SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VISION COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

- 1.) Call to order by Jeff Kalban, Chair, 6:30 p.m.
- 2.) Present: Jeff Kalban, Chair: Bob Anderson, Tom Boulet, Jackie Diamond, Tom Glick, Maria Pavlou Kalban, Mikie Maloney, Sue Steinberg.
- 3.) Minutes of July meeting corrected to show Tom Boulet in attendance. move to approve by Tom Boulet, second by Jackie Diamond. Approved unanimously.
- 4.) Public officials: Meg Greenfield, Planning Deputy for CD 4.
- 5.) Chair's Report: Next PLUM meeting September 19. October 3 Vision meeting. SB 330 bill has been approved out of the Assembly and heading to the Senate for a full vote.
- 6.) New Business: Three study group committees presented ideas for the Community Update Plan. Tom Glick chaired Commercial Study, Sue Steinberg chaired Housing Study, Maria Pavlou Kalban chaired Public Realm study.

Maria Kalban and her committee spoke to the importance of Public Spaces having social energy to be successful. Amenities that encourage social energy are: seating, shade, scale, passageways, landscaping, and lighting. All the public spaces we identify all over Sherman Oaks need to have many of these elements to produce vibrant, gathering centers all over Sherman Oaks.

Sue Steinberg and her committee spoke to the need for a range of housing options to meet the needs of a growing and diverse community. While attempting to preserve neighborhood character, we must continue to identify areas that can transition into multifamily and affordable housing and allow for higher density near transit corridors.

Tom Glick and his committee discussed opening Commercial developments to more open space to encourage community interaction. Opening up community to more street life, interesting events, public art that could engage community participation. All doable through the financial benefit that commercial development can bring to a community.

Next month the Vision Committee will continue to fine tune all the elements studied that make up the Community Update Plans and ready them to give to the Planning Department. The goal is to leave no doubt in anyone's mind what we want in Sherman Oaks and how to get it.

7.) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maria Kalban