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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**SONC REGULAR
BOARD MEETING**
Monday, March 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.
East Valley Senior Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd
Sherman Oaks

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order - Ron Ziff**, President at 6:35 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Katherine Harris
3. **Roll Call: Present:** Jeff Hartsough, Sue Steinberg, Tom Capps, Avo Babian, Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Jill Banks Barad, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Absent:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** Howard Katchen brought the motion to approve. Deatra Yatman 2nd the motion. **Passed:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banls Barad, Melissa Mernard, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban. **Abstained:** Lisa Petrus, Ron Ziff.
5. **Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff –** Crime activity slowing down. Working with the community, we have had five individuals arrested that were "breaking into" vehicles south of Ventura Blvd.. **Tamar Galtzen:** Working on neighbor disputes. Illegal problems with the homeless. Working with public health to get the homeless help. **Emma Taylor:** Free Women's Self Defense Classes, 3/23, 3/30 & 3/31. 2 public

questions. 2 job focused events coming up at L.A. Valley College. Working on housing and homeless issues. **Renne Weitzer**: No updates. **Katie O'Kelly-Hendricks**: is retiring. New April – June Brochure available. Scrapbook classes, game nights, Karaoke nights. Stop Senior Scams Talk. **Jose Galvanez**: DONE updates. Live Ethics training on 3/20.

6. **President's Report** - The City Council is considering a new ordinance that is in response to a California Attorney General opinion that prohibits excluding residents of Transit oriented Communities from preferential parking districts. What that means is that the preferential parking districts in Sherman Oaks will have to allow the apartment dwellers who live on adjacent streets to park in front of their homes. We are now accepting applications for Youth Representatives for the 2019-20 year. Announcements have been sent to the local high schools that serve our area; Van Nuys, Grant, Notre Dame, Buckley, Harvard-Westlake, and the Teen Group at the Sherman Oaks Library. A notice was also published in our March Newsletter.

Our March Newsletter went out to 22,461 subscribers. Our election will be held on May 19. I would like to thank each and every one of you that has volunteered for public service. It is a lot of work and will take a lot of your time. Some of you will not be elected, but you are all still welcome to serve on a committee alongside the Board members. Our April meeting will feature a candidates forum. All candidates are encouraged to be at the meeting. I would like to publicly thank our first responders. A month ago I had to call 911. In only one minute there were 6 men from Fire Station 88 at our front door. It was an amazing response.

7. **Guest Speakers – Bob Anderson and Jeff Kalban - An alternate plan for the Sepulveda Pass Project.**

7A. Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council prefers HRT 1 and HRT 2 but recommends *the only* above grade acceptable option to study is MRT 2; to have the monorail run from the northern terminus at Van Nuys Metrolink down the center of the 405 freeway to LAX. and authorizes the filing of Community Impact Statements recommending these plans.

Jeff Kalban presentation – Metro is looking at 3 Heavy Rail Concepts, No Light Rail Concepts and 1 Monorail Concept. Updates and concerns on Sepulveda transit corridor. Jeff Kalban and Bob Anderson are seeking the councils support for MRT2.

7B. Public Comments - none

7C. Board discussion and vote: Passed Unanimously.

8. **Consent Calendar** 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.

8A. A motion to approve the monthly expense report for the period ending January 31, 2019;

8B. A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Southern California

Preparedness Foundation of up to \$850 to participate in the 12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on or about Saturday, October 12, 2019, sponsored by the Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

8C. A motion to approve up to \$600 for refreshments at Board and other Brown Act meetings by the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council;

8D. A motion to approve up to \$2,500 for payments to Lloyds Staffing for administrative and minute taking services. **Passed Unanimously.**

9. Treasurer's Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer – Finance Meeting 3/27, preparing budget for the next fiscal year.

10. Committee reports

A. Planning & Land Use Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair – PLUM Meeting on 3/21. Jeff Kalban recused himself. **Sue Steinberg:** presentation on pending development project in Sherman Oaks located at 15027 Ventura Blvd.. Proposed Mixed Use Project is to be 33 units. PLUM would like SONC'S support on this project.

Speaker Cards: Lorie Paset, Harold Shapiro, Kelly Malone, Tom Glick, Lisa Seidmon.

Motion from the committee to approve Mixed Use project at 15027 Ventura Blvd.. Public Comments. Board discussion and vote. The motion **does not pass. 6-7-4.**

Yeas: Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Fran Kerzner, Sue Steinberg, Avo Babian, Melissa Menard. **Neas:** Howard Katchen, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Jill Banks Barad, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Ron Ziff. **Abstains:** Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Sidonia Lax, Sarah Olds.

B. Rules and Elections Committee - Sue Steinberg – 17 candidates for 11 seats that are available. Yard signs available. Candidates should attend the "Tree Giveaway" on 3/23 to meet people. 4/11 Candidates Forum. Installed 15 street banners. Candidates should attend workshops.

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair – Updates on where you can ride scooters. Recommendation for City to enforce the laws that are already on the books.

11Ci. A motion to recommend the city enforce Section 21235 of the Vehicle Code section in regard to electric scooters.

11Cii Public Comments: Gregory Wright, Harold Shapiro.

Lisa Petrus had a comment.

11Ciii Board Discussion and vote - Authorizing a Community Impact Statement

Passed: 15-1-2. Yeas: Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Jeff Hartsough, Tom Capps, Fran Kerzner, Deatra Yatman, Jill Banks Barad, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Sarah Olds, Avo Babian, Melissa Mernard, Neal Roden, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** Michael Binkow. **Abstains:** Sidonia Lax, Jeff Kalban.

D. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair – Jeff Hartsough thanks all volunteers at the Tree Giveaway. Outreach Meeting will be 3/19.

E. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair – Planning “Garden Tour” event for 6/9. Deatra Yatman would like people to volunteer their homes for the “Garden Tour”.

F. Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs – 25 graduates of “Cert Class”. Public Safety Meeting 3/26.

G. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative – Howard Katchen explains what Budget Advocates do. Finalized the “White Paper” with Mayor Garcetti to present this Thursday.

11. Public Comment: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s Jurisdiction: Ava Macha, Harold Shapiro.

12. Announcements on items within SONC’s jurisdiction – Jill Banks Barad: Mixer Invitations have been sent to the board members. **Michael Binkow: The City Council** Passed a plan for Senior Homeless Housing on Burbank Blvd.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm