

**Excerpt of DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Silver Lake Urban Design and Preservation Committee
March 12, 2014**

Attendance: 45 people

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min. each):

6:35 p.m.

Carson – Last week we learned some information, we were trying to track down who had access to the list for community forum for Air B&B rentals and we learned that Bob Cherno had done a PRA request so I did a request for that. Thus, I called Bob Cherno and said I was surprised because I thought we were going to help the neighbors. **Cherno said Scott Plante and someone else arranged a secret meeting to scare homeowners. I took this a little alarming. Scott do you want to address that?**

Male member (likely Towne) – Cherno said the same thing on the phone to me today.

Plante – **I can tell you that's incorrect.** Is that the end of your public comment on non-agenda items?

Carson – Cherno also asked for PRA for the panelists, and then later two of the panelists who were invited to speak on panel were reported to Building & Safety. It's alarming that we're setting up meetings to gather community to speak their minds, and then there's a turnaround were they're being targeted.

Plante – Thank you. Any other comments on non-agenda items?

Towne – When neighbors found out I was on this committee they told me they felt targeted by UD&PAC via Building & Safety Department. This information is troubling. Committee has a responsibility to be inclusive. This needs to be a safe place to talk about community issues, per the Bylaws. These people who were targeted were invited by UD&PAC leadership to present the Air B&B point of view. Per Bylaws, you guys are supposed to provide an inclusive forum for community issues. Seems Air B&B meeting was a set-up. As neighbors we're going to disagree about stuff but it should be commitment of UD&PAC to listen and provide a safe place for everyone in the community. We don't want folks to feel this way, especially by folks who they elected.

Plante – When you're in a public forum, as you see at these meetings, people who are elected members get attacked. **I assure you that I, as Heather insinuated, did not target anyone at DBS.** Mr. Cherno is the only person who requested that Public Records Act. Everybody at that forum made statements in the public. Thus, we have no control as a committee over who or what people say. This committee does not bully, intimidate, engage in name calling or anything like that. We hear both sides. This is a very intense forum, as it relates to people's property & land use.

Carson – I'm not insinuating, just stating what was said.

Nahum – I was also targeted by Building & Safety Department for a non issue, and I in no way talked about Air B&B at all. I have an ideal/feeling where it came from but I'm not going to accuse anyone.

Karina (stakeholder) – Received agenda at noon today. Agenda not easily accessible on SLNC's website. No standardized way of how agendas are posted. Please post agenda on home/main page.

Courshon – Correct, the City didn't send it out until 10:30am this morning.

Plante – Agenda posted March 9th by EmpowerLA who incurred a problem.

Millar – I will work with Webmaster of SLNC re this matter. In Scott's defense, many NC's have had the same problem re agendas.

Johnson – Applicants & presenters need ample time to provide appropriate paper work.

Towne – Cherno's name was revealed by one of these targeted people.

Subject: RE: Thank You

From: patrick panzarello (patpanz@inbox.com)

To: sdplante@yahoo.com;

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014 9:36 AM

Bro, I was so surprised at the ego's on that panel and how they were trying to criticize you! How ridiculous! Scott I see a lot of neighborhood council's. I see the and I see the bad. **I have never seen someone attacked by their own constituents in such a way.** I knew that I had to say something about your constant professionalism. I could also see that you are basically the glue holding that committee together. And bro you held up against it so well and held your ground. My respect for you grew that evening. I doubt if others could read the underlying current of emotion in that room, **but I read rooms as a professional, and as a professional, I was appalled. It almost seemed to me that the projects being presented that evening were merely a distraction. I even told my client as we were leaving, that I could not leave without making some comment in support of you,** and to acknowledge the time and hard work that you put into your commitment to the N/C.

Scott, thank you, again, for all of your help and assistance. Patrick.

-----Original Message-----

From: sdplante@yahoo.com
Sent: Sat, 15 Mar 2014 09:04:04 -0700 (PDT)
To: patpanz@inbox.com
Subject: Thank You

Patrick,

Thank you for your kind words at Wednesday's meeting. Much appreciated, considering the crowd that usually shows up at these meetings. One particular blowhard tries to undermine me and Alex (co-Chair) at every meeting.

I am also very happy Wood passed - much easier than I expected!

Have a great weekend,
Scott



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