

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee Minutes July 21, 2008

DRAFT - SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LUC ON AUGUST 18, 2008 (Note that these minutes may be revised and amended by the LUC at its meeting on August 18, 2008)

Members present: Colleen McGurrin, Vice Chair, Alicia Bartley, Craig Buck, Jackie Campbell, Bob Cohen, Jeff Kalban, and Mikie Maloney. Absent Jackie Diamond, Dave Rand, Chair

1.-4. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with roll call, introductions and welcome. April, May and June minutes postponed until end of meeting. Lexi Richards from CD2 introduced.

### 5. , 6. No Public Forum or Chair,s Report

7a. Presentation by Leslie Elkan, Chair of the Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District (BID) to request that LUC ask CD2 to have DOT do a traffic study on Hortense St. and Moorpark Street off of Van Nuys Blvd. from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. A previous study of that area resulted in the installation of No Right Turn signs from Van Nuys Blvd. onto those streets during those hours. The BID has received reports that this has negatively impacted the businesses in that area. A search for that traffic study has turned up nothing: residents in attendance said that it was done through a former CD2 deputy. Both residents and businesses spoke about either the improvements the signs have brought to their streets or the inconvenience and lost revenue suffered by the businesses. LUC member Craig Buck moved that LUC table the discussion until the August meeting to give CD2 time to find out if the previous study was done and to bring back more information to the committee. Bob Cohen seconded and it was supported unanimously by the committee.

7b. Presentation on a property at 5057 Kester by applicant,s representative, Robert Lamishaw. Proposal for a Parcel Map to subdivide the property. Proposed demolition of a single family home on corner of Kester and Otsego for a four unit condo. Requesting support from LUC for a Building

Line Adjustment to remove a 15 foot setback requirement. Project would have no vehicle access from Kester and Otsego is narrow in that area. Jeff Kalban voiced concern about voting on a project without seeing what was proposed. Craig was concerned about the traffic impacts on Otsego and moved that the committee table this issue until the applicant comes back with a plan and CD2 comes back with information on the removal of the building line requirement. Bob Cohen seconded and the committee voted unanimously to support it.

7c. Presentation by the applicant for 3 proposed single family homes located at 14807, 14811 and 14815 Mulholland Drive. Applicant was present, but asked that the presentation be postponed due to a family emergency. Due to the large number of community members in attendance expecting to comment on the project (which they had been working on for almost two years), committee members agreed to hear from them. Residents expressed concern that by postponing this, certain important deadlines for hearings could pass; that the applicant had been very uncooperative and had not been truthful in previous communications and meetings; that the homes were fortress-like in appearance; that the possibility of water damage and lack of slope stability in that area was very high; that hardship on the part of the owner did not constitute sufficient cause to allow for all the exemptions being requested; that the size of the structures was immense; that the retaining wall requests were excessive and too high. Prior to the meeting LUC had received numerous letters from residents objecting to the project.

After much discussion, the following was agreed to: the applicant will send a Pdf. of the project to David Rand, who will post it on the SONC website three days before the August meeting along with the meeting agenda. The applicant will also bring 10 , 15 extra full-size copies of the project to the meeting. At the August 18 meeting the project will be presented and discussed. The applicant will return to the September 15 meeting for a vote on the project by LUC. LUC will report its position at the Oct. SONC meeting. The project will go the Area Planning Commission in October.

8. Minutes postponed until next month. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is August 18 at 6:30 pm at the Sherman Oaks Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikie Maloney/August 8, 2008

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