Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 10, 2013

6:30 pm

Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jill Banks Barad at 6:45 pm.
2. Roll call
   1. Present: Banks Barad, Beeber, Brooks, Calne, Casavan, Ebenstein, Hutchinson, Katchen, Lax, Plotkin, Preston, Revord, Roden, Ziff, Banks Barad.
   2. Absent: Kalban, Marciniak
3. The Minutes of SONC Board meeting of May 13, 2013 were approved. 15-0-0
4. Introduction of elected officials, staff, LAPD Senior Lead Officers.
   1. Tommy Newman of Councilmember LaBonge’s office – Bike riding tour at 6:30 pm on June 19, hike at Griffith Park on Summer Solstice; looking at alternative locations for an office with a real estate agent; street resurfacing list.
   2. LAPD SLO Soldana gave a brief report.
5. Public Comment:
   1. Captain William Ratner of US Naval Sea Cadet Corps recognized SONC with a Certificate of Appreciation for our grant and announced an Open House on September 28.
   2. Airy Sagado – raised an issue regarding parking problems at Milbank and Valley Heart, Board referred her to Tommy Newman from Councilmember LaBonge’s office present at the meeting.
6. President’s Report – Jill Banks Barad, President.
   1. Noted that NC Review Panel adopted the use of the term “Community Interest” in place of “Factual Basis”
   2. No SONC meetings scheduled in July or August but will have Executive Committee meetings or Special Board meetings if deemed necessary by the President.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Howard Katchen, Chair.
   1. Closed the year with a budget surplus of $3,943.93. A demand warrant was needed to transfer this money to the Pothole Lottery account and was not completed in time. The surplus will return to the City.
   2. **Action Item: Review and motion by Finance Committee to accept financial reports and purchase card expenditures since last Board Meeting. Passed 15-0-0**
   3. **Action Item: Review and motion from Executive Committee to approve strategic plan for fiscal year 2013-2014 as amended by the Green Committee. Passed. 15-0-0**
   4. **Action Item: Review and motion from the Executive Committee to approve the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Passed. 15-0-0**
   5. Deadline for use of the purchase card is June 14. The new budget will begin on July 1.
   6. Discussion new budget procedures at VANC meeting on Thursday night.
8. Committee Reports/Updates
   1. Rules and Elections – Arthur Hutchinson, Chair
      1. Noted that the “Community Interest” designation was adopted by the NC Review Panel and is referred to as the Sherman Oaks Amendment.
      2. 13 of 17 Board members have completed Ethics training.
   2. Land Use Committee – Ron Ziff, Chair.
      1. Il Villagio project status – Will be going before the Council PLUM Committee and the City Council. Still waiting on dates. A meeting with Councilmember LaBonge is scheduled for June 20. Attending from SONC will be Ron Ziff, Jeff Kalban and Jill Barad.
      2. BMW Project at Van Nuys & Magnolia – Held a joint meeting with the Van Nuys NC to review this project. A second joint meeting is scheduled for June 20.
      3. Café de Mexico, 12918 Riverside Drive – Beer & wine license request will be discussed at June 20 meeting
      4. Complaints about two adult clothing stores, one closed, a sign complaint regarding the other will be turned over to the Plan Review Board.
      5. July LUC may be hearing from an apartment building proposal at 5300 Sepulveda Blvd and an extended hours and an alcohol permit request from “On the 30” Restaurant at 14622 Ventura Blvd.
   3. Neighborhood Services – Jeff Ebenstein, Chair
      1. Referred issue regarding street blockage due to construction to Street Use Enforcement 213-847-6000.
   4. Government Affairs – Jay Beeber, Chair
      1. Update on plastic bag ban and ACE program.
   5. Arts Committee – Matt Plotkin, Chair
      1. Update on Dinner and a Show event.
   6. Green & Beautification Committee – Carolyn Casavan, Chair
      1. Report on Big Sunday event held May 4 with the Sherman Oaks Beautification Committee
      2. The tree planting funding by the Board was completed on May 25th.
      3. Update on bench and trash can painting project.
      4. Review of plans for this fiscal year.
   7. Public Safety – Matt Plotkin, Chair.
      1. Meeting – June 19 at the Fashion Square dining court.
      2. Board members agreed to be on committee – Beeber, Calne, Hutchinson, Ebenstein
   8. Outreach – Sherry Revord, Chair
      1. Scheduling a meeting.
      2. Request for submittal of committee descriptions from each Chair for newsletter.
      3. SO Chamber of Commerce Street Fair in October.
9. The following announcements were made on subject matters within SONC’s jurisdiction
   1. SONC elections for even- number Board seats will be held in March of 2014.
   2. Gov’t Affairs Comm. looking into having a get together to meet the other CD4 NCs and potential for forming a CD4 alliance.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carolyn Casavan, Secretary