

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Land Use Committee
Vision Subcommittee Minutes
January 7, 2016

In attendance: Jeff Kalban, Chair; Bob Anderson, Tom Boulet, Jackie Diamond, Maria Pavlou Kalban, Mikie Maloney, Rick Mayer, Sue Steinberg

Absent: Craig Buck, Ken Fritz, Joan Pelico

Guests: Carolyn Casavan (Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, Green & Beautification Committee), Maria Camacho (LA River Revitalization Corporation), Michael Affeldt (Mayor's LA RiverWorks team), Marcelino Censio (LA River Corp) and other community members. Michael commented that he was impressed with the community interest and turnout.

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm
2. Roll call.
3. Motion to approve minutes by Jackie, second by Bob. Unanimously approved.
4. Public forum – No topics raised.
5. New Business:
 - i.) Carolyn Casavan presented future development opportunities along the L.A. River in Sherman Oaks. Discussion included topics around bike and walking paths, plans to complete through all of Sherman Oaks and various related matters. Meetings will be held periodically to continue gathering public input and workshops will take place in Fall 2016. Comments can be sent to Carolyn.Casavan@gmail.com at any time.
 - ii.) Michael Affeldt presented the City's efforts for that portion of the L.A. River that is within the City of Los Angeles boundaries plus the interface with the County and other cities to develop all 51 miles of the LA River. He provided information about the current status of the project and timing of future plans to complete all unfinished sections. He talked through considerations the city is addressing to create a cohesive, environmentally responsible result, in addition to commenting about the multi-agency support the project has, safety data about biking accidents near the river, complexities of the project and more.
 - iii.) Maria Camacho shared boards to discuss the 51 mile integrated design study being conducted with Geosyntec, Gehry Partners and OLIN Landscape Design Team, further highlighting the collaborative approach across multi-agencies. She shared thoughts about the river channel and potential usage alternatives. Comments can be sent to LARiverCorp.com.
 - iv.) Open discussion about the presentations took place, with various suggestions being offered around safety, security, lighting, seating, maintenance, food and other vendors, corporate sponsors, access points and various other considerations.
 - v.) Update from Vision Committees – not covered due to time considerations.
6. Committee Business – Next meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2016, 6:30 pm, Sherman Oaks Library.
7. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Boulet