

**Date and Time** July 18, 2019 at 10:00 am  
**Meeting Location** City Hall, 4th Floor Media Room  
**Meeting Topic** Stakeholder Working Group Meeting 2  
**Project** Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan  
**Prepared by** Marc Salette

**ATTENDEES**

AFFILIATION	ABB.	NAME	TITLE
Bureau of Engineering	BOE	Cyril Charles	Project Manager
		Mary Nemick	Director of Communications
		Deborah Weintraub	Chief Deputy City Engineer
Council District 4	CD4	Rachel Fox	Field Deputy
Council District 13	CD13	Christine Peters	Policy Deputy
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power	LADWP	Christine Truong	Environmental Engineering Associate
		Dawn Cotterell	Senior Public Relations Specialist
Hargreaves Associates	HAR	Meghen Quinn	Principal
		Megan Esopenko	Project Manager
Chee Salette	CS	Marc Salette	Community Liaison
The Robert Group	TRG	Isaiah Ford	Project Manager
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council	SLNC	Nicholas Fox Robbins	Representative
Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy	SLRC	Shelley Marks	Representative
		Andrew Thomas	Representative
Silver Lake Forward	SLF	Elaine Roark	Representative
		Richard Corsini	Representative
Silver Lake Now	SLN	Jill Cordes	Representative
		Andrea Horwatt	Representative
Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary	SLWS	Janis Purins	Alternate

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#	CATEGORY, TOPIC, Item	
<b>1</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	
1.1	A schedule update was given - see Presentation attached.	
1.2	The design process started this week.	
1.3	The research and analysis process is on-going.	
1.4	Community Workshop #2 is coming up on August 24.	
1.5	The first pop-up event should be scheduled shortly after, on a different day but during the three-week survey period that kicks off on the 24th.	
<b>2</b>	<b>COMMUNITY WORKSHOP MEETING 1</b>	
2.1	DEBRIEF	
2.1.1	175 surveys were handed in.	
2.1.2	Breakout sessions took place at 22 tables. This engagement format was successful in allowing all participants to give input.	
2.1.3	A summary of what we heard was presented. The top challenges identified: balancing human access; traffic and circulation; balancing active and passive uses; removing the fences; funding and maintenance.	
2.1.4	Top opportunities: more green space; more outdoor recreation; improved circulation; public access and wildlife balance; improved habitat; more beauty and serenity.	
2.1.5	Defining characteristics of the Reservoir Complex today: serenity; morning sparkle; vistas, beauty, nature; peaceful; passive; openness.	
2.2	STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK	
2.2.1	There is consensus that the workshop was successful.	
2.2.2	The main critique, expressed by SLF, is that the people who came did not represent the diversity of the community.	
2.2.3	Nevertheless, SLF commented that the opinions expressed were wide-ranging, and recommended that we should not limit the scope of the Master Plan exploration in terms of potential uses.	
2.2.4	SLRC suggested that education be considered as a guiding principle, a main theme for the Master Plan.	
2.2.5	SLNC noted that a park ranger may be appropriate as the educational mission would be centered on nature.	
2.2.6	SLRC commented that fewer exclusive uses, for smaller and more specialized groups of people, and more inclusive uses, for larger and less specialized groups of people, will receive more community support.	
2.2.7	SLRC noted that two types of buffer may be appropriate: between people and wildlife, and also between the street and the park, such as the grade change that currently exists between the Ivanhoe path and West Silver Lake Drive.	
<b>3</b>	<b>COMMUNITY WORKSHOP MEETING 2</b>	
3.1	OUTREACH IN GENERAL	

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3.1.1	Invitations will go out on August 2 in order to be available for the Silver Lake Picture Show on that day.	HAR
3.1.2	Printed invitations will be made available to the Stakeholders for distribution.	TRG
3.1.3	The electronic invitation should be broadcast on or linked through the Stakeholder newsletters.	SWG
3.2	PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY	
3.2.1	To reach students: information should be distributed at the local schools.	SLF
3.2.2	To reach 20 and 30-somethings: advertise at the Silver Lake Picture Show, at Echo Park Rising (coordinate with Christine Peters), and at Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival.	Project Team
3.2.3	To reach families with young kids: information should be distributed at the local pre-schools.	Stakeholders
3.3	PARTICIPATION OF KING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS	
3.3.1	SLF is coordinating this with the school. SLF is planning to meet with the school to develop the curriculum. Information regarding the participation of King Middle School to CW#2 should be provided to the Design Team.	SLF
3.3.2	SLF believes that we should anticipate that students will ask for playing fields. SLF believes that this use should be considered as well as swimming.	
3.4	RESERVOIR TOUR (see Presentation for proposed itinerary and organization)	
3.4.1	Starting point at the Meadow makes sense.	
3.4.2	People should not be forced to take a guided tour. General information regarding the visit can be given live at the Meadow every few minutes, or on a loop on a screen.	
3.4.3	Though each station will have a specific theme (recreation, culture and nature), all information should be available at each station.	
3.4.4	Two stations (the fourth and fifth) should be added at the South Dam.	HAR
3.4.5	Refreshments should be provided; local restaurants may want to participate. The SWG should reach out to local restaurants and gauge interest.	Stakeholders
3.5	SURVEY (see Presentation for proposed format and content)	
3.5.1	The themes to be explored at each station should not be specifically associated with the location.	
3.5.2	Multiple comments were made regarding the survey format and methodology. HAR asked the Stakeholders to provide final comments by July 26.	Stakeholders
3.5.2	Small pencils/pens should be provided.	TRG
<b>3</b>	<b>POP-UP EVENT #1</b>	
3.1	LOCATION	
3.1.1	Potential locations discussed: Bellevue Park, in the southern portion of Silver Lake, or Sunset Triangle Plaza, as part of the Saturday morning Farmers' Market.	
3.1.2	The Farmers' Market may be the best opportunity to touch a lot of people. The pop-up could take the form of a booth. Organizer contact info to be provided to BOE.	BOE / TRG

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3.2	DATE	
3.2.1	Potential date discussed: Saturday August 31.	TRG
<b>4</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	
4.1	RECREATIONAL USES	
4.1.1	Rec & Parks have expressed the wish to expand the Silver Lake Recreation Center.	
4.1.2	All agree the community should weigh in.	
4.1.3	BOE suggests that the relocation of the Rec Center should be considered as part of the Master Plan, given the limits of the existing location in terms of expansion capability. The north end may have the potential for more area and a view of the water.	
4.1.4	The group discussed the merit of the existing Rec Center location near a retail segment on Silver Lake Boulevard as convenient and contributing to the social activity along this corridor.	
<b>5</b>	<b>DESIGN</b> (see Presentation for exhibits referenced herein)	
5.1	Programming Test Fit	
5.1.1	A scale comparison between the project site and various potential active use elements was presented.	
5.2	Habitat Linkages	
5.2.1	Maps showing regional, metropolitan and local linkages between natural habitat areas were shown (see Presentation). The Reservoir Complex is a potential link between Elysian Park and Griffith Park.	
5.3	Habitat Opportunity	
5.3.1	The proposed configuration of DWP's water recirculation and aeration project makes the north end of the reservoir complex and particularly the Ivanhoe Reservoir a good location to introduce treatment wetlands to enhance water quality, particularly to support aquatic life.	
5.3.2	Sectional diagrams of potential embankment transformation to introduce new habitat, such as waterfowl wading areas were shown. The potential water level variation, which historically has been 11 feet, is a major issue to consider with respect to providing additional habitat along the banks.	
5.4	Habitat Balance	
5.4.1	Diagrams illustrating various degrees and shapes of habitat creation through the introduction of vegetated areas within the reservoir footprints were presented (see Presentation).	
5.4.2	SLWS pointed out that residents with reservoir views may object to a significant reduction in the water surface area.	
5.5	Pathway Opportunities	
5.5.1	Diagrams showing various potential new pathways were shown.	

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<b>6</b>	<b>NEXT STEPS</b>	
6.1	Research and Analysis presentations on July 18 and August 1.	
6.2	Stakeholder comments on survey due by July 25.	
6.3	Invitations for Community Workshop #2 out on August 2.	
6.4	Community Workshop #2 on August 24.	
6.5	Pop-up event on August 31 (tentatively).	
6.6	SWG Meeting #3 on September 26.	