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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council SONC REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:30 p.m. Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium 14780 Dickens Street Sherman Oaks

#### SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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# Minutes

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Ron Ziff, President
- Roll Call: Present: Kristin Sales, Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Raphael Morozov, Lisa Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Sherry Revord, Jill Banks Barrad, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. Absent: Garett Ross, Levon Baronian, Richard Marciniak, Sue Steinberg, Neal Roden.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: Kristin asked that her misspelled name be corrected. Jeff Kalban brought the motion to approve. Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes approved. Unanimously
- 5. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff: Officer Terry gave an update on Sherman Oaks. Crime down 10% in crime. He gave an update on vehicle and residential break-ins.

**Tanaz Golshen** – Gave an update from Mayor's office on homeless issue. She passed out flyers re: Bridge Home.

**Emma Taylor** – from Adrin Nazarian's office. Gave an update on Putting on a senior lunch. The Assembly member will be coming to the lunch on Friday May 18 @ 11:00. There is an Art Walk on June  $2^{nd}$  11-2

**Katie O'kelly Hendrix** – East Valley Adult Center. Promoting a Karaoke and game night – with a social calendar update, including 2 acting classes, Meditation and training with Musical instrument

Betty Wong: from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

She gave an update- the city council funding, contract will not be renewed automatically for the website, SONC will take care of it. They will need to send NC Assessment.

#### 6. President's Report

The Grievance regarding Billy the elephant has been settled. Community Impact Statement, more information and detail given. Newsletter went out to 18,000. Jill has been assigned Chair of government affairs committee. More details about process to pass a motion. By laws have been amended so an abstention is a non-vote. If someone has a conflict of interest, they must recuse themselves and leave the room. More explanation of Robert's Rules was given. The web site crashed and now it's better. Next month they will be electing 2 budget reps. There is an attendance problem, and we needs to improve. Daniel from Ryu's office: 15 streets in S.O. are being repaired this month. And there was an amendment to Air B&B legislation from Councilmember Ryu in the City Council.

7. Guest Speaker – Anna Van – Climate Resolve: Delayed to July

## 8. Guest Speaker Kevin James Chair of the Board of Public Works Howard Katchen

#### Introduced Kevin James – Chair of the Board of Public Works

Highlights: Public works cheat sheet handout given. The bureau has 5 bureaus and 5 divisions, sanitation acts to enforce EPA rules with LADWP. The bureau of street services, focuses on our street canopies and street lighting is working on converting lights to LED. They are planning for Tax breaks for Entertainment industry. There is an Office of community beautification. There is a new Petroleum Administrator. There is a Financial Management Division. There is a Public Affairs Division. He mentioned work on the 6<sup>th</sup> street bridge. The L.A. River is more complex because it involves the Department of Public Works and the Army Corp of engineers. He mentioned a Sidewalk budget. He mentioned the MyLA311 – "app" for the "department of public works." A question about the Green Line spur to Inglewood – He said that is the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation

**9. Public Comment**: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC's Jurisdiction

Brandon Sario – running for State Senate Brian Patton – wants to know about the SB827 Rudy Melendez- candidate for California state senate.rudymelemdez.com

**10. Consent Calendar (UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)** All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one vote. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the

Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request a specific item to be removed from the Consent Calendar.

10A. A motion for the review and approval of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Monthly Expense Report for month ending March 29, 2018. https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html

**10B**.A motion to approve a neighborhood purposes grant request by LA Park Foundation for \$1,750 for card tables, and interior and exterior bulletin boards for the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center. A portion of at least one locking exterior bulletin board shall be made available (including a key for access) for posting of Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council postings and other information related to the business of the Neighborhood Council.

**10C**. A motion to approve a neighborhood purposes grant request by PESA, Parents, Teachers/Educators and Students in action for \$2,000 to fund the Teen Court program for first time misdemeanor offences by minors within the Sherman Oaks boundaries;

**10D.** A motion to approve a neighborhood purposes grant request by LAUSD Millikan Middle School for \$2,000 for a security camera system (equipment and installation) to provide greater review of access by students and guests entering the school campus.

**10E.** A motion to approve up to \$500 for the purchase of a laptop to be used by the board or the administrative assistant to take minutes at the monthly board meeting;

**10F.** A motion to approve a board member reimbursement to Melissa Menard of \$62.43 for room rental charges by Corky's restaurant for the April Public Safety Meeting. Reserved room at the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center was not available.

**10G. Motion** to request the weekly street sweeping of Ventura Blvd from Sepulveda to Fulton and support from the Council Office jointly with Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce, Sherman Oaks Homeowners, and Ventura/Van Nuys BID.

### 11.Treasurer's Report –

Next meeting will determine budget for next year. Looking for more volunteers to join this committee.

-Government Affairs Committee Jill explained the Mission, to meet with elected officials and be a govt liaison. And to give them input and get feedback from them.

### 12. Committee reports

A. . Rules and Elections Committee Sue Steinberg

B. Planning & Land Use Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair We put together a set of city guidelines.

*Motion:* Approve "Incentivize Housing Development Guidelines". These "Guidelines" to be presented to State, County and City representatives with the goal to establish a coordinated effort to incentivize housing development while maintaining community input. (See attachment below).

Howard brought the motion to question. Jeff Kalban 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Motion Passed:** Unanimously.

Next meeting this Thursday for PLUM

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair
 June 9<sup>th</sup> – Metro Meeting in Van Nuys 10:00-12:00 (orange line to purple line)
 They are there for public comment, and open to all ideas, for the Sepulveda Corridor
 Transit Project.

**D. Outreach Committee**- Jeff Hartsough, Chair Moving on with the movie for JUNE 30

E. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair
 Added a new project for a Garden Tours: Give Tours of Drought Tolerant gardens
 L.A. River, would like to work together with Jeff vision comm

**F.** Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs Neighborhood watch meeting on May 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. At the Sherman Oaks Galleria (community room) 15301 Ventura Blvd. How to use Nextdoor and how not to use Nextdoor

- G. Budget Advocates Howard Katchen, SONC representative
  City address stiffed the government advocates
  Budget day, Saturday June 23
- **13.** Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction Lisa thanked for the kitten incubator
- 14. Meeting Adjourn. 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Avo Babian Secretary (Attachment)

#### **INCENTIVIZE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES**

**1. DESIGN:** INCORPORATE IN *ALL* PROJECTS: "GUIDELINES TO ENHANCE LIVABILITY IN SHERMAN OAKS" AS BASIS FOR DESIGN AND IMPLIMENTATION OF HIGHER DENSITY WITHOUT COMPROMISING QUALTIY OF LIFE.

**2. TAX CREDITS**: DELAY INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES-PAY CURRENT TAXES FOR 7 YEARS AFTER NEW CONSTRUCTION (INCENTIVIZE UNDERDEVELOPED PROPERTIES IN MULTIFAMILY ZONES).

**3. INCLUSIONARY HOUSING OR FEES** (FEES BECAUSE LOW INCOME HOUSING DOES NOT WORK FOR CONDOS... HOA FEES)

**4. HOUSING/WORK PLACE ADJACENCY:** ENCOURAGE OFFICE DEVELOPMENT ALONG SIDE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

5. MASS TRANSIT CONNECTING AFFORDABLE AREAS TO JOB CENTERS

**6. SECTION 8** HOUSING IS AFFORDABLE IN PALMDALE BUT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT MASS TRANSIT TO JOBS IN LA. SECTION 8: INCENTIVIZE LANDLORDS TO TAKE SECTION 8 HOUSING APPLICANTS; EXPLORE OPTIONS SUCH AS PROVIDING SECURITY DEPOSITS, GUARANTEED DAMAGE MITIGATION FUNDS, AND HOLDING FEES TO SECURE APARTMENTS FOR SECTION 8 RECIPIANTS. WORK WITH CONGRESIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SECURE NEW INVESTMENTS IN SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM, WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING THA MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE FOR A SECTION 8 VOUCHER, AS WELL AS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS TO BE PROVIDED.

**7. CRA:** REESTABLISH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT OR *SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AUTHORITIES* TO FOCUS SOLUTIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

8. REMOTE PARKING (750'+) & CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE: REDUCE DEVELOPMENT COSTS & ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT

a. LAND BANK PARKING STRUCTURES (24/7 spaces)

b. ENHANCE BUS/SHUTTLE SERVICE (24/7)

c. INVEST IN PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARKING STRUCTURES VIA IN LIEU OF FEES