

Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association May 2019 Session Minutes

May 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 7:08pm.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Joshua Kirchmer, and David Zadick. Neighbors also present include: GET NEIGHBOR NAMES Kathy Flynn, Lane Maser, Michael Schlesinger, Larry Johnson, and Sean Bello, who arrived part-way into the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

1. April 2019 -

JK moves to approve minutes from April 2019 with submitted revisions.

CS seconds.

Passes unanimously.

Public Comments

System with local merchants to encourage low-speed driving in the neighborhood. CS will ask CD4 for child-shaped "DRIVE SLOW" signs. Other neighbors suggested faces of people who live in the neighborhood. Larry said he would put one up.

Mr. Bello reported a streetlight outage on their block, for 3 months, gone through 311 to report it and is following up with CD4 and LADWP.

Reports

Treasury Report - Nothing to report re: Treasury, DB. CS will send DB Excel file of ledger as it stands

Streets and Sidewalks - DB not present

SSNA LUC - David Ryu Letter to LA City Planning Re: Purple Line **Transit Neighborhood Plan** (TNP) -

CS Move, Draft a letter of response from the SSNA to CD4 regarding TNP DB seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the points made in Ryu's letter regarding TNP. Many businesses in the neighborhood would be affected by TNP. Traffic would be impacted in the neighborhood. DB notes that amount of density would be unsustainable. CS encouraged those present to email info@sycamoresquare.org

ii. **SB-50**: Possible Motion to take a position on SB-50 and draft a letter to City, State regarding it. SB-50 would result in severe densification of neighborhoods in the city centered around transit. It would override HPOZs and allow densification in those zones. CS will send info out through channels regarding SB-50

CS moves to have the SSNA strongly oppose SB-50 and share it widely.

DB seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Community Meeting Reports --

GWNC - CS and JK were sworn in at the most recent meeting.

CPAB - New LAPD Captain will be present

Unfinished Business--

Board Vacancies -

CS nominates Kathy Flynn, and moves to appoint Kathy Flynn to SSNA Board, 2017-2019 Seat

JK seconds

Motion passes unanimously. Conrad presented Kathy with a copy of the Sycamore Square Bylaws and asked Josh to add her to the email distribution; Josh said he'll also add her to the website.

Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension i. 4-25-19 Community Forum Report (C. Starr)

Metro wants to bring a North/South line to this part of town and is seeking input from the

community regarding the route and type of train. There was a survey that closed at the end of April, with an Environmental Impact Report to come. CS believes the SSNA should take a position on the configurations, perhaps at the next meeting. CS encouraged input from the neighborhood.

Loading Zone Application - The Mansfield - 700 Bl. Mansfield – Meeting with CD4 -- The results of the meeting were that. CS will follow up with The Mansfield regarding large dumpsters on the Orange side brought up by a stakeholder on Orange Drive.

New Business

A. Sycamore Square Centennial Campaign Motion:

CS moves “The SSNA will begin development and promotion of a ‘Sycamore Square Centennial’ campaign highlighting Sycamore Square’s history, its residents and businesses, and its bright future at the hub of a new Los Angeles, and officially recognizing 2022 as its 100th birthday.”

JK seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

B. Metro Halfway to La Cienega Event Motion: “The SSNA will participate in Metro’s ‘Halfway to La Cienega’ event, from 11am to 3pm on June 2, 2019, at LACMA’s Great Lawn, at a free booth from Metro which will be shared with MMRA; and SSNA will budget \$100 for any costs related to the event, including promotional and display materials; and SSNA will invite its residents to participate in the event and its businesses to contribute to the SSNA, and who will be recognized for any such contributions.” (C. Starr)

JK seconds.

Perhaps having a slideshow of local businesses, and asking for donations from area businesses in exchange for the promotion at the event. A Coupon for neighborhood restaurants, perhaps? CS may call a special meeting to brainstorm possible ideas.

DB raised issue with the budget associated with the event, and the state of the Association’s treasury.

DZ’s thought for fundraising: no solicitation signs, and a coupon map that area businesses to contribute.

Motion passes unanimously.

Board Comments

DZ has completed CERT training! Firestone construction has begun, hopefully they will be at the June meeting. CS sent the letter regarding Little Bar's CUB application. CS will follow up with plans for 850 S La Brea

Event Calendar

- 5/7 (Tue) 8pm - Emergency Radio Network - FRS Ch. 7
- 5/8 (Wed) 7pm - [Greater Wilshire NC Meeting](#) (with 6:30pm presentation), Ebell
- 5/11 (Sat) 9am-4pm - [Fire Service Day](#): Visit LAFD Station #61 at 5821 W. 3rd
- 5/16 (Thu) 7pm - Community-Police Advisory Board - 4849 Venice
- 5/19 (Sun) 10am-3pm - [Big Sunday](#) Volunteer Event at Wilshire Crest School

Scheduling

SSNA June Meeting is scheduled for 7pm Wednesday June 5 at Numero Uno.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

