

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



" MINUTES OF PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 22, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. on Wednesday September 22, 2004 at the Sherman Oaks Library. There was a quorum based on the presence of

Craig Buck, Jay Flynn, Sue Flynn, Mikey Maloney and Kenneth Silk.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on August 25th were approved.

Craig Buck reported on the adoption by SONC of the Library Square Traffic Mitigation Plan. It was reported that this was now being considered by the City. There was discussion and public comment of the problem of Milbank St.

and its possible closure.

There was discussion and public comment on ideas for traffic mitigation on Van Nuys Blvd. There was a consensus that Van Nuys already had a traffic problem during the day, particularly at rush hour, and would become worse as a result of the construction and of subsequent operation of Best Buy, Camino Real and Watergardens. Kenneth Silk submitted a memo enumerating the lanes, parking restrictions and businesses along Van Nuys Blvd. Suggested ideas for mitigation

included:

- (A) Having better timing on the traffic lights.
- (B) Restricting parking during rush hours.
- (C) Better notice and enforcement of anti-gridlock laws.
- (D) Seeking MTA cooperation and having more bus lines to the Westside (ie. Coldwater Canyon, Beverly Glen-Benedict Canyon).
- (E) Encouraging car pools and indicating benefits thereof to employers.
- (F) Having parking structures and providing park and ride.

Jay Flynn reported that a parking structure in Studio City cost \$6,300,000 to construct and it provides parking for 347 cars. There was notice of a meeting thereon in Studio City on November `13th. Jay stated he would find out more information on costs including of acquisition of property.

Jay Flynn distributed a Summary of Parking Regulations in L.A. There was discussion of the inadequacy of the required parking spaces in residences because of the number of cars most family members have.

There was discussion of coordination with the Land Use Committee. It was suggested that the Parking Committee develop policies (such as additional parking requirements that should be met by new developments) on issues and provide testimony and expertise on parking and traffic issues for the Land Use Committee to use in considering whether to approve proposed developments. There was also discussion of subsequently seeking adoption by L.A. of such additional

requirements from candidates in the City election on their position on such
restrictions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary.

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