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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**SONC REGULAR
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

**East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd
Sherman Oaks**

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Minutes

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order - Ron Ziff, President at 6:32 pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Tom Capps
- 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, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Neal Rodan, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Absent:** Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: Howard Katchen brought the motion for Correction of Minutes. Deatra Yatman 2nd the motion. Sue Steinberg: 10B is 4/8 not 4/11. Kristin Sales: #12 plan not approved. Funding approved.

4. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff:

LAPD is at the carnival in Van Nuys.

**Daniel Eyal
Betty Wong-Oyama.**

5. President's Report

Kristin Sales and Melissa Menard received a "Best of" award from VANC for Map Your Neighborhood and CERT Training held during the past year. Our annual tree giveaway was an outstanding event. About 250 trees were given out. Jeff Hartsough is to be congratulated on a great job. Well done! A curious point; we collected 48 email addresses for our list. Of the 48, 10 live in apartments.

We have been continuing to negotiate with LAUSD for the use of a school auditorium for our meetings. We are aiming toward getting the auditorium for our meetings across the entire 10 month school year.

The LAPD is having a mural painted on their building in Van Nuys. They asked for a list of people and pictures to include that would represent Sherman Oaks. We gave them a copy of our oak logo and the names of celebrities including James Dean, Paula Abdul, Jane Russell, Steve Allen, Jane Meadows, Donna Reed, Al Jolson, Rafer Johnson, Annette Funicello, John Barrymore, Oliver Hardy, and our founder Moses Hazeltine Sherman. The League of Women Voters is presenting a panel discussion on the homeless problem in our city. Anyone who is concerned about the problem and how it can be addressed is encouraged to go to the event. It will be April 18 12:30-2:30PM at the Platt Library, 23600 Victory Blvd, Woodland Hills. We added 411 subscribers to our newsletter this month bringing our total distribution to 22,866. In addition some people are reading the newsletter directly on our website. Last week I received an email comment from a reader in South Carolina.

7. Rules and Elections Committee: Sue Steinberg

Election-- May 19, 1-5 pm at the Van Nuys Senior Center. City is asking for Poll Workers. 80 signs printed for the elections. Posted on SONC website is information on basics of voting. Sue Steinberg introduced Guest Moderator, **Linda Gravani**, President of Lake Balboa NC. Michael Binkow volunteers to be timekeeper.

8. Candidates Forum:

Candidates:

Area 1 Business – Levon Baronian

Area 2 Resident – Lisa Gilford

Business – Cathy Muhlenforth

Community Interest – Jeffrey Hartsough

Area 4 Resident – Lisa Petrus

- Geetha Samynathan

- Joshua Johnson

Business – Joe Cappelletti

- Christopher Wiggins

Community Interest – Lisa Capelletti

- Sidonia Lax

- Brian Patton

Area 5 Community Interest – Christy Adair

Area 6 Resident - Gil Imber

- Cheryl Shapiro

Business – Christine Kim

Community Interest – Harold Shapiro

9. 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.

A. A motion to approve the monthly expense report for the period ending February 28, 2019;

B. A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes grant to the Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners, a 501-3C of up to \$2,100 for Training for shelter volunteers, shelter fosters, and shelter dogs for a year and a LARPBO Shelter Intervention & Prevention Program ("SIPP") group training vouchers provided to dog owners to (a) intervene where it is deemed dog training would keep the owner from surrendering a pup and (b) prevent dogs from being returned to the shelter.;
Speakers: Lillian Degroof, Sammi Maon.

C. A motion to approve up to \$525 for SONC Branded Polo Shirts for incoming board members.

D. A motion to approve up to \$180 for SONC Branded name tags for incoming board members;

E. A motion to approve a budget of \$42,000 of for fiscal year 2019-2020;
Office & Administrative Expenditures - \$22,750
Outreach Expenditures - \$15,250
Election Expenditures - \$0
Community Improvement Projects - \$0
Neighborhood Purposes Grants - \$4,000

F. A motion to approve up to \$750 to be transferred to the budget advocate for funding their activities.

Passed Unanimously.

10. Treasurer's Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer

11. Committee reports

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

1. **Updates** on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks

B. Traffic & Transportation Committee and Vision Committee

– Jeff Kalban and Avo Babian, Chairs

Jeff Kalban gives updates of the METRO Monorail concept. Monorail down the center of the 405 freeway. Met with "BYD" who came up with "NEW", the same concept. Vision Committee Meeting 5/2. PLUM Meeting 4/18.

C. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair

Recap of Tree Giveaway, a great success. Outreach Meeting 4/16.

D. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

Deatra Yatman: Garden Tour 6/9. Bryan Patterson – Street Clean-up 5/4.

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

Melissa Menard thanked Jeff Hartsough for award nomination for Kristin Sales and herself. Next meeting 4/22.

F. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative

Each year a "Annual White Paper" is produced. A copy was given to Ron Ziff.

Public Comment: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC's Jurisdiction: Gregory Wright,

13. Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction

14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm