

**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Vision Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2017**

In attendance: Jeff Kalban, Chair; Bob Anderson, Tom Boulet, Jackie Diamond, Maria Pavlou Kalban, Mikie Maloney, Sue Steinberg

Absent: n/a

Guests: Leslie Elkin, Jules Feir, Jane Lipp, Guilio Zavolta

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll call.
3. Motion to approve minutes of the June meeting by Jackie, second by Bob. Approved unanimously.
4. Public forum: Bob shared an update about changes in traffic studies using simulation models for development purposes. The committee will ask PLUM to request actual traffic studies for projects brought to PLUM.
5. Chair's Report: Whole Foods will be at the July 20th PLUM meeting to discuss community needs. Jeff provided an update about discussions with the Council's office re: the bike path along the LA river. He led discussion about creating a document to track progress, status and next steps for each of the Vision's workstreams (e.g., Plaza & freeway on-ramps).
6. New Business:
 - i.) The committee discussed high density housing, current manifestations and opportunities for Sherman Oaks development.
 - a. The committee suggests creating an articulate, cohesive set of goals/vision, that can be shared as development takes place, incorporating the community's perspectives.
 - b. Topics such as weighing in on the definition of open space and making it publicly viewable and/or accessible, creating a walkable community, getting massing models of projects, incentivizing outcomes through bonuses and other techniques, creating a Sherman Oaks map that highlights the types of developments we want in various areas, altering overall heights of high density housing to create more open space and lower lot coverage, and examining parking criteria to ensure parking fits the community's needs.
 - c. Sue shared images of high density housing and the committee discussed various attributes such as non-flat facades, greenery and flowers, open space viewable by the public, varied architectural styles and designs that are "pedestrian inclusive."
 - d. At the August meeting, we will discuss a one page summary of these ideas.
7. Committee Business – The next meeting is Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30 pm, Sherman Oaks Library.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Boulet