

Committee Members:

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Alicia Bartley
Tom Capps
Jackie Diamond
Art Fields
Jeff Kalban
Mikie Maloney
Rick Mayer
Sue Steinberg



**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood
Council Land Use Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:30 p.m. Sherman
Oaks Library
14245 Moorpark Street**

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Minutes

Call to Order, 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Ron Ziff

Roll Call: Present: Ron Ziff, Tom Capps, Jackie Diamond, Art Fields, Jeff Kalban, Mikie Maloney, Rick Mayer, Sue Steinberg, Alicia Bartley (*arrived late*)

Absent: *none*

Review and approval of August 18, 2016 minutes; *minutes unanimously approved*

Introduction of elected officials and staff –*none*

Public forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's Jurisdiction – *none*

6a) Chair's Report

The comments on the DEIR for the IMT Icon Project were approved by the Neighborhood Council Board at its September meeting. They were sent to the Planning Dept. and we received a receipt for them. You each have a copy and copies are available on the table.

There has been an interpretation of the bicycle parking ordinance as it applies to the Ventura/Cahuenga Corridor. Bicycle parking can be used to fulfill the parking requirements in the Plan, and that no longer requires a request for variance. It will be handled over the counter. Last month we saw a request that went through Planning. In the future it will be handled by Building and Safety.

6b) Plan Review Board Report – *none*

7a) New Business: Request for rezoning from RE15 to R-3 and construction of 28 residential dwelling units at 12917 Addison Street

i) Presentation by applicant Rick Stockton, and property owner Brett Karns

ii) Public comment and discussion

Thirty-one (31) speakers addressed the committee in opposition to the proposed zone change and construction of the 28 unit multi-family project. No speakers addressed the committee in favor of the project.

Opposition speakers included: Walter Zeisl, Laurie Saidiner, David Taran, Stephen Roseman, Sharon Mayer, Matt Ember, Jerry Rose, Richard Hopp, Yvet Chambers, Harold Demirjian, Cynthia Gullen, Craig Eastman, Ryan Kay, Susan Lewis, Sue Moses, Charles

Wahlheim, Kevin Ross, Evan Moses, Arthur Melnikov, Niki Rosenfeld, Ben Hartunian, Alina Kutfezol, Allison Eastman, Marla Schulman, Fred Lindeman, Rose Fenton, Don George, David Gassman, Janet Ross, Terry Sobel, and Ann Molinier.

The speakers expressed opposition of the project due to concerns regarding: narrowness of Addison Street, no sidewalks, add to parking problems already in the neighborhood, streets already gridlock, project not noticed properly, exceeds the density for that street, in conflict with the community plan, can't meet the findings, incompatible with the neighborhood, no necessity for more apartments, traffic is blocked and streets narrow, parking proposed at project is not adequate, fire dept. won't let the property be developed, collected signatures from neighbors and everyone is opposing it, traffic is a problem on Addison and this will increase it, will destroy the lovely neighborhood feel, parking on street is already a problem, parking problem will spill over onto Hesby which does not have permit parking, lots of pedestrians on narrow street will lead to dangerous problems, would lose a sense of community, no flooding problem on the street as stated by representative, out of scale with the existing family houses, Addison is a single family street, just bought house next door and didn't know about this project, too tall, neighbors lose property values, overcrowded schools already, freeway on- and off-ramps, pollution, destruction of home values, emergency vehicles will be blocked, project will trigger new stoplights, need to present this to the planning dept. and they will oppose, can't even back out of the driveways on the street now, refuse collection will be difficult on narrow street, not properly noticed.

iii) Committee discussion. Motion made by Rick Mayer, seconded by Mikie Maloney to recommend denial of the project and proposed zone change. Motion passed: 8-0-1 (*Alicia Bartley abstained as she was late to the meeting and did not hear the entire item.*)

8) Committee Business Report of Vision Sub-Committee on Public Landscaping Opportunities in Sherman Oaks, presented by Chair, Jeff Kalban

There are 20 sites earmarked by the Subcommittee for possible public landscaping options. Options include landscaping, welcoming signs, median additions and improvements, improvements to tree wells, landscaping around outdoor dining. The sites include: Mulholland/Beverly Glen, Coldwater/Burbank, Riverside/101/Van Nuys Boulevard, Moorpark/Fulton, Woodman from Chandler to Magnolia, Woodman/Riverside, Kester/Sutton, Valley Vista/Beverly Glen, Valley Vista/Van Nuys, and Beverly Glen/Ventura

i) Public comment and discussion

ii) Committee discussion. Motion made by Mikie Maloney, seconded by Jackie Diamond to accept the proposed Public Landscaping Opportunities plan and move it on to be heard by Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council as soon as possible. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Announcements from the Committee on subject matters within SONC's jurisdiction - *none*
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sue Steinberg*