

Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association January 2019 Session Minutes

January 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 9:09am.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, Daniel Brook and David Zadick. Neighbors also present include: Brennen, Lucas and Kathy Flynn.

Approval of Minutes

1. December 2018 -

CS moves to approve minutes from December 2018 with submitted revisions.

JK seconds.

Passes unanimously.

Public Comments

Kathy Flynn mentioned the illegal yard sale at Sycamore. Older white male, and older black couple.

Ms. Flynn had posted on Nextdoor (1/5/19): "This morning my son went down to ask them to not move the trash bins since we were waiting for trash to be picked up, and this older white male called him insulting names. I went back down there with him and talked to a pleasant African American man who was understanding but then the older white man came over and told us we don't belong in this country and was horrible, mean and insulting."

The Board informed Ms. Flynn of the history with this illegal vending. Daniel offered to take on a liaison role with Ms. Flynn and neighbors in order to make some headway on this issue. JK looped them in via email and provided LAPD information and MyLA311 info

Reports

Treasury Report - CS met with Sue Horwitz and obtained check of funds for the Association. CS explained the state of the treasury and the ledger provided to the board.

CS moves to approve the reimbursement of 308.05 in expenditures for the Annual meeting to Mr. Starr.

JK seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

CS moves to approve the reimbursement of 127.10 in expenditures for the Annual meeting to Mr. Brook.

JK seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

DB notes that \$241 in treasury balance is left over after planned reimbursements.

Mr. Brook, in his capacity as Treasurer, and Mr. Starr, in his capacity as President, approved the reimbursement of \$43.21 for Joshua Kirchmer for monies spent on flyers for the 2018 annual meeting.

Mr. Kirchmer and Mr. Brook agreed to provide copies or scans of their receipts for the board records.

Streets and Sidewalks - DB had a discussion with Rob Fisher at CD4 since last meeting; he is supportive but does not have new information from the pilot program in Highland Park. He is aware of our goals to have our streets repaved and will continue to work with us. He mentioned for new construction and developer projects that require cutting into the street now also require them to replace the ENTIRE SLAB of concrete, as opposed to simply making a small cut in the slab.

DB is also pursuing overnight preferential parking permits for Orange, as it is currently not permit only overnight.

SSNA LUC -

1. **The GWNC Land Use Committee** is scheduled to talk about the demolition at 930 S. Mansfield, CS encouraged anyone interested to attend the meeting.

SSNA Communications Committee - JK has brought the website up to speed:

MOTION --- CONRAD PLEASE ADD MOTION TEXT TO THIS MOMENT

Noting that the website currently makes only about one year of agendas and minutes available for download, Mr. Kirchmer moved to add text to the sycamoresquare.org website to the effect that older minutes and agendas are available upon request. Mr. Starr noted no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Community Meeting Reports --

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council -

1 - CS spoke about GWNC elections and encouraged Board Members to get some information on running. (greaterwilshire.com/election), Candidate filing is open until 01/15/19

LAPD - See report at end of minutes.

Unfinished Business--

Board Vacancies - Nothing to report. CS noted that any applicants for Seats should be agendaized prior to the meeting, to allow for discussion.

Trash at 855 S. Sycamore - Neighbor reports positive 311 enforcement.

Neighborhood Watch - nothing new to report.

Pedestrian Death - no updates.

New Business

1. **SSNA Monthly Meeting Scheduling** - For the February 2019 meeting, Hungry Trader at 7pm on Thursday Feb 7.
2. **Listening Tour/Door Knocking** - DZ talked about meeting neighbors and getting them involved in the community. Using brief flyers explaining a bit about the Association and how to get involved. Preparedness in the neighborhood, building the community. CS will get flyers printed this week with door knocking to follow swiftly.

Board Comments

DZ mentioned possible fundraising opportunities and ways to monetize door knocking.

CS moves to Have the Board approve expenditure for envelopes for distribution of Thank You Notes from the Annual Meeting.

JK Seconds.

Motion passes unanimously

Event Calendar

1. Jan 8 (Tue), 645pm – Sycamore Square Emergency Radio Net – FRS/GMRS Channel 7
2. Jan 9 (Wed), 7pm – GWNC Board Meeting, Wilshire Ebell Theater (S. Senigram, C. Starr)
3. Jan 10 (Thu) – Community Emergency Response Team Training (7 weeks) in E. Los Feliz
4. Jan 15 (Tue) – Final Day for GWNC Election Candidate Filing
5. Jan 17 (Thu) – Community-Police Advisory Board, 4849 Venice Blvd., Community Room
6. Jan 22 (Tue), 6:30pm – GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting, Marlborough School, D200

7. Jan 24 (Thu), 8pm – 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, theycountwillyou.org/greater_wilshire_count

8. Jan 28 (Mon), 7pm – GWNC Transportation Committee with LADOT, Marlborough School, D200

Scheduling

SSNA February Meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday February 7 at Hungry Trader.

Recess 10:56.

Back at 11:01.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.

LAPD Community-Police Advisory Board Highlights:

- The 11-week Community Police Academy will start on 2-27-2019 at the Wilshire Station.

Community

members who complete the course may serve on the Volunteer Community Patrol. The course topics will

include air support, canine unit, bomb squad, and slow driving.

- Burglaries have been much lower in the area, with 7 in the week prior to the December 20 C-PAB meeting,

6 the week before, and 4 two weeks prior, versus a normal average of 25 burglaries per week.

- C-PAB programming for early 2019 is scheduled to include the Victim Assistance Program, 9-1-1

Communications, and the LA Fire Department.

Crime Statistics (from Crimemapping.com):

1. 12/20/18 - Burglary - 5100 Block Wilshire Bl
2. 12/28/18 - Burglary - 5200 Block Wilshire Bl
3. 12/29/18 - Theft - Petty - 900 Block S La Brea Av
4. 1/2/19 - Burglary from Vehicle - 5200 Block Wilshire Bl
5. 1/3/19 - Theft from Vehicle - Petty - 900 Block S Mansfield Av