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Kristin Sales, CI-1
Vacant – Bus-2
Howard Katchen, Res. 3
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Lisa Petrus, Res. 4
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Sarah Olds, Res-5
Vacant, CI-5
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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**SONC REGULAR
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd
Sherman Oaks

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order - Jeff Hartsough**, 1st Vice President at 6:40 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Neal Roden
3. **Roll Call: Present:** Jeff Hartsough, Sue Steinberg, Tom Capps, Avo Babian, Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatmin, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban.
Absent: Lisa Petrus, Ron Ziff.
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting** – Howard Katchen brought the motion to approve the minutes. Tom Capps 2nd the motion. **Minutes Approved Unanimously.**
5. **Comments by LAPD SLO’s, Public Officials and staff** – Property crime down 10%. Working on strengthening Neighborhood Watch Program, Map Your Neighborhood Program. Howard kitchen had a question. Michael Binkow had a comment.
Daniel Eyal: Councilman Ryu is working on Campaign Finance Reform Effort. 7 of 15 members of council are in support. Committee moved forward 2 motions for citywide tree services. Councilmembers Ryu and Martinez introduced a motion for “paid parental leave” for new parents. Federal Aviation Committee to work wit FAA to change flight paths out of Van Nuys. Howard Katchen had a question. Jeff Hartsough had a question. Tom Capps had a comment. Tamar Dolgen had a question. **Emma Taylor:** Working on outreach to senior groups. Holding “Community Coffee” on 3/2 at the Sherman Oaks Library. 5th Annual Job Fair on 2/22 in Van Nuys. Deatra Yatman had a comment. Also working on “The Safe and Sound Act”. **Betty Wong:** DONE updates. Empower LA Awards Dinner on 3/28. Vanguard Awards Nomination has been extended until 2/15. Nominations for City Dept/Employee And NC Awards. SONC Election 5/19. Candidate

Filing 2/3-3/5. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is hosting its "Beyond Neighborhood Councils" event 2/27. First Homelessness Resource Fair 3/2.

New Head Librarian Sherman Oaks – Meredith McGowan

Meredith McGowan introduces herself and gives a brief background history. E-Collection is on 3/2. E-Shredding is in April.

6. President's Report

Melissa Menard will be chairing our Selection Committee for Youth Members to select committee members for the 2019-20 year.

Our pothole list for February 25 filling event was submitted. The next pothole filling event will be in August 2019. There will be new potholes from the recent rain. Start sending them in. In all cases we need the exact address that the hole is in front of.

There is a committee that meets quarterly to discuss community relations at Buckley School. The chair of PLUM usually represents SONC. I served on the committee and have continued to serve since Jeff Kalban would have had a conflict of interest. I have appointed Mikie Maloney to take my place on the committee. She has served on our PLUM committee for 15 years and is recently retired. Mikie is very familiar with the issues having dealt with similar issues at Oakville School for 30 years.

Tamar Galatzan has been our neighborhood prosecutor from the City Attorney's office for the past 16 years. She has been promoted to supervise all neighborhood prosecutors. Her replacement in Sherman Oaks will be named in the near future.

The FAA has had an automated system to report airplane and helicopter noise. The agency has discontinued funding the system.

The city's new guidelines for fire safety and brush clearance that the fire inspectors talked about tonight are posted on our website along with tonight's agenda. You are encouraged to download and print them.

Metro had a meeting on February 2 to show the current alternatives for the Sepulveda Pass Project. The plans being studied have reduced the number of stations in Sherman Oaks to 1 that would be near Sepulveda and Ventura or Van Nuys and Ventura. The plans show the line extending as far north as Sherman Way. They are considering a partial or complete aerial configuration. We need a proposed position from our Traffic & Transportation Committee. There will be a third round of meetings later this year.

Our February Newsletter went out to 22,004 subscribers.

7. Guest Speaker –LAFD Inspectors Orona and Smith – Fire Safety in Sherman Oaks Hills – Spoke about Brush Clearance. State mandates the zones, not the city. Trimming grass, Native shrubs, bushes, tree branches-cut off roofs. Melissa Menard had a question. Jacky Surber had a question. Sue Steinberg had a question. Gregory Wright had a question.

8. Public Comment: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s Jurisdiction: Ava Macha, Jacky Surber, Tamar Dolgen, Joel Suh, Kira Durbin, Jeff Jacobberger, Ralph Burris.

9. Consent Calendar All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one vote. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar.

9A. A motion to approve up to \$3,500 for a Summer Movie Series event on Saturday, June 29,2019 at Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park;. **Passed Unanimously**

9B. A motion to approve up to \$700 in support of a Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council election outreach event and as a co-sponsor for the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center Spring Fling annual event. The Department of Recreation and Parks, Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Memorial Park is the primary sponsor. *(NOTE: may amend to add the date of the event - waiting for info from park).* **Passed Unanimously**

10.Treasurer’s Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer_ Tom gave an update.

10A. Motion from the Finance Committee. – Tom Capps brought motion. Jeff Kalban 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**

A Motion to appoint Candy Williams as cardholder as defined in the 2019 City Clerks Financial Policies and Guidelines upon her completion of the Neighborhood Council Funding and System Portal Training. **Passed Unanimously**

10B. Motion from the Executive Committee SONC approves the expenditure of funds of up to \$500 to pay for site use expenses at other city owned facilities including but not limited to Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park and the East Valley Adult Center. Tom Capps brought the motion. Jeff Kalban 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**

11. Request for reinstatement on the Board by Levon Baronian
Recommendation from the Executive Committee is to not reinstate Levon Baronian – Deatra Yatman brought the motion. Jeff Kalban 2nd the motion. Levon Baronian **NOT reinstated. Passed Unanimously.**

12. Committee reports

A. Planning & Land Use Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair
Vision Committee meets 3/7 at Sherman Oaks Library. Air B&B only in primary residence. Must register with City Department. Ralph Burris had a question. Sue Steinberg had a question.

B. Rules and Elections Committee Sue Steinberg
Update on the 2019 Board Election – Board meeting on 4/8 will be on elections. . Sidonia Lax had a question. Candy Williams had a question.

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

1. **Bird Scooters – Presentation by Kim Pluth –** Tom Capps had a question. Neal Rodan had a question. Howard Katchen had a question.

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. MOTION TABLED** until more information emailed.

Presentation by Robert Tomlinson – Avo Babian introduces Robert Tomlinson. Jeff Jacobberger had a comment. Avo Babian had a question. Michael Binkow had a question. Kristin Sales had a question. Neal Rodan had a question.

D. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair

Tree Giveaway 3/23. Neighborhood Council Co-Sponsoring Spring Fling.

E. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair – no updates.

F. Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs – Cert graduation is 2/20. Map Your Neighborhood. SONC branded products for raffle at next meeting on 2/25.

G. Purposeful Aging Liaison- Deatra Yatman, SONC Liaison – no updates.

H. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative – Might hold our own news conference following the State of the City Speech. Jeff Hartsough had a question. Jill Banks Barrad had a comment.

13. Announcements on items within SONC’s jurisdiction – VANC Meeting will be on 2/14 and SB50 will be discussed.

14. Adjourned at 9:36 pm