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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Homeless Outreach Committee
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2018, 6:30 PM
Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423**

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Michael Binkow

Present: Jeffrey Kalban, Maria Kalban, Ron Ziff, Sidonia Lax, Steven D Moiseoff, Steven Gould, Lisa Sundstedt, Candy Williams, Brian Patton, Andrlina Ayon, Marc Anthony

1. Meeting opened by M Binkow, old business discussed
 - Discussed panel discussion on homelessness at SONC June Board meeting with guests Councilmember David Ryu, Stephanie Glaskey-Gamer, Frank Romero
2. Presentation

SONC Board Member Jeffrey Kalban made a presentation for potential site for Permanent Supportive Housing and Bridge Housing for homeless folks in Sherman Oaks. One site is behind fire station 88 while the other is off Sepulveda between Dickens and Greenleaf on a city operated parking lot.

Public Comment: Comments by the public were welcomed and a lively discussion ensued.
3. Two Motions were presented:
 - a) We support recommending to the SONC board the proposed site for Bridge Housing behind Fire Station 88. The vote was unanimous.
 - b) We support recommending to the SONC board the proposed site for Permanent Supportive Housing on the existing City run parking lot with

retail shops & restaurants on Sepulveda between Dickens and Greenleaf. The Vote was 10-0 with 1 abstention.

4. Pets allowed in new housing for the homeless
We discussed the idea of allowing people to bring pets to live in all rental housing, bridge housing or permanent supportive housing. While no decision was reached, the consensus was to support allowing service animals only. We can address in future committee meetings.
5. Sidonia Lax asked why there are little or no mental health facilities for homeless people in need of such services. Chairman Binkow promised to investigate.
6. Sidonia Lax also raised the issue of remodeling jails and wondered if those funds could be used instead to build new housing for the homeless.
7. Marc Anthony offered a suggestion for a new business whereby he (and possibly other homeless folks) would clean the streets and other areas of Sherman Oaks. There was much discussion about the possibilities. Candy Williams suggested maybe we work with Caltrans on such a program. Chairman Binkow will discuss with Emma Taylor and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Respectfully submitted by,
Michael Binkow

