

Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association April 2018 Session Minutes

April 15, 2018

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

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, Daniel Brook, Giorgio Bosso, Sarah Cohen. Neighbors were also present, including Lane Maser.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from March was postponed until next meeting.

Reports

Treasury Report - Treasurer was not present

SSNA LUC - nothing to report for SySq, though GB commented it was a bit disorganized. While it doesn't affect SySq, he did note that the Olympic Spa has been approved to use a parking lot in a R1 zoned (residential) lot, which is something that has seldom been done previously.

Joy Calisoff joined the meeting at 10:16am.

SSNA Traffic Committee - New road sign will be on S. citrus not allowing cars to cut across olympic into SySq. Streetlights have been redone with new LED bulbs!

Joy will contact BSS/CD to obtain a timeline for the removal of old wiring.

SSNA Communications Committee - Nothing to report.

Community Meeting Reports --

GWNC APR Meeting - nothing to report

GWNC APR Outreach - Outreach Committee moving forward to Earthquake Preparedness Event (after April)

Crime - Conrad Starr reported on crime in the community.

Unfinished Business--

1. **Street/Sidewalk repaving/repair, curb painting** (Daniel Brook) - concrete streets can be repaired to asphalt, SySq has to agree to allow this to happen. DB is exploring what approval is needed. After walking the hood, DB identified the following streets in need of substantial repair, in order of severity from worst to least bad:

- 9th Street, particularly from La Brea to Orange
- Orange
- Sycamore
- Citrus / Mansfield

DB will look into “green streets program” and timelines for repairs (asphalt vs concrete) and report at the May SSNA meeting. Sidewalk and street repair funds have been allocated for 2018.

GB agreed to speak with Rob Fisher in CD4 about street repairs on Mansfield.

Gale Robinson, Principal of Wilshire Crest Elementary, arrived at 10:43am

2. **Illegal Yard Sale Sycamore at Olympic** (Wilshire Crest School) - GB mentioned this illegal sale has been ticketed twice by BSS officers, but GB will pursue the District Attorney if the issue persists. School is also exploring planting in the area to deter them.

Ms. Robinson left at 11:14am.

3. **BRE/Essex Ordinance:** 75k of the fund remains. In order to use the fund, CD4 must go through the legal channels to move the money to an account, and it must be used for improvements though DOT. CD4 will provide SSNA guidelines for the use of the funds.

New Business

1. **Proposed Bylaws Change: 2 Signatures for Developer Agreements** – GB wants to change the bylaws so that SSNA’s agreements with developers have SySq Board and developer signatures so that they carry some weight. This will be added to the May

Board Comments

CS starting a radio network for communication during emergencies. The Board provided unanimous consent for the distribution of the Radionet Communications flyer via social channels so the neighborhood has the information.

CS mentioned a Drought Tolerant Garden Tour, offered information to submit gardens to sustainability@greaterwilshire.org. Tour is June 2nd @ 9am. The Board provided unanimous consent for the distribution of information for this event via social channels.

Public Comments

Gale Robinson says Wilshire Crest is offering a dual language program starting at Kindergarten, starting with majority spanish language and shifting to 50/50 split by 5th grade. Community students and students whose home language is Spanish are prioritized (50% of students primary language must be Spanish). There was a break-in at the school yesterday (04/14), three teenagers were arrested, one was a former student.

Lane inquired about SSNA becoming a non-profit (SS is pursuing, but he is absent today). Grantsmanship Center offers courses in grant-writing, templates etc. BMW is having test drives and transport vehicles on 700 block of Citrus (this should not be happening). Lane mentioned looking into a 'cigarette free Sycamore Square'.

Scheduling

SSNA May Meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 6 at 10am.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.