

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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Land Use Committee

October 20, 2011

Present: Ron Ziff, Chair, Alicia Bartley, Jackie Campbell, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Jeff Kalban, Mikie Maloney

Absent: Craig Buck, Bob Cohen, Jackie Diamond

Guest: Jill Barad, Chair SONC

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes postponed
4. No electeds present
5. Public Forum: Jill announced the Valley Alliance Workshop on Oct. 22, 2011
6. Chair's Report
 - 4216 Sunnyslope applicant has withdrawn application and will return to LUC.
 - Closing of Ralphs store now Nov. 9. Construction to take 12 – 18 months.
 - Inquires about the property on the NW corner of Magnolia and Kester reveal that it will be a 49 unit apartment. No variances required. No permits issued yet.
 - To keep the public informed about Sherman Oaks development, the LUC agenda is posted on the SONC website, also in 5 public places and we have started sending out an email blast to people on our mailing list. SONC email list received blast about the River and Metro issues in October.
7. New Business – Rescheduled to follow Returning Business
8. Returning Business
 - Update on Gas Station at 4822 Van Nuys Bl: Applicant reported that ZA has denied the car wash application, but approved the Beer and Wine application. After project has final

approvals, application to ABC will start. Limits on alcohol: no malt liquor or wine over 15%. No alcohol marketing on gas pumps.

- Update on Chabad: Court ruled against City Council Approval. Chabad has no entitlements to build. Much of structure is already up. Not sure what will happen next.

7. New Business

- Presentation on Metro Rail Transit Study for Van Nuys Corridor. Lydia Martin from the SVAPC spoke as an area resident, concerned about the loss of driving or parking lanes on Van Nuys Bl. Another speaker felt that any work should include both Van Nuys Bl. and Sepulveda Bl. as a contiguous project. Workshops are being held by Metro.
- Presentation by Claire Bowen from Planning on the LA River Overlay District. Committee supports the intent of cleaning up and improving the areas adjacent to the river. However, there was concern that the area covered by the District was too broad and intruded into residents' rights in areas where the river was not visible to the neighborhood. *Mikie moved that LUC oppose this ordinance on the basis that it would pose a hardship to residents who would have to adhere to new landscaping rules even though they could not see the river. Jeff seconded. Six in favor of opposing it and one abstention.*
- Discussion of proposed Planned Development Ordinance. There was concern about the lack of community input and review. *Mikie moved that LUC oppose this ordinance due to the lack of community review. Jackie C. seconded. Six in favor of opposing the ordinance and one abstention.*
- Discussion of proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance. Tabled for future discussion and motion.

9. Announcements: none

10. Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

11. Next Meeting: November 17, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikie Maloney

November 15, 2011