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| **Officers:**  Jill Banks Barad, President , Res. 6  Ron Ziff, 1st Vice Pres. Bus-6  Jay Beeber, 2nd Vice Pres. Res. 7  Howard Katchen, Treasurer Res. 3  Sue Steinberg, Secretary Bus. 4  **Board Members:**  Vacant, Res. 1  Vacant, Bus-1  Carolyn Casavan, CI-1  Tom Capps, Res-2  Louis Schillace, Bus. 2  Vacant, CI 2  Raphael Morozov, Bus.3  Richard Marciniak, CI-3  Lisa Petrus, Res. 4  Sidonia Lax, CI-4  Mohamed Felo, Res-5  Vacant, Bus-5  Sherry Revord, CI-5  Vacant, CI-6  Neal Roden, Bus-7  Jeffrey Kalban, CI-7 | CALIFORNIA | **SHERMAN OAKS**  **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  P O Box 5721  Sherman Oaks, CA 91413  (818) 503-2399  [www.shermanoaksnc.org](http://www.shermanoaksnc.org/)  OR CONTACT  **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment linked through our website under "Resources"** |
| **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council**  **SONC**  **BOARD MEETING**  **Monday May 9, 2016**  **6:30 p.m.**  **Sherman Oaks Elementary**  **School Auditorium**  **14780 Dickens St.**  **Sherman Oaks** |

**Minutes**

Meeting called to Order by President Jill Banks Barad at 6:42 p.m.

1. **President’s Remarks**

**Recognition of Outgoing Board:**

Jill thanked the departing Board members Carolyn Casavan, Mohamed Felo, and Michael Garrett for their hard work and dedication on SONC

1. **Certificates of Appreciation from Councilman David Ryu and swearing-in of the newly- elected Board:** Levon Baronian, Kristin Sales, Louis Schillace, Jeff Hatsough, Howard Katchen, Raphael Morozov, Richard Marciniak, Candace Liceaga, Avo Babian, Sherry Revord, Melissa Menard, Jay Beeber, Neal Roden, Jeff Kalban.

Aran Hamparian from Congressman Brad Sherman’s office congratulated Carolyn Casavan, Mohamed Felo and Michael Garrett and presented certificates from the Congressman.

1. **Guest Speaker- Councilman David Ryu, CD4** *(taken out of order from the regular agenda)*

Importance of community input, and willingness to work with residents of CD4

1. **Seating of the New Board**

**Roll Call:**

**Present**:Jay Beeber, Tom Capps, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Raphael Morozov Lisa Petrus, Neil Roden, Louis Schillace, Sue Steinberg, Levon Baronian, Kristin Sales, Candace Liceaga, Avo Babian, Melissa Menard, Ron Ziff, Jill Banks Barad

**Absent:** Sherry Revord, Richard Marciniak

**Election of Officers:**

* **Jill Banks Barad** was nominated and unanimously elected President;
* **Ron Ziff** was nominated and unanimously elected First Vice President;
* Jeff Hartsough and Jay Beeber were nominated as Second Vice President; Jay declined. **Jeff Hartsough** was unanimously elected.
* Tom Capps and Howard Katchen were nominated as Treasurer.

**(12) Votes for Tom**: Jay Beeber, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Jeff Kalban, Sidonia Lax, Louis Schillace, Sue Steinberg, Kristin Sales, Candace Liceaga, Melissa Menard, Ron Ziff, Jill Banks Barad;

**(3) Votes for Howard**: Lisa Petrus, Neal Roden, Howard Katchen;

**(3) Abstentions**: Avo Babian, Raphael Morozov, Levon Baronian.

**Tom Capps** elected as Treasurer.

* **Louis Schillace** was nominated and unanimously elected as Secretary.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** SONC Board meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016,

*unanimously approved as written*

**6. Introduction of elected officials, staff, LAPD Senior Lead Officers**

* LAPD Sr. Lead Officers Trent Barry and Jose Saldana focusing on property crimes, automobile break-ins
* Lulu Patrick director of sales of Hampton Inn trying to raise funds for improvements to the LAPD Van Nuys Division
* Tamar Galatzan, Neighborhood Prosecutor, LA City Attorney office. LA short term rental ordinance has been drafted and public comments are encouraged.
* Stephen Butcher, deputy to Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian
* Alice Roth, field deputy to Councilman David Ryu
* Julia Duncan, Planning Deputy to Councilman David Ryu, regarding a new draft of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO)

**7. Public Comment**: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s jurisdiction

* Stephanie Colet: speed humps on Dickens St.
* George Kopf: Energy efficiency programs and incentives by So Cal Gas
* Ada Cottrell: Sherman Oaks Elementary school traffic
* Bree Pavey: Loft Ensemble Theatre company just moved to Sherman Oaks
* Tracy Jordan-Johnson; LA Co. Probation Dept. info service fair on May 18th, Van Nuys Civic Center focusing on mental health, health services
* Carolyn Casavan: Green Living Fair, Saturday, May 14th
* John Schroeder: three-way stop at Valley Vista and Van Nuys is confusing and causing problems
* Gregory Wright: tree removals due to sidewalk repair on Riverside

**8. President’s Report**

New committee sign-ups; Upcoming Board Retreat date to be determined

**9. Committee Reports/Update**

**A. Land Use Committee (LUC)-** Ron Ziff, Chair

**1. *Action item*:** Motion to Recommend Approval of project at 14241 Magnolia Blvd. with the following concerns:

a. Parking by tenants on the residential streets

b. Revisions to landscaping which could include the type of Cyprus trees

c. Discussion of the power and telephone lines

d. Access of a crosswalk across Magnolia at Tyrone Avenue.

e. Vacate alley

**Public Comment**:

*Speaking in support*: Sean McCarthy; Lorraine Sharkey; Carlos

Calderon; Doreen Ann Lucy Alexander; Helen Haines; Kae Butterfield;

Oscar Delatorre; Rita Green; Tunowa Silva; Hank Garrett; Tom

Stemnock; Wendy Wheaton; Jeff Allen; Mandana Ighani; Greg

Hall,Jacqui Matsumoto; Mark Levinson

*Speaking in opposition*: Hilary Steinberg; Dean Okrand; Carey Okrand;

Sam Zeines; Janet Tscha; Jenn

Votes: *7* ***YES****; Tom, Louis, Sue, Sidonia, Avo, Jill, Ron;*

*8* ***NO****: Levon, Kristin, Raphael, Lisa, Candace, Melissa,*

*Neal, Jeff K.;*

*2* ***Abstentions****: Jeff H., Howard*

*(1 Jay Beeber Recused himself).*

**Motion fails 7-8-2**

**Motion by Lisa Petrus to deny the project as proposed**.

**Votes***: 10* ***YES****: Levon, Kristin, Raphael, Lisa, Sidonia, Candace, Ron,*

*Melissa, Neal, Jeff K.;*

*4* ***NO****: Louis, Sue, Avo, Jill;*

*3* ***Abstentions****: Tom, Howard, Jeff H.*

**Motion passes 10-4-3**

*Board* requested the developer come back in a month with answers to outstanding questions in Items (a-e)

**2.** ***Action Item***: **Motion to request the City Council take immediate action to draft an ordinance that limits the size of a Second Dwelling Unit to a maximum of 640 square feet.**

**Votes: 13 *YES****: Kristin, Tom, Raphael, Jeff K, Sue, Sidonia, Candace,*

*Avo, Jill, Ron, Melissa, Jay, Neal;*

***1 NO****; Howard;*

***4 Abstentions****: Lisa, Jeff H. Louis, Levon*

**Motion passes** **13-1-4**

**3**. ***Action item***: Motion to Support Proposed Amendments to Baseline Mansionization

**Public Comment**: Nancy Sogoian and Roy Schmidt,both oppose the BMO

In the interest of time, the President asked to ***Defer the discussion*** *and Board Action until June 13th meeting. Approved.*

***4. Action Item*:** Motion to Oppose Metro Plan in Conjunction with November Ballot Issue- To oppose the Plan as proposed unless the Sepulveda Pass Project is moved up to first priority and fully funded, as well as move up the other San Fernando Valley projects to a higher priority with the following groundbreaking dates: The Sepulveda Pass Project Phase 2 to 2020, and Orange Line grade separation project to 2017.  In addition the Committees oppose the following in their entirety: the East Valley Transit Corridor, and Sepulveda Pass Phase 1 Toll Lanes.

Public speakers: Karen Swift, representative of Metro; Coby King, past chair of VICA, co-chair Valley On Track

*In the interest of time, the President asked to* ***Defer the discussion*** *and Board Action until June 13th meeting. Approved.*

**5.** ***Action Item*:** **Motion to Support Proposed City Ordinance on Short Term Rentals with a prohibition to limit the rental period to a maximum of 120 days, and urge that the Home-Sharing Hosting Platform also be included in the penalty phase as well as pay for a business license**. **Further, the City shall adequately staff the City Departments to enforce penalties and collect taxes as stated in the Ordinance**.

**Public Comment:** Jocelyn McCarthy, Michael Palazzolo, in support of permitting short term rentals.

Votes: 7 ***YES****: Tom, Louis, Jeff H, Raphael, Ron, Jay, Neal;*

*7* ***NO****: Levon, Lisa, Sue, Sidonia, Jill, Melissa, Jeff K.;*

*4 Abstentions: Howard, Kristin, Candace, Avo)*

**Motion fails 7-7-4**

**B. Government Affairs Committee: Jay Beeber, Chair --**

***Board voted unanimously to defer all three Government Affairs items***

***until June 13th meeting***

1. **Council File: 15-1449 -**   
   ***Action Item:*** Motion to support the Mayor’s Working Group on Parking Reform recommendations to reevaluate street cleaning schedules to reduce time restrictions and reevaluate street cleaning schedules to prevent conflict with peak parking demands. Motion passed Gov’t Affairs, 4-1

**2. Council File: 15-1450-S1 -**  
***Action item:*** Motion to support the Mayor’s Working Group On Parking Reform to adopt a tiered fine schedule (attached) for non-safety related violations with the lowest fine set at $23 for a first offense, and adopt a warning notice system for marginal violations. Motion passed Gov’t Affairs, 4-1   
Suggested Fine Schedule\*  
Fine Number    Amount  
1st             $23  
2nd             $33  
3rd              $48  
4th             $68  
\*Non-safety related violation

1. **Council File: 15-1450-S5**   
   ***Action Item***: Motion to support the recommendations of the Mayor’s Working Group on Parking Reform to replace arbitrary time limits at parking meters with a tiered pricing schedule, to replace parking meter prepayment with a payment in/out and/or a payment refund system when time remains on a parking meter, to expand parking meter technology to include options to pay remotely, receive text alerts, and remotely add time on a meter through a smart phone application, and to develop a parking meter payment card, similar to a transit TAP card.  Unanimously approved by Gov’t Affairs, 5-0

**C. Outreach Committee:** Raphael Morozov, Chair

**D. Green and Beautification Committee:** Carolyn Casavan, Chair

**E**. **Treasurer’s Report**: Howard Katchen

**Consent Calendar (3 Items, requires no discussion)**

*Removed Item 3(d); the rest unanimously passed by Board members eligible to vote, with the exception of five new board members ineligible for votes regarding finance at the time of the meeting. (Baronian, Sales, Hartsough, Babian, Menard)*

1. Approve expenditure of $48.66 at Ralphs for purchase of refreshments for poll works at SONC election on 4.7.16.

2. Approve expenditure of $148.20 at Gelson’s for purchase of sandwiches and salads for poll workers at SONC election on 4/7/16.

3. Approve reallocation of funds:

a) $5,269.54 from Election budget category to Outreach Budget category

b) $1,120.00 from Neighborhood Purpose Grant Budget Category to Outreach Budget Category

c) $3,100.00 Temps-Administrative Operations Budget Category to Outreach Budget Category

d) $750.00 Board Retreat Operations Budget Category to Outreach Budget

**Regular agenda (8 Items, discussion required)**

1. Approve and adopt Treasurer’s financial status report and monthly expenditure report for April 2016. ***Unanimously approved***

2. ***Action Item:*** Funds request of $750.00 for SONC to support and participate in the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 2, 2016, sponsored by the Southern California Preparedness Foundation. ***Unanimously approved***

3. ***Action Item:*** Approve up to $10,000.00 to design, print and distribute a SONC newsletter to the Sherman Oaks community by June 30, 2016. ***Unanimously approved***

4. New **Second Signer**: Jill appointed Candace Liceaga who agreed to serve.

5. Two SONC Budget Representatives for fiscal year 2016-20176. Fiscal year end and strategic plan and budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. *Howard volunteered to be Budget Rep. Second Rep will be chosen at a later date.*

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Funding Section

**Update Budget Advocates**: Radio shows, White Paper for fiscal year 2016-2017, presentation to City Council Budget & Finance Committee

## 10. Announcements from the Board on subject matters within SONC Jurisdiction

Next VANC meeting: Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Sherman Oaks Hospital, Doctor’s Conference Room. Guest Speaker: **State Senator Bob Hertzberg** , “A Conversation about Transportation in the Valley” Metro Draft Expenditure Plan

### Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Louis Schillace

Secretary