

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



" The meeting held at the Sherman Oaks Library was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Chair Craig Buck.

ATTENDANCE

The following committee members were present: Zach Behrens, Craig Buck, Jay Flynn, and Ken Silk. In addition Pat Davenport (aide of Council member Greuel) and Michael Toi (Policy Deputy of Congress member Brad Sherman) were also present. The following persons were also present in connection with the hereinafter described presentation by the DWP:

Todd P Le, Construction Engineering Supervisor
Emmanuel S.Tan, Construction Engineer
Joe A. Castruta, General Services Manager
Gregg Bartz, Neighborhood Council Liasion
Joe O'Hara, Water Utility Supervisor
Steve Bulpitt, Senior Water Utility Supervisor
Andrew Linard, Civil Engineer

DWP COLDWATER/MAGNOLIA WORK

There was a presentation by the D.W.P regarding a seven-month-long water system construction project at the intersection of Magnolia and Coldwater Canyon and proceeding west about 250 feet. Following the presentation there was discussion and questions were answered. The project was expected to effect traffic and parking from about October 6th through March 2007. This should limit traffic to one lane in each direction on Magnolia as well as result in parking restrictions, and a relocation of M.T.A. bus stops. Coldwater Canyon should be directly effected only through the first stage of construction through January 2007. DWP has been in contact with businesses in the area about the plan and is working with the D.O.T. regarding the traffic. DWP said they would work with the Committee to keep the community informed during construction and requested community feedback should any unnecessary problems or inconveniences arise.

PARKING VARIANCE AT 13568-75 RYE STREET

There was discussion of the decision of the Planning Commission not to approve a second level of parking for the building at 13658-75 Rye Street despite the developer's voluntary offer to build it to help mitigate parking problems in the area. It was noted that the soils report for the project

seems to support the safety of a second level of parking. It is unclear whether the decision can be appealed, but the Chair will contact the Planning Department to see what can be done. It was noted that the Department decision contradicts SONC's policy on parking in new development and seems especially egregious since the developer was in support of building the parking. A motion to recommend that SONC oppose said decision was made by Zach Behrens, seconded and adopted without opposition.

M.T.A. CONSENT DECREE

There was discussion regarding the M.T.A. consent decree which was the subject of discussion at the June committee meeting and at a meeting in July in which there was not a quorum. It was noted that a draft of the minutes of the August 2006 Board meeting indicated that Craig indicated his belief that this committee would have a consensus to recommend no action regarding the decree due to lack of sufficient cause and lack of ability to have a significant impact. It was noted there had been no actual discussion of what, if anything the committee would recommend, at a meeting in which there was a quorum. In order to avoid any question thereon a motion was made by Ken Silk, seconded and adopted without opposition to ratify the aforementioned comments by Craig, to wit that there was a consensus by this committee not to make any recommendation for action regarding said decree.

VENTURA FREEWAY OFF RAMP

There was discussion of the safety and convenience problems caused after the Freeway Construction work by reducing the Greenleaf northbound off ramp from its former 3 lanes to its current 2 lanes. It was noted that Assembly member Koretz had taken the position that there should be 3 lanes. A motion was made, seconded and adopted without opposition to recommend that SONC send a letter to Caltrans and D.O.T. supporting Assembly member Koretz's position that a 3rd lane should be created on the Greenleaf northbound off ramp.

ALTERNATES REGARDING 405-101 EXCHANGE

A memo regarding the 405/101 Connector Project was distributed. There was discussion of four alternatives including some which had an impact on the Sepulveda basin and one which might require the condemnation of about 30 houses. The matter was tabled to the next meeting to give members time to read the memo.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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