

## 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**

**May 10th, 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 6:42 pm.
2. Quorum achieved with: Avo Babian, David Levinson, Carolyn Casavan, Sidonia Lax and Gregory Wright.
3. Reviewed and approved minutes of April meeting.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items.
  - a. Kristin Sales brought a presentation to help with traffic and safety in residential streets. It was called the Sherman Oaks Shared Street Proposal. It included new designs to help make streets more walkable, to build community rapport, and improve the quality of life for residential neighborhoods. Avo mentioned that Measure M has put some funds aside for such projects.
  - b. David Levinson: Community Garden project update. 10 interested people so far. Next meeting will be with July Biels in Pasadena.
5. Discussion items: Avo decided to vote on top 3 projects for next year.
  - a. Miki Maloney presentation follow up: Plan to Clean Ventura.
  - b. Purple Pipes: Carolyn will find a speaker.
  - c. Safe Sidewalks: David will find a speaker
  - d. DASH Hub at Mall: we are still waiting to get in touch with Tish Lawrence
  - e. Pothole counting and fixing: Not a lot of interest in this subject
  - f. Clean 405 Underpass at Sep and Ventura with Encino NC: Carolyn showed interest in this project
  - g. Clean Mulholland: with Bel Air Crest NC: No interest
6. Updates
  - a. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David: Julie Souther is in charge. They want the replacement policy revised, since now they are not going after the illegal removal of trees. \$1.5 million is allocated to using alternate material. Mayor has a budget of \$700,000 to support Safe Sidewalks. Carolyn asked: When driveways are widened, and trees are cut, is that allowed. Justin said there is a 2 to 1 ratio. But developers are cutting a tree then buying 2 trees, which sit in a city lot and dies. In lieu fees are better when they pay for the value of the tree
  - b. Sidewalk install: on Fulton between Magnolia and Chandler. Updated, Justin said discretionary fund can apply for sidewalks. We can apply for it in the future.
  - c. LA River Update: N/A
  - d. Ernie's Walk: N/A
7. Motions:
  - a. Carolyn made a Motion: to use up to \$5,000 and approach Street Services about Tree Trimming on Ventura Blvd. Gregory Seconded the motion. *Motion Passed: Unanimously.*

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8. New Business– Committee members and members of the public may bring up new business that they would like the committee to consider.
  - a. Justin said money was accepted from Ventura-Cahuenga Plan, and Highway safety Implementation Plan to pay for 3 lights at Ventura and Columbus, Ventura and Lemona and Ventura and Calhoun.
9. Announcements
  - a. Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Meeting – Monday, June 12th
10. Next Meeting – Wed, June 14th
11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm.