

Committee Members

Green and Sustainability

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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee

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6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. Meeting called to Order by Avo, Chair. At 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Avo Babian, Kira Durbin, Christine Kim, and David Levinson
3. Reviewed and approved minutes of March meeting. Avo moved to approve minutes. Kira 2nd the motion. Approved Unanimously
4. Chair Report: Thanks for everyone's patience during this transition time. We will focus on the top 3 projects for 2020. That were voted on previously. The Sustainable Garden Tour, The Sustainable Fair, and the "Welcome To Sherman Oaks" Sign project
5. Public comment on non-agenda items.: David Sidewalk Tree issues. David pointed out that there are many new trees being planted, Chinese Pistach, and being watered. They picked trees with good root structure. Howard asked how long till they mature, David will look into it. Kira asked, are new trees being planted or just old ones being replaced. David said both. Sweet Gum/ Liquid Amber ones that are diseased are removed and some new ones planted where none existed. Many questions came up asking that we need better tree cutting notifications. And a need to find a proper arborist. Also do we need a motion to assign someone to answer the tree cutting notifications. Agreed to have a plan, for quick response and plans for tree cutting notifications. Also, Avo asked David to have a group go around and make a list of trees that are diseased and need to be replaced.
6. Discussion items:
 - a. Sustainable Garden Promotion Tour: Avo asked Harold for ideas. Harold recommended to put it on the back burner until after the COVID-19 Crisis is over. Avo suggested a pamphlet in the meantime, that promotes Sustainable Gardens.
 - b. Sustainable Fair: Avo asked for updates from Kira. Kira said she made good contacts with Studio City. But for now, it should be put on hold until after the COVID Crisis is over.
 - c. Gas Leaf Blower Issue: Harold pointed out that they are illegal, only electric ones are allowed but the police has it under low priority. Kira said Streets LA is the one that can give the owner a ticket, but right now they are giving only Warnings. Harold mentioned that they have deals, to trade in your Gas powered leaf blower for an electric one. A project was decided upon, to add to the Fact page on SONC website, the Trade in deals, and rebates.
 - d. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Harold suggested partnering up with Jeff Kalban, on Vision Committee. Christine said no one on Vision is interested. Also ideas for funds to be sponsored by local businesses. Howard said that is not allowed. Kira asked, what's this have to do with Green? Harold said it can show that we have a friendly city. Christine said, we can have native plants around it. To make it Green. Avo assigned homework to everyone to come back with 1) locations, 2) ways to finance 3) partnership ideas (Encino studio city NC/ Ryu office.)
7. New Business– Christine brought up Plastics. It was discussed and agreed upon to put it on the Agenda to vote on by the SONC Board. Harold asked about previous motions and Christine asked to build a

coalition with other NCs. Howard explained the CISs. KIRA brought up Zero waste LA. Also no idling laws to be enforced. Avo said it should be in the Agenda for Traffic. Howard brought up budget issues, specifically budget cuts in LA city budget

8. Next Meeting –. Next SONC Board Meeting June 15th. Next Green Meeting July 1st
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30