

SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday January 17, 2019 6:30 p.m.  
Sherman Oaks Library

- 1.) Call to order by Jeff Kalban, Chair, 6:30 p.m.
- 2.) Present: Alicia Bartley, Tom Capps, Jackie Diamond, Rich Mayer, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Jeff Kalban. Absent: Art Fields, Mikie Maloney
- 3.) Minutes of November 15, 2018 meeting approved. Jackie Diamond moved to approve, seconded by Tom Capps, abstain Rick Mayer (absent) approved unanimously.
- 4.) No public officials
- 5.) Chair's report: Sherman Oaks Square Project presented and approved by SONC in January meeting. Parklet at Cedros. The BID that will maintain this parklet needed letter of support from SONC. SONC gave that approval. Letter to oppose SB 50 was also approved by SONC. PLUM committee meeting on February 21, will discuss Citywide Design Guidelines. February 7 Vision meeting will study SB 50 and Community Plan.  
Gas station at Van Nuys and Riverside that wanted to add a car wash was recommended for denial of their request by PLUM and SONC. Zoning administrative hearing will be held Feb 4, 1:30 p.m. at the Braude Building.
- 6.) Planning Review Board. New cross walk at Ventura Canyon/ Ventura Blvd has been installed with flashing lights. Ventura Blvd. between Sunnyslope and Calhoun will get tree trimming with funds from the Council Office.
- 7a.) New Business: 13353 Ventura Blvd. Maria's Italian Kitchen request for CUB renewal. Madelyn Alfano, owner requests approval of CUB renewal without going to a public hearing. Restaurant has been very active member of the community. Has a lot of goodwill. No public opposition.

MOTION: Committee moves to approve renewal of CUB and supports applicants request to waive public hearing. Lisa Petrus introduces motion, seconded by Jackie Diamond. Unanimous approval.

7b.) Returning Business- 14800 Ventura Blvd. AT &T request zoning variance to reduce required parking. AT&T representative, Mike Morgan met with Jeff Kalban prior to this meeting to discuss landscaping that had been promised five years ago but never having been done. Mr Morgan presented to the Committee a package of drawings specifying landscaping for the entire site, consisting of new planting areas, pruning of trees, and clean up of property, removal of old abandoned pay phone. Also read to the committee a Commitment Letter from AT&T to guarantee that this landscaping would be done with or without approval of reduced parking request.

Comments: Committee was concerned that maintenance in an "as need" basis was not acceptable. Scheduled bimonthly clean ups were requested. Committee felt AT&T has not been a good citizen of the community and felt they should join the BID to help in the upkeep of Ventura Blvd. Committee felt that they should be shown a master plan of this site before they could agree to reduce parking requirement. The inevitable selling off of large parcels of this site would cause significant community impact.

Jeff Kalban presented a letter from David Ryu's office stating the Councilmember's opposition to approval of this variance.

Committee generally felt that to improve community goodwill AT&T needed to proceed with landscaping and maintenance plans, join the BID, and submit a masterplan for this site before any further considerations would be made.

Committee will submit a letter to City Planner, Undine Petrulis, stating their thoughts on this project.