

Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association February 2018 Session Minutes

Feb 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 10:06am.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, Steve Senigram, Joy Calisoff, Daniel Brook, Giorgio Bosso, Sarah Cohen. Neighbors were also present, including Stephen Alexander.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from December and January tabled until March meeting.

Reports

Treasury Report - SS will deposit check in the treasury once Sue Horwitz provides rewritten check.

SSNA LUC - GB did not attend the GWNC January LUC committee, but there were no SySq related agenda items. However, GB has obtained a compliance code violations for the illegal hostel located at 855 S Citrus Ave. The owners have 30 days from the issue date (1/23/2018). After that date a fine will be imposed, and at that time a prosecutor can obtain the file to bring charges to the owner of the property. The process could take up to a year. GB will have a meeting with the City Prosecutor this week.

GB moves to have the SSNA write a letter expressing concern and support the closure of the illegal hostel operating at 855 S Citrus Ave.

SC second.

Motion passes unanimously.

GB will draft and CS will edit.

SSNA Traffic Committee - JC has obtained DOT info to apply for No Left Turn onto northbound Citrus from eastbound Olympic. JC in contact with DOT employee. JC is continuing to pursue neighboring neighborhoods to garner support for signage.

CS informed SSNA about Speed Hump Petition Applications happening in Feb.

SSNA Communications Committee - CS reminded board members that they previously agreed to indicate "I'm Going" on nextdoor event posts for SSNA monthly meetings.

SSNA Metro Center Opening Ad-Hoc Committee - CS reported CD4 will support center opening. CS expressed disappointment in CD4.

Community Meeting Reports --

GWNC JAN Meeting - CS obtained support by the GWNC board for R1V3-RG zoning rule for currently R1 homes on Citrus Ave and Orange Dr. Also reported on Trash collection issues mentioned by CD5, and asked if SySq were experiencing issues with collections. Residents reported no pickup of black bins on 700 and 800 blocks of S. Sycamore and no recycling pickup for 3 weeks on 9th street. CS agreed to notify CD4 of the issue.

GWNC FEB Outreach - CS moving forward to Earthquake Preparedness Event (in April)

LAPD CPAB - Conrad Starr reported on crime in the community.

Unfinished Business--

1. **Neighborhood Watch** - SC has no update
2. **Street/Sidewalk repaving/repair, curb painting** - DB reached out to BSS (Bureau of Street Services) to get work done, apparently it is a priority of the Mayor's. No scheduled maintenance in our neighborhood through May. DB will push to get repairs in the neighborhood added to the list. DB will take on curb-painting by emailing GB.
3. **Non Profit Status** - SS nothing to report
4. **759 S La Brea Restaurant (Met Her At A Bar)** – Beer/Wine CUB Application (Giorgio Bosso) - nothing new to report
5. **952 S Citrus Ave - Applying for Zone Change to R1-zoned property – seeking R2 variance** - Owner presented to GWNC, but no new permit issued.
6. **BRE/Essex Ordinance: Funding** - No updates
7. **R1 Zones for Citrus and Orange** – WHO WILL ATTEND 2/8/18 HEARING? - GB will attend.
8. **Hostel at 855 S Citrus (Giorgio Bosso)** - see notes above.

New Business

1. **Recreational Marijuana Vendor Zones** -
2. **Streetlights** – old wiring – JC will write a letter to CD4. Board supports unanimously
3. **Senate Bill 827** – Transit-rich Housing Bonus (Giorgio Bosso) - GB moves to have SSNA write a letter in opposition to the bill. Board Supports unanimously.

4. **Speed Hump Program Applications** – Opens 2/15 at 8am - CS discussed with SSNA

Board Comments

SC experiencing verbal assault from tenants of Essex La Brea. SS will talk to Commerson about illegal parking from valet. SC will obtain further information from Parking Enforcement.

JK mentioned SSNA Google Group is now operational for sending internal messages to fellow SSNA Board Members.

Public Comments

Mr. Alexander commented that as a new member of SySq it is great to see such a strong board and he's excited to remain involved.

Scheduling

SSNA March Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 8 at 7pm at 5150 Wilshire Blvd.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.