**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 2012**

1. The meeting of the current Board was called to order by the President, Jill Banks Barad. Roll Call was held and outgoing Board Member Art Fields was thanked for his service. The meeting was adjourned.

**1st Roll Call:**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Present** |
| Jill Banks Barad | President | Yes |
| Jeff Ebenstein | First Vice President | Yes |
| Art Fields | Second Vice President | Yes |
| Howard Katchen | Treasurer | Yes |
| Alicia Bartley | Area 2 Resident | Yes |
| Jay Beeber | Area 2 Community Interest | Absent |
| Max Caine | Area 6 Community Interest | Yes |
| Arthur Hutchinson | Area 1 Resident | Yes |
| Sidonia Lax | Area 4 Community Interest | Yes |
| Richard Marciniak | Area 5 Community Interest | Absent |
| Michael Preston | Area 5 Business | Yes |
| Sherry Revord | Area 4 Resident | Yes |
| Neal Roden | Area 7 Business | Yes |
| Anthony St. John | Area 7 Resident | Yes |
| Ron Ziff | Area 6 Business | Yes |

1. Newly elected Board Members, Matthew Plotkin, Carolyn Casavan and Jeffrey Kalban were sworn in by Assemblymember Mike Feuer.
2. Assemblyman Feuer asked for nominations for the office of President.
   1. **President** – Motion was made and seconded to nominate Jill Banks Barad .There were no other nominations. Motion to elect Jill passed unanimously.
   2. **1st Vice President** – Motion was made and seconded to nominate Jeff Ebenstein. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Jay Beeber. Vote was taken and Jeff was elected with a vote of 8 for Ebenstein, 5 for Beeber, with 2 abstentions.
   3. **2nd Vice President** – Motion was made and seconded to nominate Arthur Hutchinson< Motion was made and seconded to nominate Jay Beeber. Vote was taken and Arthur was elected by a vote of 12 for Hutchinson, 1 for Beeber , with two abstentions.
   4. **Treasurer** – Motion was made and seconded to nominate Howard Katchen .There were no other nominations. Howard was elected unanimously.
   5. **Secretary** – Motion was made and seconded to nominate Carolyn Casavan .There were no other nominations. Carolyn was elected unanimously..

The officers for 2012-2014 were sworn in by Assemblyman Feuer.

1. Roll Call for the new Board was held.

**2nd Roll Call:**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Present** |
| Jill Banks Barad | President | Yes |
| Jeff Ebenstein | First Vice President | Yes |
| Arthur Hutchinson | Second Vice President | Yes |
| Howard Katchen | Treasurer | Yes |
| Carolyn Casavan | Secretary | Yes |
| Alicia Bartley | Area 2 Resident | Yes |
| Jay Beeber | Area 2 Community Interest | Absent |
| Max Caine | Area 6 Community Interest | Yes |
| Arthur Hutchinson | Area 1 Resident | Yes |
| Jeffrey Kalban | Area 7 Community Interest | Yes |
| Sidonia Lax | Area 4 Community Interest | Yes |
| Richard Marciniak | Area 5 Community Interest | Absent |
| Matthew Plotkin | Area 1 Business | Yes |
| Michael Preston | Area 5 Business | Yes |
| Sherry Revord | Area 4 Resident | Yes |
| Neal Roden | Area 7 Business | Yes |
| Anthony St. John | Area 7 Resident | Yes |
| Ron Ziff | Area 6 Business | Yes |

1. There were no elected officials staff members present.
2. New LAPD Senior Lead Officer Trent Berry spoke. He is replacing Officer Justin Bergman for the area north of the 101. Discussion of “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It” campaign, daytime burglaries in the area and availability to assist with neighborhood cleanups. The division is also offering The Club steering wheel locks for sale at the Van Nuys station for $12.50. Report suspicious activity at 1-877-ASK-LAPD. Officer Trent’s number is 818-731-2563.
3. LAFD Battalion Chief Patrick Hayden (Battalion 10) spoke. Discussed brush clearance and issues with vacant houses/properties, and Red Flag day notification. The other Battalion Chiefs are Timothy Kelby and Scott Campos. Non-emergency line 800-994-4444.
4. **Public Comment** – Elke Heitmeyer urged support for Measures JJ and HH, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Funding.
5. **President’s Report** - Items discussed: SONCcommittee membership, coyote problems in area, Jill introduced Mike Symanski, Sherman Oaks Patch reporter.
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Reported $6,837.48 in unused election funds. Printer bill (~$6,000) missing from list of bills for election. Treasurer will check to see if a revised accounting can be submitted. If not, the cost for the Printer will come out of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
   1. **Action Item – from Finance Committee to APPROVE Allocation of $250 to sponsor VANC Planning Forum, November 8, 2012 at CBS Studio Center, passed unanimously.**
7. **Committee Reports** 
   1. **Land Use** – Ron Ziff. Items heard by LUC included Notre Dame High School improvements, beer and wine license for Hot Wings Café, Sunkist Building possible replacement with up to 900 unit apartment development, Sepulveda Boulevard transit request for direct bus service to Century City and other west side locations.
   2. **Outreach** – Sherry Revord. Updates of “A Day in the Park” and Neighborhood Council election. Table at Run for Conor, Sherman Oaks Street Fair sign-ups for SONC booth.
   3. **Public Safety** – Anthony St. John. Cancelled Wednesday’s meeting due to debates, Run for Conor October 14, donations can be made at inhonorofconor.org, working with Councilmember LaBonge’s office to fix lights at Ventura & Hazeltine, and morning rush hour timing of light at Woodcliff & Mulholland, new session of Crisis Response Training starting up, pedestrian safety.
   4. **Education** – No report.
   5. **Neighborhood Services** – Jeff Ebenstein. Sidewalk repair discussion of possible pilot project at 10 locations, possible cataloging solutions clickfix.com, meter readers, curb in front of library has been fixed, type of trees to be used for replacement for Endeavor route discussed.
8. Announcements
   1. VANC upcoming meeting Thursday October 11 at SO Hospital at 6 p.m., speaker - Torie Osborn, LA Deputy Mayor for Neighborhood Councils.
   2. Board SONC Retreat scheduling – the President asked for possible Saturday dates in the next three months..
   3. New Board Members must take Ethics training, as well as current Board members.
9. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cassavan, Secretary