

## **Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association November 2019 Session Minutes**

November 6, 2019

### **Call to Order** (President)

- 7:24pm called to order, no quorum. First time attendee Adam lives on 800 Sycamore (Interested in Firestone Presentation)

### **Approval of Minutes:** September 5 and 22, 2019 Session; October 14, 2019 Meeting

- Postponed due to no quorum.
- Moved to postponed minutes approval at 8pm. Conrad moved, Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3-0-0 Passed.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

- No public comments

### **Unfinished Business**

- a. 7-Eleven – 5279 W Olympic Blvd (R. Bruce Evans - Solomon, Saltsman Jamieson)

**Motion:** The SSNA will write a letter of support of the 7-Eleven at 5279 W Olympic Blvd conditional on certain agreed conditions.

- Ruzanna Sahakyan (Field Consultant for 7-11 Corporate) attended with Bruce. Provisions NOT in the new CUP: Alcohol sales from 11am-11pm. No single beers, no malt liquor. However, 7-11 will comply with our requests. New ask: Want to sell certain single beers over 18oz “Craft Beers” such as Stella, Heineken, Sapporo, etc, but still no malt liquor. Letter from 7-11 submitted into the records.
- Bruce will need a letter to him and to the GWNC supporting this compromise. Want the letter before the next Land Use meeting on November 19th.

Board Member Kathy Flynn arrived at 7:48pm and quorum was established.

- Letter from 7-11 was written approx Nov 5<sup>th</sup> (no date on the actual letter)
- Hengst made the motion that The SSNA will write a letter of support of the 7-Eleven at 5279 W Olympic Blvd conditional on conditions listed in the 11/5 letter. [Note: second was not recorded]. Unanimous 3-0-0 passed.

b. Firestone Project – Presentation from Eric Needleman, Pouring With Heart (operator)

- CS provided some background regarding the project and the agreed conditions with SSNA
- Construction started in April 2019.
- No longer 3 cuisines, only one.
- No retail space. Could be a private room instead for meetings or birthday parties.
- Described floorplan; not a lot changed – the brewery will be on the south wall at the west end.
- Stakeholder Adam from Sycamore asked about parking and noise, noting the permit-only parking is not in force during daytime business hours. Mr. Needleman said he should not expect much noise from the business.
- Adam asked if new windows had been installed in the building on the east (Sycamore) side. Mr. Needleman said they'd been there the whole time but had been covered with plywood

c. Board Vacancies – Two (2) for 2019-2021

**Motion:** Appointment of Jason Donnelly to the SSNA Board (2019-2021 term)

- Jason attended October meeting. Is still interested in joining the board. He lives 800 block of Mansfield. Resident for 6 years. Moved from Chicago. Has 2 years old daughter. Renter. Became interested at the annual meeting. Interested in helping the kids in the hood. Has the time to be involved in kids/family events or issues.
- Kathy Moved to appoint Jason to the board Jen Seconded. Passed 3-0-0. Quorum affected, it is now 4.
- Jason appointed to the 2019-2021 board term.

d. Sidewalks

- Rich Erickson from last month's meeting was going to do a survey of the neighborhood survey. Jason is going to follow up with him via email to see when the photo survey can happen.
- Jason is also going to do the pothole survey. Street services is going to do asphalt fixes of potholes.
- CONRAD – Follow up with Jason about pothole survey please!

**Officer and Committee Reports**

## Land Use Committee (C. Starr)

### 1. Wilshire Community Plan

- [Conrad notified the board that the Wilshire Community Plan is coming up.]

## Treasury Report

- Jen reported that she Updated the ledger - up to date except for interest - from combo of money that Daniel Brook handed over at the conclusion of his term and the annual meeting we have \$909. In Jennifer's checking account in a new checking sub-account. \$909.19

Outreach – Pick a date to determine responsibilities and goals around postings, announcements, calendar, newsletters, social media; discuss web hosting, Mailchimp, and domain registrations

- Jen said she's interested in participating
- Kathy – Send Jen login info to instagram account.
- Conrad wants to make "best practices" lists for other board members for when they attend other meetings.
- Liz donates the webhosting for SSNA. Would like to find out cost and explore reimbursing her for the expense.

Stakeholders Rachel and Moshe Friedman of 800 block of citrus arrived at 8:25pm interested in Firestone.

## **Community Meeting Reports**

### Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (C. Starr)

Conrad shared information about a partnership between the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and LA Sanitation to document plants and animals in the area. He noted an upcoming training at Memorial Branch Library. Jason is interested in attending.

### Community-Police Advisory Board (C. Starr)

## **New Business**

### Illegal Dumping / Trash Cans Issue at 855 S Sycamore

**Motion:** The SSNA will write a letter to City officials supportive of corrective measures if the resident(s) and/or property owner(s) at 855 S. Sycamore Ave. continue to create a trash nuisance by leaving trash receptacles on the street beyond allowed time limits.

- Conrad moved and Jen seconded. Motion passed 4/0/0

## **Board Comments & Announcements**

### Proposed Change to Bylaws (Discussion Only) –

“Expenditures of less than \$100 may be approved by both the President and Treasurer, and only where those Offices are held by different board members, and shall be reported at the next Board meeting following the expenditure.”

CS discussed this briefly but no motion was made; it was tabled for a future meeting.

### Metro Crenshaw North Extension Meeting Report (C. Starr)

CS reported that Metro had added a new hybrid route connecting Fairfax and either La Cienega or San Vicente in their possible alignments for the Crenshaw Northern Extension; also, Metro noted engineering challenges with a possible La Brea route and said there was stakeholder pushback

## **Scheduling of December 2019 Meeting**

Metro/STSJV will discuss Wilshire/La Brea Station and removal of semi-permanent Center Lane Opening Enclosure and restoration of Wilshire Blvd. lanes east of Sycamore Ave.

SSNA December Meeting scheduled for 12/5.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.