

Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association September 2018 Session Minutes

September 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 10:03am.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, and Steve Senigram.

Approval of Minutes

CS moved to postpone adoption of the March 2018 minutes. Unanimous approval.

CS moved to approve June 7 minutes with submitted changes and additional revisions submitted by DB via email on 09/09/18, unanimous approval.

JK noted comment in August minutes made by non-member Jacqueline Kosecoff, and moved to postpone approval. Unanimous approval.

CS encouraged Secretary to upload approved minutes to the website.

Public Comments

No comments.

Reports

Treasury Report - Nothing new to report. CS recognizes SS took control of treasury in an imperfect situation, and we see no clear way to becoming incorporated. CS wants to develop a ledger so we know about our funds. SS state he would put a ledger together to keep track of funds.

SSNA LUC -

1. **Transit Neighborhood Plan** - CS briefly described the Transit Neighborhood Plan update. MirMile opposes TNP, and many other neighborhoods have made points against the TNP. Two residents on Citrus provided comments against TNP. CS thinks it could be advantageous for SSNA to join a coalition of neighborhoods against the TNP.
2. **Demolition at 930 S. Mansfield** - an apartment building that has a permit in place to be demolished, but nothing currently posted about what will be built.
3. **Firestone Update - 800 S. La Brea** - 8-19-18 email from Eric Needleman to Conrad Starr on 8-19-18: "La Brea plan check was held up on some various items but we have our last appointment next week. Looking to dial in the

construction proposals and get going soon. Always takes way more upfront work than it should but worth doing it now as opposed to during construction." CS expressed concern that parking agreements could be expired by the time construction occurs. CS has come to understand agreements such as exemption from the preferential parking district are not enforceable by the city.

4. **Met Her At A Bar** - SS spoke to owner, and was informed that owner of hair salon is opposed to granting the license to MHaaB. They have a hearing scheduled for this month.

Ad-Hoc Investigating Committee - Nothing to report. Next step is written report.

SSNA Communications Committee - 5% increase on Nextdoor since last quarter. Good movement

Community Meeting Reports --

GWNC August 2018 Meeting - CS reported that LADWP changing circuits in neighborhood in light of outages during the summer. They take a year to upgrade a circuit. CS asked if projections anticipate usage in line with TNP, LADWP did not provide specific answer to question, rather that all agencies are using same projections.

LAPD - SEE NOTES AT END OF MINUTES. CS notes that neighborhoods with a Neighborhood Watch have less crime reports than those without.

Unfinished Business--

1. **Street/Sidewalk repaving/repair** - via DB email "Regarding the street repaving - there is no new information currently. We are still waiting for an update from Mr Fisher regarding the pilot project. I will follow up with him again in the next couple weeks if I have not heard an update from him". CS notes

2. **Illegal Yard Sale Sycamore at Olympic** (Wilshire Crest School) - New vendors are present. CS will send note to neighborhood prosecutor

3. **Annual Meeting** - CS moved:

Motion: "The Board hereby reschedules the 2018 Annual Meeting and Elections for Sunday, 11-11-18, at The Mansfield, 5100 Wilshire, pending site confirmation, or at another site if required."

Seconded by JK. Unanimous approval.

4. **Board Vacancies** - No nominations yet, but CS and JK stated they have met with neighbors interested in the Board.

New Business

1. CS submitted a Motion – “The SSNA Board hereby approves the expenditure of \$20 registration fees for Mr. Starr to represent Sycamore Square at the LA Historic Neighborhoods Conference on October 13, 2018.” (C. Starr)

JK seconded. Unanimous approval.

2. CS submitted Motion – “The SSNA Board hereby creates the ‘Sycamore Square Exceptional Architecture Award’ to show the neighborhood’s appreciation for new architecture that is compatible with our neighborhood.”

JK seconded. Unanimous approval.

3. CS submitted motion – “The SSNA Board hereby approves the expenditure of up to \$55 for the purchase of up to two award plaques to be awarded at the 2018 Sycamore Square Annual Meeting.”

JK seconded. Unanimous approval.

Board Comments

CS speaking at Congress of Neighborhoods on Sept 22. CS may draft a promotional email and JK will use mailing list to promote.

Event Calendar

1. Sep 11 (Tue), 8pm - Jul 16 (Tue), 7pm – Sycamore Square Emergency Radio Net – FRS Channel 7
2. Sep 12 (Wed), 7pm – GWNC Board Meeting, Wilshire Ebell Theater (S. Senigram, C. Starr)
3. Sep 12 (Wed), 7pm – Mid City West Panel on School Safety (544 N. Fairfax)
4. Sep 18 (Tue), 7pm - Wilshire C-PAB Traffic Committee Meeting, LAPD West Traffic Bureau Community Room (4849 Venice Bl.)
5. Sep 20 (Thu), 7pm – Wilshire C-PAB Meeting, LAPD West Traffic Division Community Rm. (C. Starr)
6. Sep 22 (Sat), 7:25am – Congress of Neighborhoods – LA City Hall
7. Sep 25 (Tue), 6:30pm – GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting, Marlborough School, D200
8. Sep 29 (Sat), 9am – Valley Preparedness Fair, 9400 Shirley Ave., Northridge
9. Oct 13 (Sat), 8:30am – L.A. Historic Neighborhoods Conference, Lincoln High, 3501 N Broadway
10. Oct 21 (Sun), 10am-3pm – LAPD Wilshire/West Traffic Division Open House (free)
11. Nov 11 (Sun) – Sycamore Square Annual Meeting (proposed)

Scheduling

SSNA September Meeting is scheduled for 10am Sunday October 7.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.

LAPD Community-Police Advisory Board Highlights:

- There are 10,000 police: many are being timed out and need replacement. The Cadet, Magnet, and POP Programs are all important youth outreach programs that have the potential to build the force.
- Chief Moore believes homelessness is not just a police issue; rather, it's a partnership with the community and with government entities. There are about 28,000 people experiencing homelessness every night and only 300-400 shelter beds available. This is not a problem "we can arrest our way out of." Wilshire has put a lot of work into addressing issues at Poinsettia Park, for example. Police are looking for the community's assistance. LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will give a presentation at the September 20 C-PAB meeting. 6% overall decrease in homelessness in the city, but a big increase in Wilshire. There's a new web portal to help people experiencing homelessness: www.lacounty.gov/lahop/.
- New command staff within the Bureau: Deputy Chief Eisenberg and Commander Moreno.
- Compared to Valley and South Bureau where traffic fatalities are in the mid 40s monthly, and Central Bureau in the 20s, West Traffic had only 16 fatalities in the most recent report.
- At the October or November C-PAB meeting, Tammy Rosato from La Brea Hancock and Kari Garcia from Miracle Mile will present to the C-PAB meeting on Neighborhood Watch.

Crime Statistics (from Crimemapping.com):

1. 8/13/18 - THEFT - PETTY - 700 BLOCK S MANSFIELD AV
2. 8/15/18 - THEFT FROM VEHICLE - GRAND - 5100 BLOCK WILSHIRE BL
3. 8/24/18 - BURGLARY - 5100 BLOCK WILSHIRE BL
4. 8/25/18 - BURGLARY - 5100 BLOCK WILSHIRE BL
5. 8/25/18 - BURGLARY - 5100 BLOCK WILSHIRE BL
6. 8/25/18 - BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE - OLYMPIC BL & LA BREA AV
7. 9/2/18 - VEHICLE, STOLEN - 5100 BLOCK WILSHIRE BL
8. 9/2/18 - BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE - WILSHIRE BL & ORANGE
9. 9/6/18 - VEHICLE, STOLEN - ORANGE DR & 9TH ST

