

# Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association

## Agenda for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Postponed to August
3. **Reports**
  1. **SSNA** Treasury Report – Steve Senigram
  2. **SSNA** Land Use Committee (LUC) Report – Charla Gardner
  3. **SSNA** HPOZ Committee Report – Sue Horwitz
  4. **SSNA** Annual Meeting Committee – Conrad Starr
  5. **GWNC** June LUC Meeting – Charla Gardner
  6. **GWNC** June Transportation Committee – Conrad Starr
  7. **GWNC** June Meeting – Steve Senigram
  8. **GWNC** July Outreach Committee Meeting – Conrad Starr
  9. **LAPD Wilshire** June C-PAB – Conrad Starr
4. **Unfinished Business**
  1. SSNA ICO Expiration (July 2018) – Response to Julia Duncan, CD4
  2. Ordinance: Traffic Mitigations – Essex
  3. 850 S La Brea Development
  4. Open Board Seats
  5. 901 S. La Brea – Application for Full Line Alcoholic Beverages
  6. Communication Committee (Conrad Starr)
5. **New Business**
  1. Metro
6. **Board Comments**
7. **Public Comments**
8. **Calendar & SSNA Representation**
  1. July 12, 7pm – GWNC July Meeting
  2. July 20, 6pm – Metro Meeting (Pio Pico Branch of LA Public Library)
  3. July 20, 7pm – C-PAB Meeting (Conrad Starr)
  4. July 25, 7pm – GWNC LUC Meeting
  5. August 5, 9am – GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting (Conrad Starr)
  6. August 21, 7pm – GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting (Conrad Starr)
9. **Scheduling of SSNA August Meeting**
10. **Adjournment**

1. **SSNA Annual Meeting Committee:** The committee met June 8<sup>th</sup>, consisting of Conrad Starr, Charla Gardner, Stan Genser, Josh Kirchmer and Steve Senigram. The committee proposes the following resolution:  
*Resolved, that the 2017 Sycamore Square Annual Meeting and Elections shall be scheduled and organized (as available) for Saturday, 14 October 2017, from 2-6pm, with the location being the 800 S. Block of Orange Drive, requiring a permitted street closure for that day; and that activities may include but not be limited to a pumpkin carving and costume contest; and that assistance shall be sought from CD4 in associated costs and rental needs including the street closure permit, insurance, a porta-potty, power generator, tables, chairs and canopies; and that any costs to be incurred by Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association will be reviewed and approved by SSNA at a future board meeting.*  
**Mr. Starr will announce the details on Nextdoor, including an invitation for SSNA members to get involved and join the committee, and will inquire in July with CD4 regarding assistance with expenses. He will also secure the required petition forms for the street closure**
  
2. **GWNC Outreach Committee, July 2017:** SSNA Board President, Conrad Starr, attended the July 1, 2017 Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee Meeting, where the annual budget for the committee and for advertising were discussed. The committee's recommendation to be presented and discussed at the July GWNC meeting is to raise the annual committee budget to \$10,000 total, including \$6,000 for advertising. A diversified advertising approach was generally agreed upon, which may include the Larchmont Chronicle, Larchmont Buzz, Larchmont Ledger, and the Beverly/Park La Brea Press, as well as email and social campaigns.  
 Disaster preparedness was also discussed, and several members of the group are involved in devising an outreach campaign for GWNC neighborhoods. A volunteer member of LAFD Battalion 11, Vincent Ababao, informed the committee of the LAFD initiative to distribute 1 million smoke alarms by October 2017.
  
3. **GWNC Transportation Committee, June 2017:** SSNA Board President, Conrad Starr, attended the June 19<sup>th</sup> GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting. Gail Greenberg of Murakawa Communications presented on LA's Sidewalk Repair Program. She explained that the program is a 30-year, \$1.37 billion program, and that information, including an FAQ page, can be found at [www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org). Ms. Greenberg explained that there are 3 ways to request and achieve sidewalk repairs: 1) people with a mobility disability can request sidewalk repair at no cost and will receive top priority on a given block; 2) residential and/or commercial property owners may work with approved contractors to repair sidewalks abutting their properties and conforming repairs would qualify for up to \$2,000 rebate for a single family home, or up to \$4,000 rebate for a multifamily unit or commercial property, and that generally the rebate would not exceed 50% of the actual borne costs of the repairs; 3) neighbors may report a sidewalk problem (as through the LA-311 app, website, and telephone channels. Ms. Greenberg explained that the program will prioritize repairs in the following order: 1) sidewalks adjacent city buildings and facilities; 2) sidewalks along major thoroughfares; 3) all other sidewalks.  
 Members of the committee raised questions regarding urban forestry and tree removal and replacement as pertains to the sidewalk program, and Ms. Greenberg requested to respond to many of the questions at a later time.
  
4. **LAPD Wilshire Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) Meeting:** SSNA Board President, Conrad Starr, attended the June 22 Wilshire C-PAB meeting, co-chaired by Captain Oddo and by La Brea-Hancock Homeowners Association board member Frank Rosato. Captain Oddo addressed the recent, well-publicized, events where LAPD cadets were alleged to have stolen police cars and other equipment. Cpt. Oddo explained that no Wilshire cadets have been implicated and that measures are in place at Wilshire Division including a physical separation of cadets and police and adult chaperones on site that would preclude or prevent a similar incident in that division. Cpt. Oddo also referred to recent reports of an officer having inappropriate relations with an underage cadet, and reinforced that the LAPD takes all the above incidents very seriously, and it was for this reason that Chief Beck personally applied the handcuffs to the accused officer.  
 Homeless Committee chair Tammy Rosato shared a list of Midtown Los Angeles Resources and discussed ways to help in the effort to alleviate LA's homeless crisis. Officer CJ Joseph explained the difficult position in which officers find themselves where simple law enforcement and serving the community are not easy; he related the story of a homeless woman 8 months' pregnant being forcibly removed from an alley encampment and the ongoing need for help and community involvement. Catherine Landers of CD4 attended the meeting and introduced herself to the group. She discussed Councilmember Ryu's background in providing homeless services and CD4's commitment to helping address the problem.  
 SSNA Board President Conrad Starr volunteered to participate in the Wilshire C-PAB Traffic Committee (and will reluctantly chair if necessary) pending his official approval as a C-PAB member.  
 During the "meet with your Senior Lead Officer" segment, Mr. Starr reintroduced himself to Officer Perry Jones who serves Sycamore Square; Mr. Starr later asked Officer Dave Cordova about one of the SLOs attending October's SSNA annual meeting, and he said he believes one of them will be able to attend being that the meeting is on a Saturday.