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Lisa Petrus, Res. 4
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Vacant, Res 5
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Jill Banks Barad, Res. 6
Melissa Menard, CI 6
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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

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BOARD MEETING

Monday January 8, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Elementary School
Auditorium
14780 Dickens Street
Sherman Oaks

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MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** at 6:30 pm by **Ron Ziff**, President
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Levon Baronian, Kristin Sales, Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Richard Marciniak, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Michael Ninkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Absent:** Garett Ross, Raphael Morozov, Sherry Revord.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** Dec 11th minutes. Tom Capps brought motion to approve. Melissa 2nded the motion. Jill Banks Barad, corrected a spelling of a name
Passed: Unanimously
5. **Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff**
 1. Betty Wong from DONE: Updates: They have improved the website. There are park elections coming up. Bylaws update for 2019, are due April 15th. Jeff Hartsough and Ron Ziff asked for updates.
 2. **Daniel Eyal from David Ryu's office:** There is a new office location at 14930 Ventura Blvd, suite 210. An Update on some new ideas, first is to increase access to parks and a children's savings fund. There are 2 Motions in LA City Hall from the Council Member, A) To counter hate crimes, since there is an increase of problems against the Jewish community. B) To Counter Violent extremism. There are new funds for painting utility boxes. And they are looking for volunteers for a Discretionary Funds Task force: Consult on how to spend funds. There is a Dept of Cannabis Regulation is being created. The office phone # is (818) 728-9924
6. **President's Report**

Studio City asked SONC to join them in requesting more police service. We had a Public Records Act request for the emails of all board members and committee members. There were complaints about setting up franchises for trash pick ups, regarding increased fees and reduced services. There have been complaints about Homeless issues with a Summit Planned to help deal with the issue. Gita O'Neil from the City attorney's office will be our guest speaker in Feb. Our monthly newsletter went out to 390 new addresses and a total of 16,771 readers

7. **Guest Speaker** Esther Niell, Victim Service Coordinator with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Victim Assistance Program. The Victim Assistance Program provides direct services to victims of crime and their families. Some of the services provided are information on referrals to local and public agencies, counseling referrals, crisis intervention and emergency assistance, criminal case status, information on the Criminal Justice System and court escort/support, and assisting victims in filing for the State Victims of Crime Compensation Program.
8. **Public Comment:** 1 Speaker: Kiersten Cluster: Action to Free Billy, the Male Elephant at LA Zoo.
9. **Treasurer's Report** – Tom Capps, Treasurer. Ending balance is \$29,856.36

Consent Calendar (Unanimously Approved)

Action item: To approve the monthly expense report for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council for the month ending November 30, 2017. Howard brought the motion to question. Lisa 2nded. **Passed:** Unanimously

10. Committee reports

A. Planning & Land Use Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair

1. **Updates:** At Jan 4th Vision meeting, possible traffic solutions were discussed with Brian Gallagher. Question: Neal Roden. Pavillion is closing on Feb 16th. Any new plans? No, it's the same plan. Richard Marciniak: We voted on car wash before. They keep coming back

2. Action item regarding the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance: SONC supports the concept of the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance but we are against the reduction in open space, setbacks and required parking spaces, because these components are necessary for the quality of life of the residents. **Motion Passed: 15-1-0. Yea:** Levon Baronian, Kristin Sales, Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barrad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Nay:** Michael Binkow.

B. Rules and Elections Committee Sue Steinberg

Update on By-Laws Amendment to implement Election Changes: We all serve an extra year as board members. New Bylaws will be brought to board for approval

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

1. Communication from Karen Swift at Metro: Karen Swift asked us to wait before taking a position on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Avo also did research on Elon Musk's Boring Company. At ideal conditions, it can move 2,400

people per hour. A train can move 30,000 to 50,000 per hour. So the committee does not believe that the Boring Company alone will solve the Sepulveda Pass Traffic issue.

D. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair. The Tree Giveaway will be March 24th.

E. Arts Committee – Jeff Hartsough. The first meeting will be this week, Jan 10th.

F. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair.

Updates: There will be a meeting to organize a BID in January. Volunteers are welcomed

G. Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs

Report on current projects: CERT training on Jan 19th at EVAC. Map your neighborhood on Jan 20th at 10 am, at the Galleria Community Room. 80 people is the capacity, and she will make flyer soon. The next committee meeting is Jan 27th at 6:30 at EVAC(East Valley Adult Center)

H. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative: He chaired public safety advocate on Wed, and has plans for the Building and Safety Dept to expedite permits, and to deal with the Homelessness issues. There is Budget Advocate Day, on Jan 20th at 9am.

I. Homeless Liaison – Michael Binkow: City Attorney is working hard to fix the issues. Measure H is building 10,000 units in 10 years, each unit will cost \$300,000. We have 60,000 homeless now.

11. Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction: Jill Banks Barad made an announcement, about a bill in Sacramento, SB8127 which will affect neighborhoods around metro stations. It will override local zoning rules. Jan 10th, it will be discussed at the VANC meeting. On March 8th, will be the 15th Anniversary of VANC

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Avo Babian

Secretary