

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



## " SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING February 4, 2008

The February 4, 2008 SONC Special Board Meeting at the General Manager's Office in Westfield Fashion Square was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by President Jill Banks Barad.

**ATTENDANCE** There was a quorum based on the attendance of the following 11 of the 17 members to wit: Craig Buck, Malcolm Burman, Tom Capps, Marlene Goodman, Colleen McGurrin, Keitha Mills, Laura Nash, Neal Roden, Ken Silk, Anthony St John and Jill Banks Barad. The following 6 members were absent: Zach Behrens. , David Krause-Leemon, Sidonia Lax, Richard Marciniak, Tapia Martinez-Russ and Dave Rand. In addition Taneda Larios and Grayce Liu of DONE and four representatives of the City Clerk were present.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR QUORUM** Taneda advised the Board that the City Attorney did not approve the SONC By Law change which provided a majority of the present members constituted a quorum and, therefore, there was a need for the presence of 11 members (a majority of the 21 seats) for a quorum as provided in the By-Laws before the amendment. Those in attendance stated they were unaware of this ruling. She stated she had relayed this information to David Krause-Leemon, SONC Rules and Elections Chair.

It was reported that SONC had the following choices regarding the election of its Board members:

- (1) Have the City Clerk conduct a June 2008 election in which event there was a need to have the Board authorize this at this meeting. It was further reported that the deadline for such notification was on January 31, but SONC obtained an extension to this date.
- (2) Have the Board work with DONE to conduct the election in September as in the past. It was noted that the election is scheduled for September and election procedures would have to be sent to DONE 140 days before the election..
- (3) Not have the election this year. It was further reported that, if SONC did not have the election this year, the time for election would be extended until 2010. It was noted that, if elections were not held until 2010, those elected in 2006 whose terms were up in 2008 would serve until 2010--

a total of 4 years. It was also noted that those elected in 2007 whose terms were up in 2009 would be serving until 2010-- a total of 3 years. Then all Board members seats would be up for election, unless the terms of those elected in 2007 were extended to 2012, resulting in a term of 5 years.

**FUTURE ELECTIONS** It was reported that after 2008, if the City Clerk were to conduct all elections, there could be no elections in odd numbered years. Thus, if the elections were held this year, there could be no further elections until 2010, and if no elections were held this year, no elections could be held until 2010.

**CITY CLERK ELECTION** There was discussion on the manner in which the City Clerk would conduct elections and a written memo on Election Procedures was distributed. It was noted that the City Clerk's personnel would conduct the election and that there would be vote by mail with stakeholders providing the same proof of stakeholder status as when voting at the polls.

**BY LAWS** It was reported that **DONE** wanted By-Laws to be changed in March and it would be necessary to change the By-Laws by March in order to have the City Clerk conduct the election.

The changes would include:

- (1) Providing new dates for the election and terms of board members;
- (2) Providing, if desired, that members would serve for 2 or 4 year staggered terms; or
- (3) Expanded definition of stakeholder seats, Changing the Community Interest seats in all areas to a factual interest seat or providing one or more new factual interest seats elected by all stakeholders. There was discussion of the requirements under the City law for being qualified on the basis of factual interest, and a discussion as to the correct interpretation of „at-large.„

**RESOLUTION ON CITY CLERK ELECTION** There was discussion of whether **SONC** would have the City Clerk conduct the election in 2008 and the problems involved therein, particularly as to the time restraints. A motion by Craig Buck not to have the City Clerk conduct the election in June 2008 was adopted by a vote of:

6 Yes (Burman McGurrin, Mills, Roden, St John and Banks-Barad and

5 No (Buck, Capps, Goodman, Nash and Silk)

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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