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Sherry Revord, CI 5  
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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council  
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**BOARD MEETING  
Monday February 12, 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, Jeffrey Hartsough, Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Raphael Morozov, Richard Marciniak, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Sherry Revord, Jill Banks Barad, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff.  
**Absent:** Garett Ross, Kristin Sales, Melissa Menard
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** January Minutes. Richard Marciniak brought motion to approve. Neal Roden 2<sup>nd</sup>ed the motion. Passed Unanimously.
- 5. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff:** Emma Taylor: Field Rep for Adrin Nazarian talked about planned outreach events. Daniel Eyal: Council Member Ryu's Field Representative, talked about Council Member Ryu's opposition to SB 827. Hertzberg also against it. Council Member Ryu is studying Peer to Peer sharing such as Air BnB. DONE Rep: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an outreach event. Tenaz Golshen: West Valley Rep for Mayor Garcetti, introduced herself
- 6. President's Report:** A summary of Brown Act and its violations. New Council Office locations was announced. Business are unhappy with the trash pickup franchises. There are now 17191 Readers of the SONC newsletter.
- 7. Public Comment:** Speaker 1) Dale Futoran 2) Ryan Bundra. 3) Deatra Yatrum 4) Vicki Nussbaum
- 8. Consent Calendar ( no discussion required)**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one vote. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific

items to be removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately.

A. Motion by the President to that the Board authorize the President's signing agreements with LAUSD for meeting facilities for March through June 2018 and for future meetings as needed from time to time. **Passed Unanimously.**

B. From the Treasurer and Finance Committee  
Monthly Expense Report

**9. City Council File 17-0453 re: "Billy" Asian Elephant**

**A. Presentation by John Lewis, Director Los Angeles Zoo:** John Lewis presented the care taking and life of Billy the Elephant.

**B. Motion – Jill Banks Barad 1<sup>st</sup>, Howard Katchen 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Move that Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council urges the LA City Council to instruct the Los Angeles Zoo to immediately begin working on the process of safely relocating Billy to a suitable and positive environment where the physical discomfort he has suffered will come to an end

**C. Public Comments:**1) Lola Kay 2) Cory Mac 3) Hollie Dickinson 4) Lily Shaw 5) Karen Poly 6) Wendy Marcus Minovitz 7) Nicolette Aubourg 8) Marlene Goodman 9) Kim Todd 10) Patty Shenker 10) Judith Powell 11) Lyndsey Bonomolo 12) Samuel Campos 13) Laura Kaplansky 14) Kiersten Cluster 15) Beverly Mangol 16) Katie White 17) Cecile Bender 18) Fran Zerl

**D. Board discussion and vote:** Sue pointed out that abstentions are a yes vote. Ron ruled that this particular provision had been added to the by-laws by DONE and since the by-laws were changed without the proper procedure that it had no effect. He also said the ruling was subject to appeal and the Abstentions are equal to not voting. **Not Passed: 3-5-8. Yeas:** Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barrad, Michael Binkow. **nays:** Howard Katchen, Richard Marciniak, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Jeff Kalban. **Abstain:** Levon Baronian, Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Raphael Morozov, Sidonia Lax, Sherry Revord, Neal Roden, Ron Ziff.

**10. Treasurer's Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer**

Motion to recommend the Board authorize \$750 for pole banners.

Discussion and vote. Lisa Petrus 1<sup>st</sup>, Sherry Revord 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Passed Unanimously.**

**11. Committee reports**

**A. Executive Committee – SONC to co-sponsor a Candidates Election Forum in April or May with the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce?** Lisa Petrus 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeff Kalban 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Passed Unanimously.** Asked for volunteers, Sue Steinberg, Michael Binkow, Sherry Revord, Jill Banks Barrad, Avo Babian volunteered

Discussion and vote. **Passed Unanimously**

**B. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) Report-** Jeff Kalban, Chair

**1. Committee recommends denial of a proposed car wash at 4822 Van Nuys Blvd ZA 2017 1781**

Appeal of the committee decision – Jian K

Public Comments : 1) Chantly Banayan 2) Jian Kerendian 3) James Van Patten 4) Ilya Reyter

Board discussion and vote. **Not Passed. 15-0-1. Yeas:** Levon Baronian, Jeffrey Hartsough, Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Raphael Morozov, Richard Marciniak, Lisa

Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Avo Babian, Sherry Revord, Jill Banks Barad, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Nays:** Sue Steinberg.

2. Updates on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks

3. Action item. Study on concept for development and beautification of the LA River at Hazeltine. (Joint motion from PLUM and Green & Beautification Committees.)

Board discussion and vote. **Passed Unanimously**

**C. Rules and Elections Committee** Sue Steinberg

By-Laws Amendments recommended by the Executive Committee. First reading.

**"Section 4: Terms and Term Limits** - Each Member shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Newly elected Members will be seated after certification of the final election results, or in the event of a recount or election challenge, after confirmation of the results of that recount or election challenge, in which case incumbent Members will continue in their positions until any recount or election challenge is resolved.

**Members elected or appointed to terms expiring in 2018 shall serve one additional year, and members elected or appointed to terms expiring in 2020 shall serve one additional year, due to a one-time extension of terms per Ordinance No. TBD.**

Beginning with election held in **2019**, and each election thereafter, each and every Member shall be elected for a four (4) year term, or until a successor is elected or appointed."

**Section 3: Selection of Officers –**

A. Officers shall be elected bi-annually by the Board at the first meeting following an election for Members and every two years thereafter. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election. **Officers elected bi-annually by the Board in 2016 shall have a one-time, one-year term extension to coordinate officers' elections with the 2019 Neighborhood Council election.**

**Section 4: Officer Terms –** Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term and serve at the pleasure of the Board. **Officers elected bi-annually by the Board in 2016 shall have a one-time, one-year term extension to coordinate officers' elections with the 2019 Neighborhood Council election.**

**D. Traffic & Transportation Committee –** Avo Babian, Chair

Appointment of a sub-committee to gather information on Metro Sepulveda Pass Project

**E. Outreach Committee-** Jeff Hartsough, Chair

March 24 Hello to Spring Tree giveaway

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

Appointment of a sub-committee to gather information to form a new Business Improvement District (BID)

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

Updates on Map our Neighborhood & CERT Class . Feb 20<sup>th</sup> the CERT Class Graduation. Map your neighborhood on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May.

The Mayor's Neighborhood Resiliency event

**H. Arts Committee –** Jeff Hartsough Chair – second meeting scheduled. The budget is \$100k for a public space art project.

**I. Budget Advocates** – Howard Katchen, SONC representative. Howard will mail the Budget Advocate Survey for 2018.

**12. Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction**

VANC Mixer is scheduled for March 8. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VANC will be celebrated.  
No Business all social.

**13. Meeting Adjourn at 9:30 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Avo Babian

Secretary