colin, Nahum, Vazquez, Cunningham, Dwan, Pepper, Neuman, Paden
 - Abstaining: Bougart-Sharkov
- V. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items

VI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Millar: motion was left off April and May agenda; regarding Transportation committee and Friends of Silver Lake Animals – website not updated,

Discussion:

Committee chairs would like to be able to link on their committee pages. Dismayed that motions would be submitted twice and ignored by other board members; was this brought up at the end of the meeting to be placed on next month's agenda?

would like to include a search feature, was told that such could be included, but has not been done;

links can be added by executive committee via super-user access; how quickly can this be acted upon; public hearings for ordinances need to be included because of time constraints; frustration that there is no timeline for website updates; hope to know by the next board meeting;

Tom LaBonge – introducing Mary Rodriguez and announcing Julian's Harris promotion; try to not spend your time caught up on

223 units along Riverside Drive – meeting Renee Weitzer will be the interface 6:30 office on Rowena, Tuesday; need to know the position of the council office; neighborhoods are good, but so is housing; concerned about housing next to the freeway; would be supportive to a plan; Bougart–

Sharkov would like to work more closely with council office regarding development; nc is not looking to kill the project, but want to work with you on how to make them work for the community; Councilmember was courageous during billboard debate when others buckled, LaBonge would like to work with a group of individuals from the nc who would work with

council office; would like to see the council more involved with the reservoir issues; take a month off so that we are not overwhelmed; since schools are cutting summer school, will the parks be able to accommodate kids? LaBonge: there are so many cuts; write a letter the general manager of parks & rec for Silver Lake; Relay for Life is this weekend, 8 a.m.–8 a.m., June 6–7 at Mulholland Fountain;

Torah Torres: Raising money for the community through a company group. (My Friend's Place, etc.); would like to be placed on next month's agenda and would like to find the best way to contribute to the community

Millar – The Terminus Improvement Project was brought to the Transportation Committee several years ago because over 3000 cars were driving on Duane Street every day during rush hour and the street was not made to handle that kind of traffic

Gale Jaffe: Wednesday, June 10,

Janet Cunningham: Introducing new Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair, Heather Give everyone the access code and training so that each committee member

VII. Correspondence

- Greg Nelson would like to revive survey that Congress of Neighborhood used to grade city services in past years. Take the survey through June 5:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=d3ICaxGtfUqZ2S7wUIduuA_3d_3d Find and compare results at www.CityWatchLA.com

- Christopher Garcia from the City Clerk's office wrote to say they received the Election Stipulation Sheet by the deadline.

- Jack Martinez wrote on behalf of himself and Silvio Fontana, residents of the neighborhood, who would like to offer a plan and ask for the community's support in making the 2010 Sunset Junction Street Fair a free event with a suggested donation of \$5. "Our management team will forge open lines of communication between our organization, SJNC (Sunset Junction Neighborhood Council), SLIA (Silver Lake Improvement Alliance), SLNC (Silver Lake Neighborhood Council), and the 13th Dist. Counselor's Office to host an event that keeps people coming back to our community throughout the year.

- The Silver Lake Improvement Association invites the Silver Lake Community to its Annual Meeting with Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Tom LaBonge Wednesday, June 10 – 6:30pm at the Holy virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church Meeting Hall on 650 Micheltorena Street. More information at www.SilverLakeImprovementAssosication.org

VIII. Special Presentations and Reports

a. Greeter / Sergeant at Arms – none

b. Jullian Harris–Calvin, Council District 4 (LaBonge) –

c. Ryan Carpio, Council District 13 (Garcetti) – not in attendance

d. Gabriela Quintana, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- Neighborhood Congress planning meeting, June 10, City Hall Room 1060; 6:30; would like to thank the slnc for reaching out to other councils

e. John Hisserich, State Assembly District 43 (Krekorian) –

- State Route 2 (SR–2) Terminus Project has workshops and hearings up and coming; six options on the table for the traffic flow solution options – to attend one of the community meeting. For information on meetings and workshops go to

www.metro.net/projects_programs

- 710 Tunnel Project – Proposing a tunnel to extend the freeway; Proposals include an

eastern route, northern route, and a route that would end at the 2 Freeway.

f. Joseph Solis, State Senate District 21 (Liu) – 3 minutes

g. Greg Bartz (LADWP) –

- Meeting with the field staff from different council offices to work on specific neighborhood issues
- Social Networking helps let the community know about different issues facing community
- Payment assistance programs are available for low-income families
- For neighborhood council news and to submit inquiries and provide input on topics regarding LADWP visit this website: www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com; To view the Power System Reliability Program On-Line Project Locator go this webpage: www.ladwp.com/prp

IX. Old Business

a. None

X. Consent Calendar

Pull Items d, f, g and move to new business

a. M/S/P: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 1)

To ask the City of Los Angeles, in conjunction with Los Angeles MTA (Metro) and LAUSD, to create policies which would allow approved LAUSD classes to travel on our city buses and rail for free or at discounted rates, at specified times and under agreed-upon conditions, in order to help schools and build long-term ridership.

b. M/S/P: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 2) (In conjunction with the Transportation and Public Works Committee) To support AB766, the Safe Streets bill, and that the City of Los Angeles and other neighborhood councils throughout the City of Los Angeles be encouraged to do the same.

c. M/S/P: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 3)

To support Assembly Bill 814, the Disarming Convicted Criminals Act, and that the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood councils throughout the City of Los Angeles to do the same, in order to provide the state with a more stringent mechanism to ensure criminals are not armed.

d. (Pulled and moved to New Business, Item d) Motion: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 4)

The governmental affairs committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support Assembly Bill 1319, the Advance Fee Talent Services: Scam Prevention Bill, and ask the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood councils throughout the City of Los Angeles to do the same.

e. M/S/P: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 5)

To commend KNBC-TV for its investigation of abuses by valet services in Los Angeles, and that the SLNC furthermore support Council Member Garcetti's proposal to create a relevant task force to address the problem: the SLNC asks that neighborhood councils whose communities are directly impacted by such abuses be invited to have membership on that task force.

f. (Pulled and moved to New Business j) Motion: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603

- 6)

The governmental affairs committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urge the city of Los Angeles and state of California to follow the example of the state of Washington, by considering how tax breaks or other incentives might help our struggling newspaper industry which, no matter how imperfect it might be, is essential to the workings of our democracy.

g. (Pulled and moved to New Business item k) Motion: Paul Michael Neuman, Co-chair (Motion #: 20090603 - 7)

There are many different kinds of festivals, and some are more burdensome than others upon the residents and businesses of a host community. The community of Silver Lake is host to at least one annual festival, but should be able to consider, knowledgeably, what scale and type of festival might be most beneficial and least burdensome for our stakeholders. To accomplish that goal, I, Paul Michael Neuman, therefore move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council accept input, including conceptual proposals and detailed criteria, from any stakeholder or organization interested in exploring and describing potential festivals for Silver Lake in the remainder of 2009 or thereafter. Any contact information, submission or proposal by an actual or potential festival producer will be shared with the City of Los Angeles and made public to Silver Lake stakeholders. A further goal will be that a framework of selection criteria be established that is appropriate to the interests of Silver Lake stakeholders. The hope is that ideas will be shared that might provide Silver Lake with the most interesting and meaningful choices as to what model or models of festival might be held in Silver Lake.

XI. New Business

a. M/S/P: Crissi Avila (Motion #: 200900603 - 8)

To pay Alberto Hernandez his expenses incurred at the Kites Festival 2008 which totals \$726.24.

Aye: Crawford, Wallace, Hessel, Avila, Jaffe, McGrath, Nahum, Vazquez, Cunningham, Pepper, Neuman

Nay: Millar, Lukens, Bougart-Sharkov, Dwan, Paden

Abstaining: Jones

b. M/S/P: Claudia Vazquez & Charles Renn, Arts & Culture Committee Co-chairs (Motion #: 20090603 - 9) To approve the re-allocation of \$450 in rollover funds from the previously approved "Hi, Noon" event to be used for immediate printing for "Silver Lake Book Bucks" event.

Discussion: Would like to tie it in to opening of Silver Lake Library, but since there is no set date for the opening, will go ahead for now if approved.

Unanimous approval

c. To approve the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council budget for fiscal year 2009-2010
To approve the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Discussion: Reminder that just because the money is allocated does not mean that the money stays in the account. Each month the requests will be reviewed, and if the money allocated is not spent, then the committee chair will be contacted regarding intent to spend. This budget is not necessarily final. We can move money around as needed, however, it is important to

The rent and insurance increases 5% annually. M/S/P (unanimous) To take \$850 out of

outreach miscellaneous to cover the annual increase.

M/S/P (unanimous) To move \$2600 from Community Projects – misc. into Parks and Recreation

M/S/F To move \$11,100 from Outreach – misc. to Website Upgrade bringing the line item total to \$15,000

- Discussion:
- We can find a much better deal
- If people see that we have budgeted this amount, then they may feel can charge us that amount
- We should collect information and take bids before we allocate a huge amount of money.
- How can we allocate the money until we know what we are building? We don't even know what we are going to do with the website yet.
- Maybe there could be a website committee within the Outreach Committee that would put the website in the forefront because it is the public face of the council.

Show of hands:

Aye: 3

Nay: 12

Discussion related to budget: If the history collective needs money for outreach that is not here, then can we have the money later in the year?

M/S/F To subtract \$3500 from Community Project – misc. History Collective Outreach.

Discussion: At this point we really don't have the capital to finance the video project at this price; We have lots of videos footage already, do we really need to have more at this time; Is this the best use of our money.

Aye: 4

Nay: 12

Unanimous approval

d. Discussion and possible action on updating the fiscal year 2008–2009 Silver Lake Neighborhood Council budget – not necessary due to approval of c

e. (Formerly item d on the Consent Calendar) M/S/P: Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 4) M/S/P To support Assembly Bill 1319, the Advance Fee Talent Services: Scam Prevention Bill, and ask the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood councils throughout the City of Los Angeles to do the same.

Aye: Crawford, Wallace, Hessell, Avila, Jaffe, Millar, Lukens, Jones, McGrath, Colin, Nahum, Vazquez, Bougart-Sharkov, Cunningham, Dwan, Pepper, Neuman,
Nay: Paden

f. Discussion and possible action on how the 2009–2010 Los Angeles City budget will affect city services

Discussion:

- We do not know who will be part of the Reduction in Force in city offices. Actually, perhaps we do know, we know that people will be let go in order of seniority.
- Would this item go to governmental affairs?
- We need to come up with ideas and energy to present ideas to city hall.
- The city has asked people to consider early retirement from top senior workers which

could save four or five jobs at the bottom.

g. Discussion and possible action on choosing a new office space

- Clint Lukens is looking at potential spaces, as is Paul Neuman.
- Ivanhoe has potential meeting space.

h. M/S/P To have the quarterly meeting for committee chairs August 5 instead of the regular Governing Board meeting

i. M/S/P to elect Laurie Pepper Secretary for the Neighborhood Council.
Tenaya Wallace will take notes at the Governing Board meetings.

j. M/S/F (formerly item f on Consent Calendar) Governmental Affairs (Motion #: 20090603 – 6)

To urge the city of Los Angeles and state of California to follow the example of the state of Washington, by considering how tax breaks or other incentives might help our struggling newspaper industry which, no matter how imperfect it might be, is essential to the workings of our democracy.

Show of hands:

Aye: 7

Nay: 7

Abstaining: 3

k. (formerly item g on Consent Calendar) Paul Michael Neuman, Co-chair (Motion #: 20090603 – 7)

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Motion tabled – voice vote

XII. Reports of Officers

a. Co-Chair, Paul Neuman

b. Co-Chair, Loren Colin

c. Vice Chair, Michael Menjivar

d. Treasurer, Crissi Avila

e. Secretary, Kim Jones

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Parks and Beautification (Cunningham)
- b. Outreach (Wallace, Pepper)
- c. Budget & Finance (Avila)
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- o. NC/LADOT MOU strategic planning committee (Millar)
- p. Gateways MOU (Lukens)

XIV. Agenda Items for next meetings

M/S/P Placing Rusty Millar's motion to update the website on the agenda

Passed

Nay: 1

zxAbstaining: 2

XV. Announcements

- a. The Executive Committee will begin to advertise the Region 2 and Region 6 vacancies and aim to have the seat filled at the July 1 Governing Board meeting.

XVI. M/S/P To Adjourn 10:07 p.m.

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date June 26, 2009

Motion #: Motion #: 20090703 – 1

Name/Committee: Governmental Affairs

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: The governmental affairs committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council support the new Westlake Neighborhood Council's application for certification by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners at DONE.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary:

Stakeholders forming the Westlake Neighborhood Council have recently completed their application and will soon be presenting their new council to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Other neighborhood councils have supported or are planning to support this application as well. This request was brought to the Governmental Affairs Committee by the Westlake stakeholders creating the Westlake Neighborhood Council.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Westlake is a vital community to central Los Angeles and the city as a whole. The addition of the Westlake Neighborhood Council to the citywide system of neighborhood councils strengthens the system as a whole and adds a valuable voice to the collective power of the councils.

Con: As with all neighborhood councils in their formation, defining boundaries can be a sensitive subject. Some Westlake neighborhood stakeholders may be in disagreement about where the council boundary lines should be drawn. However, DONE has told Governmental Affairs that this is not a problem for the proposed Westlake Neighborhood Council and that if such concerns ever arise in the future, boundaries can be redrawn.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: June 23, 2009

Name/Committee Outreach Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda: Hereby moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council elect the Secretary as an interim webmaster (with limited powers -- delineated below) until such time as the new user-friendly website is established.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary. The current website has become unavailable to a number of committee chairs: It has been difficult, even impossible, for some of them to post agendas and minutes for their committees. They are unable to post links to governmental, or to public utility agencies and events or to post alerts, all of which are essential to ongoing interaction with their committee members and with stakeholders in general. The Outreach Committee agrees that this state of affairs has seriously crippled committee chairs' ability to communicate with their community. In addition, an impression of exclusivity as to who may have use of the website has been created. This has caused a certain amount of frustration to members of the governing board.

These issues were addressed at a recent special meeting of the Outreach Committee [minutes attached] and in the course of the discussion it was agreed that the Secretary, having modest internet skills and good access to the website, could work with committee chairs and make it possible for them to post agendas, minutes, links, and alerts relating to the work of their committees. As a limitation to the Secretary's powers, the secretary will have full authority only to post those links and alerts which are directly connected to governmental bodies or to public utility entities. Those posts which fall into gray areas of "private" or religious or commercial events will have to first be approved by either the Executive Committee or the Governing Board, whichever meeting comes soonest.

Silver Lake Celebrates Our Traditions of
Diversity, Innovation & Harmony

Diversidad, Innovación y Harmonía Pagiging, Mapanlikha at Pagkakaisa

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Stakeholders will have a much improved, clear and up-to-date picture of what transpires at Board and Committee meetings, what events are planned, what issues are being discussed. **Con:** This doesn't cure any of the underlying problems with the old (non-user-friendly) website.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) If approved, the process will begin immediately. _____

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The Secretary will begin immediately responding to emails from committee chairs who ask that items to be added to the website.

MINUTES

Outreach Committee Special Meeting to address website concerns 6/18/09

Co-Chairs – Tenaya Wallace, Laurie Pepper

Present: 6 Board members: Wallace, Pepper, Nahum, Neuman, Millar, Cunningham (non voting), and Van Ammers, Bedard

- I. 7:04 Call to Order
- II. Outreach feels we need to have at least two meetings to involve all members of the board and all committee chairs in the building of the website. The first meeting, this one, is to deal with immediate – interim concerns with the existing website. (The second meeting to assemble and organize input re the new, improved website.)
- III. Rusty has already listed some problems with the existing website.
 - a. Posting: Committee chairs need to be able to post agendas and minutes to their committee pages.
 - i. Neither the Transportation Committee nor the Friends of Silver Lake Animals Committee have passwords. They are unable even to post.
 - b. Links: Committee chairs would like to be able to post links on their pages, linking the community to upcoming events and issues of interest to their committees and stakeholders.
 - i. Even with the (missing) passwords, this would require a certain level of familiarity with web protocols.
 - c. Alerts: there's a need for more alerts on the first page, and Committee chairs need to be able to post alerts.
 - IV. It was suggested that the Secretary become a (very limited) interim webmaster. Laurie is able to post agendas and minutes and create links at the behest of committee chairs.
 - a. Move that Laurie submit a motion at the next governing board meeting, making her interim webmaster.
 - i. How will Laurie decide what links & alerts to automatically approve and what links need to be presented to the Executive Committee and/or Governing Board?
 - a. Define links which go to city, county or state government or to public utilities as automatically approved. Any which go to private agencies must be referred to the Board or Exec. Committee for approval.
 - ii. M/S/P unanimous
 - V. We need to plan our next meeting re the brand new website:
 - a. A partial "menu" of needs has been created by the Outreach Committee. Now, individual board members and Committee Chairs need to submit additional items to the menu as follows:
 - what will you use the site for
 - what do you think stakeholders will use it for
 - what kind of information should be maintained and regularly updated
 - what kind of info should be archived and kept accessible
 - what kind of tasks would you like to be able to perform
 - If there are websites you think are efficient and attractive, please list them.
 - i. Outreach will prepare and send an email requesting this info & will have another special meeting on June 25 to prepare the "menu" for subsequent presentation to web designers (for research purposes ONLY) -- in order to get

info to present to the Board for its consideration in preparing a budget for bidding. M/S/P unanimous

VI. Call to adjourn

VII. Adjourned 9:15 PM

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
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Date June 24, 2009 **Motion #20090701-3**

Name/Committee Patricia McGrath

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

The SLNC has voted against the Sunset Junction Street Festival in its present form. This was done on behalf of the Silver Lake residents and businesses that endure hardships & extreme distress regarding parking, traffic, poor safety control and financial demands, I, Patricia McGrath therefore move that the SLNC ask that the following conditions be applied for 2009, if this festival is to be held this year:

1. All Silver Lake residence and their families in zip codes 90039, 90029, 90026 be allowed entry for free.
2. Separate beer gardens be designated for alcohol, so attending individuals and families can find and walk in alcohol-free environs.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary. The Sunset Junction Street Festival has grown well beyond its original scale, scope and impact, with numerous significant negative implications for the Silver Lake community.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: In the early years of this festival, Silver Lake stakeholders had access to a community festival that was easy, fun and affordable to attend. Now, it's rare to see Silver Lake residents in attendance at the event, which is an imposition on the community. These conditions would restore hope to those who would like to enjoy a truly community-friendly street festival.

Con: There would be added planning challenges for those who put on the Sunset Junction Street Festival.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) Word of passage of this motion will be transmitted within 24 hours to the involved City Hall offices, and then to other impacted entities.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The maker of this motion will work with the governmental affairs committee to communicate this motion, upon its passage, to pertinent city council offices, other relevant city offices, Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance, community organizations and concerned businesses.

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Date June 3, 2009

Name/Committee Paul Michael Neuman

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

There are many different kinds of festivals, and some are more burdensome than others upon the residents and businesses of a host community. The community of Silver Lake is host to at least one annual festival, but should be able to consider, knowledgeably, what scale and type of festival might be most beneficial and least burdensome for our stakeholders. To accomplish that goal, **I therefore move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council accept input, including conceptual proposals and detailed criteria, from any stakeholder or organization interested in exploring and describing potential festivals for Silver Lake in the remainder of 2009 or thereafter. Any contact information, submission or proposal by an actual or potential festival producer will be shared with the City of Los Angeles and made public to Silver Lake stakeholders. A further goal will be that a framework of selection criteria be established that is appropriate to the interests of Silver Lake stakeholders.** The hope is that ideas will be shared that might provide Silver Lake with the most interesting and meaningful choices as to what model or models of festival might be held in Silver Lake.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Currently, Silver Lake hosts at least one festival on an annual basis, and that festival has been here for many years. The festival now charges a significant admission fee that most Silver Lake stakeholders have to pay, if they are to attend. Recently, a spokesperson for the festival explained that charging this admission fee enables the festival to feature name acts (the spokesperson cited Chaka Khan as his example): these major acts draw large crowds, which cause significant parking problems for the neighborhood. Alcohol is served.

That is one model of the kind of festival that Silver Lake can, and indeed does, host. Other potential models exist that may supply quite useful understandings as to what might be possible here in Silver Lake. We can only benefit by asking for input from those responsible for the numerous festivals and cultural/community events that occur throughout the Southland. For example, Eagle Rock has a free and reportedly very successful festival that is non-alcoholic and features many acts that are local to that community; the surrounding neighborhood is said to be quite happy with that event. In the past month alone, other interesting and worthy events have been held from Lincoln Heights to the east, to Santa Monica to the west. This is not to say that those models necessarily could (or should) work here in Silver Lake; that can only be determined if we first invite those responsible for such events, as well as those responsible for any events already held in Silver Lake, to submit ideas and data – information that can be shared with our stakeholders, and with the City of Los Angeles.

This motion does NOT suggest that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council will select, produce or fund any such festival for Silver Lake. This motion is instead intended to broaden our understanding as to the type or types of festivals that we as a community might host, and to establish appropriate criteria for the model or models of festival deemed most acceptable and advantageous to our stakeholders. However, any recommendations that might emerge as to a range of criteria would need the approval of the governing board through a subsequent motion.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Festivals have had a major impact on Silver Lake and its stakeholders. If this motion passes, Silver Lake will be better able to understand the range of models of festivals that might be held here. We might benefit from new faces and new ideas, which might also help the City of Los Angeles with its deliberations. Also, criteria of community-interest would be established to help us have better festivals in the future – and those who produce such festivals, whether new or old, would have a specific set of community-based ideals to embrace with maximum commitment.

Con: A festival held in another community might perfectly fit that community – that doesn't necessarily mean it would be a good or feasible fit for Silver Lake: plus, any festival/major event has to be economically viable, which may require set funding sources (not just ideas). Collecting a lot of ideas and submissions might therefore be frustrating and confusing, if one requires certainty. Of course, certainty only favors the status quo.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) The responsible committee(s) – governmental affairs and/or arts and culture --will report on progress on a regular basis, as SLNC committees are meant to do, and will share information about new submissions

and proposals with pertinent City Hall office on a timely basis. The responsible committee(s) will also decide when it's ready to submit a motion offering community-interest criteria pertaining to festivals in Silver Lake.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The maker of this motion has already talked, informally, with a number of festival producers. The governmental affairs committee will assume formal responsible for this effort unless the arts and culture committee wants to assume partial or whole responsibility.

*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

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Date June 3, 2009

Name/Committee Laura Dwan, Gail Jaffe, Rusty Millar

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

The SLNC moves to retain the services of a web master to update the website to allow all committees to have their own page and to make the adding and removing of committee pages easy to manage.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

When the current action to update the website was discussed with vendors one of the explicit items that was supposed to be included was adding the appropriate web page for all committees for posting its own agendas. This seems to have been lost when the current person that did the work to update the website. Currently 2 committees, Transportation and Animals do not have a committee page because they were added after the website was established. Over the years other committees will be added and/or removed. We need to add these 2 committees immediately so that they can do their work. In addition, we need the ability to add or remove committee pages as necessary. The chairs also need the ability to add meeting dates to the website/alerts.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: All the current committee chairs and future committees will be able to post their own agenda's and minutes

Con: None

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) Solicit bid from the current vendor

??As needed

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) Immediately

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? Current budget for the webpage, \$7500 was allocated for the webpage renovation.

Outreach

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The executive committee

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payment may be issued promptly.

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Date **July 1, 2009**

Name/Committee **Rusty Millar Transportation & Public Works Committee**

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) moves allocate \$5000 from the TPW budget for the repair of sidewalks in Silver Lake.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Recently the board approved in its budget \$5000 for the TPW committee. The committee has been looking to use SLNC funds to fund a worth while project in SL that would repair some sidewalks. I have been able to obtain a commitment from both council offices for \$2500 each that would give us a total of \$10,000 to use for sidewalk repair. Both council offices were very enthusiastic with this opportunity to partner with the SLNC. This will greatly improve pedestrian safety on sections of sidewalk that are most in need. The Bureau of Street Services would do the work. The board has been asked to submit addresses that they feel are most in need. These addresses will be forwarded to the BOSS for determination on cost and what they will be able to do.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: The SLNC will have an opportunity to have a project that will benefit the Silver Lake community for many years to come and provide for a safer environment for pedestrians.

Con: We loose the opportunity to partner with both council offices on a worthwhile project that will enhance the community.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

\$5000 from the funds allocated to TPW.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? Results will be forwarded to the Council offices and BOSS, schedules will be made available when ready for work

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
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Date June 25, 2009 **Motion #:** 20090701
Name/Committee Arts & Culture

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Arts & Culture Committee moves that \$500 be allocated for the printing of flyers for upcoming events and for the design of an Arts & Culture Committee logo.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

We are working hard to find ways to serve our community using only necessary funds and as responsibly as we know how. Recently we produced the Silver Lake Book Bucks Event, which is currently underway, using funds only for printing. Coming up we have begun to plan free dance lesson nights for the SL community and we are continuing our Hi, Noon photo event; the only expenses to run such events would be for printing of flyers & postcards. For the dance event, we have two dance instructors lined up (tap & Lindy Hop/Swing) willing to provide their instruction for our free dance lessons. Also, the committee has sought out a designer to design a logo for the committee to begin branding our events, as we are planning more and more. We originally sought out voluntary designers but have had no luck. We have been referred to a willing designer who would design our logo for \$150. We would also like to print small cards, both the SLNC and SLACC logos included on them, along with information on the committee to help as committees network and need information to distribute for use as outreach.

Please note that we might still find someone to design our logo at no cost, and our dance lessons are not fully confirmed, however we would like to have the funds available to us immediately as we need them.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: We suspect that lack of participation in Hi, Noon last March was due to lack of promotion, so we would like to do more of it and better. With that in mind, we are planning ahead for when we confirm our dates for free Silver Lake Dance Lessons, noting that we must really focus on promotion. The general information printed materials and logos will also help our committee as we continue to meet artists around the community and encourage participation.

Con: What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

Budget= \$500, see attachment Complete Budget is requested of the SLNC

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

Immediate Board action is required to supply funds for printing of Promotional Material. Hi, Noon photo events are planned for every first Saturday of the month beginning as soon as possible. We expect to begin Dance Lessons in August, promotion to begin in July.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Arts & Culture Committee Projects Please note: Last month \$450 dollars were allocated for printing of Silver Lake Book Bucks materials and only \$260 were spent, leaving \$190 of unspent funds for the specific project the motion allocated money for.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The committee is working with both volunteer and contract designers, as well as dancers/printers/artists that are donating their services.

*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

**Arts & Culture
Committee Printing
Costs**

Purpose/Event	Description	Estimated Cost
Logo	Committee Logo	\$150
SLACC Outreach Literature	1/8 page printed cards with Committee information	\$100
Hi, Noon	1000 Color Postcards	\$100
Free Dance Lessons	1000 Color Postcards	\$100
Flyers	Individual Flyers printed for Dance Lessons and Hi, Noon	\$50
Total		\$500

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Date **06-23-2009**

Name/Committee **Urban Design & Preservation Advisory Committee (UD&PAC)**

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Move that the SLNC Governing Board endorses the following UD&PAC Motion, regarding Application Case: VTT-70871; ZA 2009-0534 (ZV)(SPR); ENV-2009-0517-EAF, and authorizes the UD&PAC Chair to send a letter on behalf of the SLNC Gov. Board to the DCP/AA for the Public Hearing in July, 2009

Motion (M/S/P): "As principle, the SLNC-UD&PAC does not support construction of residential units within 500' of a freeway. Taking into account the shortage of housing in the City of Los Angeles at this moment, the SLNC-UD&PAC does not oppose the application: Case #: VTT-70871-CN; 2009-0534 (ZV) (SPR); ENV-2009-517-MND on 2600-2750 Riverside Drive (a.k.a. "The Menlo Property/ Riverglen I & II), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Provide MERV Level 13 air filtration for both the proposed condo units and for the existing apartment buildings. NOTE – air filtration is a mitigation measure that was adopted by the Director of Department of City Planning, Gale Goldberg in January of 2009, it is not contained in a L.A.M.C. Section. However, this application was submitted in February of 2009 and it is expected to adhere to the DCP Director's adaptation.**
- 2. Installation of maximum length landscaped median between the two intersections – Glendale Blvd. & Riverside Dr. and Fletcher Dr. & Riverside Dr.**
- 3. Provide 6ft. to 10 ft. wide easement behind the proposed condominium development and the existing apartment building for the restoration of the marked on the SL-EP-EV Community Plan the Rim of the Valley Horse Trail.**
- 4. Mark previously existing commuter bike path along Riverside Dr.**
- 5. Pay for the installation of left turn signals at the two intersections: Glendale Blvd. with Riverside Dr. and Fletcher Dr. & Riverside Dr.**
- 6. Sidewalk curb and gutter new installation and repair along Riverside Dr.**
- 7. Widening corner of Glendale Blvd & Riverside Dr. Install a sidewalk with ADA ramp.**
- 8. City of LA BOE - Improve street lighting along Riverside Dr. Provide light shields to prevent glare on residential units.**
- 9. Existing Retaining Wall to be shaved down or area behind is filled in per code.**
- 10. Retaining wall and the open space behind to be landscaped and maintained by the HOA in perpetuity.**

11. Wetting the site during construction phase every couple of hours instead twice a day only.
12. Construction vehicles must park on-site and not in front of the existing "Riverglen I" apartment complex.
13. Use of Los Feliz Blvd. as part of the Hauling Route is unacceptable. Explore the use of 2 Fwy as an alternative to the proposed one going to Interstate 5 Fwy.
14. Restrict grading to week days only (do not do grading on Saturdays).
15. Adhere to the Sign Ordinance for all permanent or temporary advertising.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

The following is an excerpt from UD&PAC Minutes of June 9, 2009

"V. Old Business:

1. 2600 Riverside Drive, a.k.a. The Menlo Property in CD 4 (SLNC Region 7)

Request (Attachment "A" from the Applicant to SLNC/UD&PAC):

1. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 17.01 the Applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map (Tract No. 70871) to merge 8 lots consisting of 252,453 sq. ft. of lot area into one lot (1) lot [An adjoining 180,180 sq. ft. grouping of ten (10) contiguous parcels, under the same ownership as subject site, is not a part of the proposed Tract Map, but is part of the project] facilitation the development of a new 120-unit condominiums building.

a. The Applicant is requesting approval of a Haul Route.

2. Pursuant to L.A.M.C. Section 12.27, the Applicant requests a variance from the density requirements specified in L.A.M.C. Section 12.09.1 B 4 in order to maintain an existing 157 unit apartment building built when the site's zoning consisted of C2, R3 and RD1.5 zones. The site's current RD2 zoning permits 90 units.

3. Pursuant to L.A.M.C. Section 16.05 a request that the Site Plan Review Findings be made as part of the discretionary approval

This is the 4th meeting with the Applicant and a follow up after April 7 UD&PAC meeting. The second of all four was a Community Meeting, held at Ivanhoe Elementary School Auditorium in February of 2008.

Discussion: As a preface to the discussion of this project, it was pointed out that it is important to keep in mind that the developer is applying for ONE project with the total of 277 (120 new + 157 existing) units. The application requests approvals for a project on ONE site, with a SINGLE environmental review, a SINGLE public hearing and a SINGLE public notice.

ISSUES:

1. Air Quality: In 2005 the State of California issued land use guidelines discouraging placement of residential units within 500 feet of a freeway.

a. Air filtration is required by the City of Los Angeles for newly constructed residential buildings. SLNC is interested in strong mitigation measures. Possible mitigation measures include: disclosure to the tenants, enclosed recreational space in between buildings equipped with air filtration.

Wes Joe (UD&PAC, SLIA) insisted that the meeting minutes reflect the Applicant's position that he is not willing to install new filtration system in the existing apartment building, based on the current Code and would consider green screens.

Note: On Friday, June 12, 2009 5:36:07 PM the UD&PAC Chair received the following e-mail from Jim Ries, Vice President Craig Lawson & Co., LLC:

"Elizabeth,

I spoke to my client today, he informed me that based on more detailed review of the technical requirements and the related costs he is willing to retro-fit the existing building with a Merv-13 filtration system. Can you please share this with your members (specifically Wes) and reflect that in your presentation to your full board"

2. Landscaped Median Installation along Riverside Drive

(Fletcher Dr. to Glendale Blvd.)

E. Bougart-Sharkov - the presented schematic median design raises serious questions. Jerry Overland (traffic consultant) explains that the Code requirements for median installation and providing safe conditions, requires 150 ft. to 200 ft. clearance on each side of an entrance to a building. Therefore he proposes only a total of 600 ft. length of a median in front of the existing and newly constructed residential units for the entire distance along Riverside Dr. between Fletcher Dr. and Glendale Blvd.

Committee feels that the median should be maxed out after consultations with L.A. Department of Transportation (DOT) and L.A. Fire Department.

Renee Weitzer (CD 4 Chief Planning Deputy) will set up the meeting with DOT and FD to determine the issues. David Hessel suggests that placement of left turn lane in the middle of the median for U- turn. Overland responds that is possible.

3. Bike Path on Riverside Dr. – UD&PAC recommends **commuter bike lanes on Riverside.**

Diane Edwardson informed the committee that bike lanes used to be marked on the street pavement prior to the terrain reinforcement project on Menlo vacant lots' portion of the property, south of the "Riverglen" apartment complex.

4. Left Turn Signals – the Applicant should pay for installation at the intersection of Fletcher and Riverside.

5 Sidewalk Curb and Gutter - There is no gutter installed in front of the property portion south of the existing apartment complex. Existing sidewalk has been damaged during the Open site reinforcement in the 1980s and never repaired thereafter. Sidewalk repair and gutter installation should be provided for the entire length of the block between Glendale Blvd. and Fletcher Dr.

6. Widening and installation of a sidewalk with an ADA ramp at Glendale and Riverside most north-western end of "Riverglen" apartments.

7. Street Lighting - UD&PAC will propose to BoE to improve the lighting on Riverside Dr. All street lights should have shields installed to prevent glare on the residential units.

8. Existing Retaining Wall – south of the proposed development. The existing giant retaining wall shall be either shaved down, or fill in the area behind it, and be landscaped and maintained. The Structural Engineer for the project shall submit recalculation for additional loads and providing freeboard by code.

9. Horse Trail Easement – Provide means for the horse trail easement restoration behind the proposed condo building and the existing apartment building. A horse trail above Riverside Drive is marked on the SL-EP-EV community plan. Paul Edelman of Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy describes grand plan for trail connecting Griffith Park and Elysian Park. Possible compromise by developer includes losing some units to make space, providing for the access, or setting up an endowment towards the trail construction. He presented a route map depicting the trail. Safety is a definite issue with regards to the easement. To secure such, a ranger should be hired to maintain trail and manage any problems with homeless encampment, or crime. A consensus should be obtained from the property owners on the top of the hill, above the proposed development, regarding the easement. The committee informed them about the meeting. Unfortunately, no more than one stakeholder (Herb Agner) from the immediate neighborhood above the development attended. He has mixed feeling about the implementation of such access. It is important to survey the rest of the neighbors and find out whether they will support such easement. The tenants at the apartment building and the condo units' owners should pay a monthly/yearly fee to provide for the ranger's salary. After some debate, the committee agrees to add a firm condition to the motion that the developers should include an easement from 6 ft. to 10 ft for the trail.

Votes for the UD&PAC Motion (above):

17 votes in favor

Herb Agner opposes

Bruce Schaffer abstains

Motion carries."

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: This is the biggest size of a residential development ever proposed in Silver Lake since the SLNC/ UD&PAC were set in place. The suggested mitigating measures will minimize as much as possible the adverse effect on the occupants of a residential development of this magnitude, next to a major freeway (Interstate 5 Fwy). The impact on the immediately adjacent residential properties on the top of the hill, along Waverly Terrace, will be significant and the interest of those stakeholders should be protected. The overall impact on the entire community in SLNC Region 7 will be substantial. Therefore all proposed conditions are of great importance.

Con: Some additional expense for the Developer, based on the fact that the site presents serious grading issues, and the proximity to one of the most pollutant freeways in the City of L.A.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

n/a

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

July 1 SLNC Gov. Board meeting, in anticipation of the public hearing to be scheduled by the end of July.

Please note that the Applicant has filed this application with the LADCP Expedited Unit which entails much higher fees as usual. However, he voluntarily agreed to postpone the originally scheduled public hearing with few months as a result of the UD&PAC request to do so and allow for the MND to be published and sufficient time for the UD&PAC to evaluate all different aspects of this complicated case.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

n/a

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The UD&PAC Chair Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov will send a letter with the SLNC position to the LADCP/AA

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date June 24, 2009
Name/Committee Parks and Beautification Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Parks and Beautification moves to be authorized to spend up to \$500.00 to purchase reusable banners with the Silverlake Neighborhood Council imprinted, as well as the Parks and Beautification logo.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

These banners can be used and reused to keep the stakeholders aware of various committee events as well as local clean up locations and other announcements.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: With SLNC's events in public view and in the view of the stakeholders, our presence is enhanced in the community and will encourage public interest, participation and involvement in future SLNC events.

Con: Perhaps the issue of storage.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

\$500.00 for four (4) banners
What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action,

major dates, etc.)
Once the motion is approved, the Parks and Beautification committee will proceed immediately.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Parks and Beautification

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Parks and Beautification committee will seek out the best materials and prices for the banners.

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Date June 24, 2009

Name/Committee Parks and Beautification Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Parks and Beautification moves to be authorized to spend up to \$ 900.00 to expand the previous garden competition to become "Beautification Awards".

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.
Awards will be presented to commercial and private parties who have made a distinctive improvement(s) in their property through renovation and/ or new construction. Categories would be "best renovation commercial" , "best new construction", "best renovation residential" and so on.

The garden competition would be included with categories to be determined.

Some type of Garden item engraved with the winner's name will be given to the participants and an official framed certificate will be issued to the winners of the commercial or residential categories.

A social event will be planned to formalize the award presentations in an effort to promote community appreciation and public involvement in SLNC's events.

Notification of the awards event will be presented through every kind of outreach possible, i.e. flyers, banners, door-to-door calls, postings, etc. A call for entries with a deadline will be included. Impartial judges will participate.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Any recognition of community improvement or beautification by the NLNC is positive for the stakeholders and further enhances our presence in the community

Con: Even with a great outreach effort, it is uncertain that everyone will be able to participate.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

Up to \$900.00 to be spent on outreach and advertizing, to include posters, hand outs, etc. as well as the cost of the Awards themselves and the social event refreshments. We will also provide transportation for the judges and probably lunch.

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

Once the motion is approved, the Parks and Beautification Committee will prepare the announcement for general outreach.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Parks and Beautification

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Parks and Beautification committee in tandem with Outreach, emails, press, flyers, postings and banners.

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