

## Committee Members

*Green and Beautification*  
Avo Babian, Co-Chair  
Carolyn Casavan, Co-Chair  
Sidonia Lax  
David Levinson  
Gregory Wright  
Karen Sampson (Alternate)  
Jessica McCarthy (Alternate)

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## **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting**

**April 13th, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Sherman Oaks Library  
14245 Moorpark St  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423**

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## Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order by Avo Babian, Co-Chair, at 6:32 pm.
2. Quorum achieved with: Avo Babian, David Levinson, Carolyn Casavan, Gregory Wright.
3. Reviewed and approved minutes of March meeting: Motion by Carolyn, Seconded by David. Corrected in the minutes, LADWP changed to LA Sanitation.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items.
  - a. Mikey Maloney: Said that she drove up and down on Ventura on Sat April 7<sup>th</sup>. She made a list of ideas to clean up Ventura. She recommended having a volunteer group keep an eye on a stretch of Ventura, and they will call street services to help clean it up. Carolyn mentioned asking Council Member Ryu's office. She recommended finding a 501.c3 to help manage it with Fiduciary issues. She recommended a committee be put together for that issue. Carolyn mentioned the Chamber Foundation could have money for such a project. She said she would help organize it and get it started. Jon mentioned more Oak trees should be planted.
  - b. David Levinson: Updated us on the Community Garden at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park. He passed out flyers at the Park, and up to 60 people were interested. They met at the future site. And he explained the future need for community outreach and funding. He used Next Door. He would like July Biels and Ron Garetton, the president of Pasadena Community Garden to come to the meeting and explain more to the Volunteers.
5. Discussion items:
  - a. Say Hello to Spring: March 18<sup>th</sup>: Debriefing. David asked if there were any trees left? Yes a few shade trees. The kids station should have more pots and small plants. We need less mulch for the next time, but more bags. Carolyn said we should get something for the Cub scouts since they were a great help. Suggestions for next time: Dwarf trees, and Food Forward should be invited
  - b. Tree Trimming: Program that was brought up at SONC board meeting. Carolyn mentioned that a few years ago, extra money was given to Street Services to trim trees on Ventura. and SONC took photos. We can check if Street Services would be willing to do it again. We should put a motion for money for tree trimming.
  - c. Purple Pipes: Can we get a lecturer: Carolyn suggested looking for someone from LADWP.
  - d. Sidewalk install: on Fulton between Magnolia and Chandler: Carolyn mentioned that there is a discretionary fund meeting, and Ron Ziff is on it. We can email him and ask him if such a project is possible
  - e. Ernie's Walk: Planned on Mulch. Carolyn said she will look up prices for woodchips
  - f. DASH Hub at Mall: Get in contact with Tish Lawrence. She has not joined the board yet
6. Updates

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- a. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David gave an update. They meet the first Thursday of every month. CFAC is picked by the Mayor and City Council. Matthew Wells spoke, he is the head of the Urban Forest plan for Santa Monica. They have 33,500 trees, LA has over 700,000. When Santa Monica cuts down a tree, they replace it with the same amount of wood, not just the same amount of trees. There is a 25% young tree mortality. 2483 trees are slated for removal in LA. There is a summit coming up called Tripping point hosted by Tree People. There is a form on the internet to fill out about Street Repair, and the only solution so far is to remove the trees. Who files the tripling claim. Safesidewalks.com has more info.
  - b. LA River Update: LA Bureau of engineer delayed the next LA River meeting.
7. Motions:
- a. Motion to approve participating with the Village at Sherman Oaks in a Big Sunday project on May 7, to beautify the tree wells along Ventura Boulevard. The motion also includes a request for funding from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council of up to \$500 for plants and materials. **4-0-0 Motion Approved Unanimously.**
8. New Business– Committee members and members of the public may bring up new business that they would like the committee to consider.
9. Announcements
- a. Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Meeting – Monday, May 8th.
10. Next Meeting – May 10th
11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm