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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**SONC REGULAR
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, January 14 , 2019

6:30 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Library
14245 Moorpark Street
Sherman Oaks

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order - Ron Ziff**, President at 6:30 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Fran Kerzner
3. **Roll Call: Present:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff.
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** Howard Katchen brought the motion to approve the minutes. Sidonia Lax 2nd the motion. **Minutes approved unanimously.**
5. **Comments by LAPD SLO’s, Public Officials and staff** – LAPD is at picket lines due to UTLA strike. **Daniel Eyal:** UTLA on strike, recreation centers are open for students. Metro and LA Dash are offering free rides for all students with ID. The homeless count will be on January 22, 23, and 24. The 1st Earthquake Early Detection App is available for download, Smart Alert CA.. Tree trimming in progress in Sherman Oaks. Lisa Petrus thanked Daniel/Councilman Ryu for tree trimming. **Tamar Galatzan:** Updates on dealings with homelessness, restaurants that are not in compliance and neighbor disputes.
Betty Wong: DONE updates. Ethics expired or will expire. Live Funding Training on January 15th. NC Election on May 19th. Valley Area – Candidate Workshop on January 19th. Ignite Woman’s Election Workshop (South Valley Area) on January 19th. Ignite Woman’s Election Workshop (North Valley Area) on February 2nd. “Save The Date” EmpowerLA Awards Dinner on March 28th. Council File #17-0981 motion was adopted by LA City Council. Public Hearing on January 31st. Northridge East NC and CSUN Dept of

Geological Sciences will be hosting the “25th” Anniversary of Northridge Disaster Preparedness on January 17th. Michael Binkow had a question.

David Phelps, President of the Chamber of Commerce – Gives support to SONC and would like to help on issues such as transportation.

6. President’s Report:

We received figures from LAUSD on the number of children in our 7 public schools that are on free or reduced price lunch programs. The total in within our boundaries is nearly 3,000. Many of the kids are also on a breakfast & dinner program and for some these meals are the only food they get. It is important because children can't learn while they are sitting in class hungry. I was unaware of the situation until last month. It concerns me. I'm not aware of anything that we can do as a council to solve their family finances and childhood poverty in our community. But, we should be aware of the situation and make sure our decisions don't make their lives more difficult. Reports are that our new Governor will have a \$1.8 billion program for early childhood education and services. Our education committee can look into whether our community can get some of that money.

Levon Baronian's seat as Business rep for Area 1 has been declared vacant due to excessive absence. Richard Marciniak has resigned as Community Interest rep for Area 5 due to other community obligations that take up his time. Both of these positions will be open on the coming election ballot.

Metro will have meetings to update what is planned for the Sepulveda Pass Project. Sat Feb 2 at the Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. 10am-12 noon. Weds Jan 30 at the Westwood Presbyterian Church, 10822 Wilshire Blvd. 6-8pm

Assemblymember Nazarian is having a Renter’s Rights Workshop with Coalition for Economic Survival (CES), Housing Rights Center, and LA’s Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) to educate tenants on their rights. Topics include the new Tenant Buyout Notification Program, and the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), which regulates rents on about 600,000 Los Angeles rental units, and which applies to 85 percent of the City’s rental housing. Tenants, landlords, and anyone interested in learning more about renters’ rights is invited to attend this workshop.

Our State Assembly Person, Adrin Nazarian is chair of the Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee. He plans a lot of legislation on this subject this term.

For candidates that will be filing for our May 19 election, there is a candidate workshop on Saturday January 19 10AM-12 Noon at the Braude Center 6262 Van Nuys Blvd.

Our Senior Lead Officers will not be with us tonight. They are assigned to make sure there are no problems at the LAUSD picket lines.

Our January newsletter went to 21,688 subscribers.

7. Guest Speaker – Ron Galperin, Los Angeles City Controller –

Howard Katchen introduced Ron Galperin. Ron Galperin explained how our money is being spent. Now transparent. The “3 T’s”, Transparency, Trust, Transformation. Spoke about street repairs, homeless situation. Would like us to sign up for “Notify LA

Questions for Guest Speaker: Rick Mayer, Susan Collins.

8. Public Comment: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s Jurisdiction: Mike Khalid, Jeff Jacobberger, Carolyn Chriss, Adrienne Burk, Daniel Tamm, David Phelps, Jules Feir.

9. Treasurer’s Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer

- 1.** A motion to approve the monthly expense report for the period ending November 30, 2018; Tom brought motion. Howard Katchen 2nd the motion. **Passed. 17-1-0. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Oetrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** Michael Binkow
- 2.** A motion to approve the monthly expense report for the period ending December 31, 2018; Tom brought the Motion, Howard Katchen 2nd the motion. **Passed 17-1-0. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** Michael Binkow.
- 3.** A motion to approve a board member reimbursement of \$19.04 to Ron Ziff for bottled water a copy paper, and tape; Tom brought the motion, Lisa Petrus 2nd the motion. **Passed 17-1-0. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas :** Michael Binkow
- 4.** A motion to approve up to \$5,000 for election outreach expenses for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Elections to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center for Areas 2, 4 & 6 and any open seats in Areas 1,3,5 and 7; Tom brought the motion, Howard 2nd the motion, **Passed. 17-1-0. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks, Barad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** Michael Binkow

E. A motion to approve of up to \$3,000 as part of shared expense with CD4 office of a total amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the trimming of palm trees between Columbus Avenue and Kester Avenue; - Motion by Lisa Petrus. **Withdrawn because the trimming will be funded by the Council office..**

11. Committee reports

A. Vision Committee - SB 50 Motion - Jeff Kalban: presenting on SB50. Feels we should file a CIS to oppose SB50. Speaker Card Question: Jeff Jacob berger. Motion brought by Jeff Kalban, Lisa Petrus 2nd as Amended.

Motion: We should file a CIS to oppose SB-50 per City Council File #18-1226, and urge our elected officials to work with our community to find an adequate solution to the housing crisis without destroying Single Family Zoning. **Passed. 11-3-3. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Avo Babian, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** Kristin Sales, Jill Banks Barad, Michael Binkow. **Abstain:** Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Sara Olds

5. B. Planning & Land Use Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair

1. **Parklet Motion:** Motion to support the parklet application submitted by the Sherman Oaks BID. **Passed 16-1-0. Yeas:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Oetrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Jill Banks, Barad, Michael Binkow, , Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff.

Neas: Sara Olds.

2. Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council approves the requested remodel of the Sherman Oaks Square Project at 4454 Van Nuys Blvd. They will be building office spaces, restaurants and shops. **Passed Unanimously**

3. How the Short Term Rental Ordinance works. Deferred to February meeting

4. **Updates** on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks

.....**B. Rules and Elections Committee** - Sue Steinberg: Updates on yard signs. 3 Prong approach for more candidates and promoting the elections.

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

1. **Razor Scooters – Presentation** – Taylor Strand – Gave information on Razor Scooters. Speaker card Questions: Jules Feir, David Phelps. Ron Ziff gave information on State Law.

2. **Motion to support Robert Tomlinson’s plan for bike safety following the model used in Denmark, with a bright yellow line that bikes will follow, which is safer by raising awareness of bike riders by vehicle drivers. Presentation by Robert Tomlinson** - This presentation was deferred until February.

D. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair: Tree Giveaway on March 23rd.

E. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

Motion to support sharing costs with CD4 office for tree trimming on Ventura, between Kester and Sepulveda (This motion will go to Finance Comm next, then to the Board by Jan) – Vote not taken, it has been withdrawn.

F. Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs: Certification class is full and will have 50 graduates on February 20th. Next meeting will be on February 27th.

G. Purposeful Aging Liaison- Deatra Yatman, SONC Liaison N/A

H. Homeless Outreach Committee – Michael Binkow: Candy Williams gave information on Homeless Counts.

I. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative: In the final throws of finishing white paper to give to Garcetti. The next meeting will be on January 28th.

12. Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction

13. Adjourn In honor of Barbara Yaroslavsky and Roberta Weintraub.

Respectfully submitted,

Avo Babian

Secretary