

## **Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association October 2018 Session Minutes**

### October 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 10:07am.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, Daniel Brook, and neighbor Lori Nakama.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

CS moved to postpone adoption of his notes for 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.

- DB thinks dismissal of his not is an inappropriate striking of his comment. Feels it is prejudicial.

JK moved to postpone approval. Unanimous approval.

Conrad learned this morning that SS's attorney advised him to step aside from the board.

JK moved to approve the September minutes. Minutes are approved.

#### **Public Comments**

Ms. Nakama complained about Bird Scooters strewn about on sidewalks. Prevents accessibility of sidewalks. CS noted that GWNC Transportation committee will have a meeting regarding these scooters, CS will bring comments to that meeting. DB stated that CD4 is in favor of these types of scooters, and that the companies themselves have been promoting proper storage. DB has heard of pedestrians displacing properly parked scooters.

#### **Reports**

**Treasury Report** - SS not present, no report submitted.

#### **SSNA LUC -**

1. **Transit Neighborhood Plan** - TNP has not been passed into law, CS met with members from Councilmember Koretz office, including other members of surrounding neighborhoods. IT has been expressed TNP goes against The Wilshire Plan, which is scheduled to be updated in 2020. This encompasses density bonuses and incentives put into place by TOC (Transit Oriented

Communities) and Measure JJJ. The TNP would re-zone areas within the neighborhood. Comments made by neighborhoods include the feeling that TNP is being pushed through without appropriate consideration. It could be advantageous for SSNA to take a position on this as the hope is for affected City Districts to review the plan. CS wants to continue outreach to Sycamore Square residents regarding 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. CS encouraged those present to consider effects on quality of life by constructions in the neighborhood.
3. **838 S. La Brea** - CS noted that SSNA does not have a set of guidelines for developers. SSNA does have the ability to influence projects, as the SSNA can reach out to community for input, perhaps through a committee.

**Ad-Hoc Investigating Committee** - The Committee's investigation has concluded. Robert's Rules was consulted, as well as the SSNA's bylaws. The report resulted in a recommendation that DB be censured.

CS moves to have the SSNA adopted the motion to receive the report. JK seconded. Votes goes 2-1, motion passed.

DB moves to table discussions of the findings of the investigation committee until DB has had the opportunity to gain legal counsel regarding this matter.

The motion is not seconded.

CS moves to censure Daniel Brook for exercising poor judgement by withholding the information of a lawsuit from the board for more than one month and disturbing the board's well being and hampering it in its work.

JK seconded the motion.

Vote 2-1. Motion passes.

**SSNA Communications Committee** - Crossed 300 members on Nextdoor, JK celebrated this milestone.

## **Community Meeting Reports --**

**GWNC September 2018 Meeting** - Nothing to report

**LAPD** - There is a homeless outreach portal online, and it is the preferred way to report these sorts of activities to the LAPD.

### **Unfinished Business--**

1. **Annual Meeting and Elections Planning** - CS reported Mansfield is still willing to be used as the venue.

JK moves to have the Board reconsider the date of the Annual Meeting.

CS amends to add “through a meeting to be held this coming week”.

JK seconds.

Amendment passes.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **New Business**

No new business.

## **Board Comments**

DB stated he would have had legal representation at this meeting if a motion of his censure was to be brought to the floor.

## **Event Calendar**

1. Oct 10 (Wed), 7pm – GWNC Board Meeting, Wilshire Ebell Theater (S. Senigram, C. Starr)
2. Oct 15 (Mon), 7pm – GWNC Transportation Committee, Marlborough School, D200
3. Oct 18 (Thu), 6pm – Metro Purple Line Extension Meeting, LACMA Brown Auditorium
4. Oct 18 (Thu), 7pm – Wilshire C-PAB Meeting, LAPD West Traffic Division Community Rm. (C. Starr)
5. Oct 20 (Sat), 10am-7pm – Taste of Soul Family Festival, Historic Crenshaw Boulevard
6. Oct 21 (Sun), Noon-4pm – LAPD Wilshire/West Traffic Division Open House
7. Oct 23 (Tue), 6:30pm – GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting, Marlborough School, D200
8. Nov 6 (Tue), 8pm – Sycamore Square Emergency Radio Net – FRS Channel 7
9. Nov 11 (Sun), 12:30-4pm – Sycamore Square Annual Meeting – 5100 Wilshire (tentative)

10. Nov 17 (Sat), 2-4:30pm – CERT Emergency Radio Training for Sycamore Square and LBH (tentative)

### Scheduling

SSNA November Meeting is scheduled for 10am Sunday November 4.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38am.