

# Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association September 2019 Session Minutes

**September 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Conrad Starr at 7:16pm.

Board members present included Mr. Starr, Daniel Brook, Kathy Flynn, and Jen Hengst. Neighbors also present include Marissa Harris, Daniel Franco, Kira Mintz, Bruce Evans, and Greg Armstrong

Kathy Flynn served as secretary pro-tem.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- August 2019

Conrad Starr moved to approve the minutes from the August 2019 meeting.

Daniel Brook seconded.

***Motion approved unanimously.***

- August Special Meeting

Conrad Starr moved to approve the minutes from the August 2019 special meeting.

Kathy Flynn seconded.

***Motion approved with Daniel abstaining.***

## **Public Comments**

None

*Brief recess from 7:20 to 7:22.*

*Meeting resumed at 7:22*

## **Officer and committee reports**

- Land use committee

- 832 S La Brea Ave - Construction Issues.  
Daniel Franco and Marissa Harris from Albertson Wedding Chapel spoke on construction issues, including piledriving next to chapel during wedding with no advance notification. Stopped business for three days to apply interior soundproofing.
- 5279 Olympic Blvd - 7-Eleven  
Bruce Evans spoke to CUB application renewal. New CUB's no longer have terms/need renewals. CUB issued in 2016 for 5 years. SSNA agreement includes 11am – 11pm alcohol sales and no single beer sales, which are unenforceable in Los Angeles, so restrictions may not carry forward. Restrictions also included meeting with SSNA on a quarterly basis, which has not yet happened. Gayle Pugh is market manager and will be our contact. New property manager will be doing a deep clean and replacing broken light fixtures.

Mr. Evans also noted: Property needs to be spruced up. Landscaping looked good but is now haggard.

Conrad Starr moves to send a letter of support from the SSNA for the CUB Application Renewal for 7-Eleven at 5279 Olympic Blvd.

Motion not seconded.

Conrad feels it would be premature to take a position and/or write a letter of support until we have met with Ms Pugh.

## Reports

**Treasurer's Report** - Daniel has nothing to report

**Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council**

- Conrad had nothing to report.

**Community - Police Advisory Board**

- Conrad had nothing to report.

## Unfinished Business

**Board Vacancies** - Two seats open: 1 for 2018-2020, 1 for 2017-2019

**2019 Annual Meeting**

- Jen reports on street closure status. We have submitted paperwork and are waiting for cost estimate from the city. We have received feedback on fire lane and overhead Funding request to CD4 was fully approved, covering bounce house, insurance, and pop-ups, as well as permit fees for street closure.
- Kathy is in charge of outreach for the annual meeting. She has created a Sycamore Square instagram account: @sycamoresquarela. Jen reports that there is already an inactive account, but we don't have log-in information for it. Kathy has worked on a rough draft of the new flyer that she shared with Conrad.
- Business Outreach needed for raffle/silent auction items.
- Pet Parade and Beauty Contest

Suggested categories:

- Best single trick
- Dog who looks most like owner
- Best dressed
- Most glamorous
- Ugliest

Photos submitted for other categories, Instagram only as promo for pet parade

- Most exotic pet
- Amazing cat

Judges panel. David should do outreach to pet-related business looking for judges (Doggie Goddess, Hancock Park Vet, etc.)

- Rental items being delivered to Daniel's. Using his garage is fine.

### **New Business:**

- City Council candidate wants to come and meet the neighborhood association. In the past there was a candidates forum at Apollonia's Pizza. If filings are not complete until November, it seems premature to have someone speak to us before that. Primary in March, 2020 General Election in November 2020. May combine with Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and do something in the future.
- Conrad to put together earthquake preparedness report as a resource for website.
- Disaster and first aid training on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at Olympic Medical Center.

- Jen did research on accepting donations. Square is the most flexible. Board approves fee.

Conrad moves to adjourn the meeting to September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Adjourned at 9:02

### **September 22, 2019 --- Annual Meeting**

Session called to order by President Conrad Starr at 3:00pm. Board Members David Zadick, Daniel Brook, Jennifer Hengst, and Joshua Kirchmer were also present, as well as approximately 80-100 Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association members.

#### **Elections**

Elections commenced with Kathy Flynn's candidate statement read by Board Member Hengst. Vote by acclamation was held, and Kathy Flynn was elected to a 2-year term.

#### **Adjournment**

Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.