

Committee Members

Green and Beautification

Carolyn Casavan, Chair
Matthew Plotkin
David Levinson
Gregory Wright
Jessica McCarthy
Karen Sampson (Alternate)

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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting

Tuesday September 16, 2014

6:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to Order by Carolyn Casavan, Chair at 6:45 pm.
Present – Casavan, Levinson, McCarthy, Wright and Sampson
Absent – Plotkin
2. Review and approve minutes of August 13 meeting. Moved by D. Levinson, second by J. McCarthy. Passed 3-0-0
3. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Lorena Parker of the Village at Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District (BID) gave an update on their plans and expressed the BID's interest in working with the Neighborhood Council.
 - b. The health of the trees on Chandler Avenue due to the drought was raised.
4. Working Meeting – Planning for Committee Activities
 - a. Holiday Homeless Project – Discussed planning to hold a Help Portrait event on the 1st Saturday of December. Items discussed included possible locations, partnering with LA Family Housing, partnering with other community groups and nearby NCs.
 - b. LA River Tour – October 25 was discussed as the possible date for the Los Angeles River informational tour with the tour to be held in the morning. Maria Camacho of the LA River Revitalization Corporation, Erich King of Councilmember LaBonge's office and Rick Rabens of the Village Gardener are expected to attend. The tour will be open to the public and the rest of the Board.
5. The process for deciding the use of the funds allocated to the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) was discussed. A list of criteria was put together for making decisions on the use of the BSS funds for community projects for tree trimming and sidewalk repairs. It was estimated that the funding would cover approximately 4 days of tree trimming and 3 days of sidewalk repairs.
6. Discussion Item – The following projects for BSS funds were discussed but no decisions were made.
 - a. Sarah Street tree trimming.
 - b. Hesby, Lemona and Valleyheart tree trimming.
 - c. Sidewalk repairs SONC Area 4.

7. Updates on other projects
 - a. The Ernie's Walk Planting with Councilmember LaBonge's Office was a great success with approximately 50 people showing up to help plant. Copies of the photos taken by the Councilmember's office were requested.
 - b. The Gardens at the Senior Center – David Levinson
 - c. Public Transportation/Pedestrian Project – Gregory Wright
 - d. Arts or Bicycle Project – Karen Sampson

8. Announcements – Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held on Saturday, October 20 at City Hall, a People's Climate March will be held in Los Angeles on September 20.

9. Next Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 pm, 2nd Wed. of the month.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.