

**Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association
September Session Minutes - APPROVED 10/17**

September 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 9:12am.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Charla Gardner, Joshua Kirchmer, Steve Senigram, Giorgio Bosso. Neighbors were also present, including Joy Calisoff.

Approval of Minutes

JK moved to approve the minutes from June and August with the submitted revisions.

CS seconded the motion.

The motion carries. 4-1-0

Approval of the minutes from July was tabled on account of Sue's absence.

Reports

Treasury Report - no new information from Steve Senigram.

LU Committee - Charla Gardner provided handout from CD4 about new residential zones. CS and GB intend to reach out to homeowners on Citrus and Orange.

Sue Horwitz joined the meeting at 9:12a.

HPOZ - SH nothing to report. CS and SH will discuss meeting prior to October SSNA meeting

SSNA Annual Meeting Committee - SSNA Annual Meeting in October 14th. Brad Conroy has offered up Firestone.

SH moved to change the SSNA Annual party on October 14th location to Firestone (Corner of La Brea and 8th). CG seconded.

Unanimous approval. The motion passes.

CS will schedule a meeting in the coming week (Sept 11-17) to discuss particulars (insurance, raffle items, etc)

SSNA Communications Committee - Compilation of addresses, clarity of communications will be discussed at the meeting on Sept 12, 630p at Coffee Bean.

SH said she will provide minutes for June in the coming week (Sept 11-17)

Community Meeting Reports --

GWNC August LUC Committee - No attendance

GWNC July Meeting - Sue was in attendance, no report

GWNC August Meeting - SS was in attendance, nothing to report

GWNC September Outreach Meeting - Cancelled due to holiday.

GWNC August Transportation Committee- CS did not attend, due to illness.

LAPD CPAB - Conrad Starr was absent from the meeting

Unfinished Business--

1 . SSNA ICO EXPIRATION - Nothing to report

2. TRAFFIC MITIGATIONS - CS needs to reach out to CD4 regarding speed humps. CG has drafted a letter to CD4. It is in-process.

Josh moved to draft a letter to CD4 requesting transparency regarding funds obtained by CD4 from Essex regarding SS traffic mitigations.

3. OPEN BOARD SEAT - Joy Calisoff has interest in filling the open board seat.

CG nominates Joy to join the board. GB seconded.

Motion carries unanimously. Joy has joined the board as of 9:46am!

901 S. La Brea - CS will look into the legitimacy of the signatures obtained by the property owner

- Do renters count?
- Same handwriting
- No signatures
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CS will provide letter that MMRA sent regarding their position. CG suggested SSNA resends their letter of opposition.

Ben Bledsoe (Neighbor from Citrus) joined the meeting at 9:56a.

5-7 : Traffic mitigations in Sycamore Square. Encouraging reporting to LA Traffic Division / SLO. GB suggested speed humps at the stop signs.

In order to address traffic issues in Sycamore Square, discussion was had to have a Coordination of Traffic calls to LAPD Traffic Division - 213-473-0222 --- on Tuesdays to report things like speeding/stop sign running.

New Business

2. Mero Center Opening Extension - JK moves that the SSNA opposes the extension of the center opening extension.

GB seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

CG amends the motion, adding “adamantly” before “opposes”.

The amended motion now reads:

The SSNA adamantly opposes the extension of the Metro Center Opening to February 2020.

The amendment passes unanimously.

SH moves to Request that Metro, DOT, CD4 and traffic mitigation plans are present at any meeting between Metro and SSNA regarding the extension of the Center Opening.

SS seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

3. Posting of minutes and agendas - will be discussed further at Communications meeting on Tuesday.

4. Demolition of 838-844 S La Brea.

Board Comments

JK encourage board members to submit edits to meeting minutes as soon as possible ahead of monthly meetings in order to expedite their approval. JK also encourages agenda be sent out a week ahead of the meeting so the board can add anything to it ahead of the meeting.

GB suggested compiling a list of traffic mitigations in order to coordinate efforts.

CG talked a bit about Q conditions, an HPOZ-like remedy that could prevent mansionization of the neighborhood.

Public Comments

Ben asked for clarification regarding the BRE Fund. He suggested hiring off duty cops to post in the neighborhood.

Calendar & SSNA Representation

- 1 SSNA Communications Planning - Sept 12, 7p Coffee Bean
2. September 13, 8am – Coffee with a Cop – Starbucks @ 7624 Melrose
3. September 13, 7pm – GWNC September Meeting
4. September 21, 7pm – C-PAB Meeting
5. September 26, 7pm – GWNC LUC Meeting
6. September 26, 7pm – Metro PLE Section 1 Community Meeting – La Brea Tar Pits
7. September 27, (time?) – John Burroughs Safety Meeting with Metro

Scheduling

CS moves to have a October meeting scheduled for Oct 1.

JK seconds.

Motion passes.

Meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 1, 2017 at 9a at 5150 Wilshire.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56a.