

Committee Members

Green and Beautification

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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting

June 14th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order by Avo Babian, Co-Chair.
2. May Meeting Minutes: Motion brought up by Sydonia to approve the minutes from May meeting. Avo seconded the motion. Approved Unanimously.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items: N/A
4. Presentation by:
 - a. Gayle Greenberg, Murakawa Communications: Murakawa Communications is conducting the community outreach on behalf of the City of Los Angeles for the Safe Sidewalk LA program. There are 3 programs for Safe Sidewalks LA: 1) Sidewalk Repair for access for the Disabled. 2) Rebate Programs for replacing your sidewalk. The city will pay 50% up to \$2,000. For commercial up to \$4,000. All this came from a lawsuit for \$1.37 Billion, which will fix 11,000 mi of streets over 30 yrs. 3) Report a Sidewalk that needs to be repaired. Ways to get a hold of the city. A) 311. B) Website. Once initiated, it will take 14 days to get paperwork done. Sidonia asked about the apron, is it a sidewalk problem that can be fixed? Yes. Once reported is it on a list? Yes. Can we fix the sidewalk and save the tree? It's \$500 to cut a tree. \$1000-\$2000 to remove the stump. Alternative repairs are possible, but need to be up to ADA standards. Liability is with resident for 20 yrs, but only 5 yrs with a commercial property.
5. Motions:
 - a. Motion to support the placement of the LA River Bike Path on the north side of the River between Hazeltine and Woodman and on the south side elsewhere. And to support the development/concept of an LA River-DASH-Bicycle Hub in the area of the intersection of the LA River and Hazeltine Ave **was amended to** " Move to support a plan to develop the LA River Path to have a bike path on the south side from Sepulveda east to around Hazeltine, then cross over to the North side until Woodman, then cross over to the south side east of Woodman. The purpose is to support activity for a HUB region on Hazeltine, and the Fashion Square Mall area, and to allow pedestrian access to the South Side of the River." **Motion Passed Unanimously.**
 - b. Motion to say that SONC support Community Gardens project at the East Valley Adult Center, tabled.
6. Discussion items:
 - a. Purple Pipes: Carolyn has spoken to someone who will come and do a presentation
 - b. Cleanup project: 405 Underpass at Sepulveda and Ventura with Encino NC. This project will not only clean, but beautify the underpass, with plants, murals, etc. We are still looking for volunteers
7. Updates

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- a. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David attended. Developers are taking out trees and urban forestry is short staffed and can't control them. They are revising the tree trimming rules. With too much freedom, people are destroying the trees. Regarding the Sidewalk program: There are no real guidelines regarding cutting trees. As long as they are not protected trees, like Black Walnut, there is no need for a permit. Aaron Thomas, said the concern is that path of least resistance is to remove trees, where is the compromise? How does the city determine if trees should be removed? Julie Stromberg- Safe Sidewalk meeting- Bureau of engineers, Julie Sowter is working on brochure to distribute info on outreach to community on safe sidewalk meeting. Rep from BOE would agree to attend a CFAC meeting and \$1.5 million allocated to alternative material.
CFAC is requesting to work with the Urban Forestry Division. CFAC is requesting a definition for the boundary of a project on 11007 Bellagio Place. And they are planning on hiring an EIR rep for it. They will draft a letter to Board for Public Works for legal enforcement of illegal tree removal. Developer of Eastern and Lombardy agreed to discuss with CFAC, to focus on reduction of trees. Vote to send draft letter to planning regarding receiving monthly reports of illegal tree removals and what was penalty for violations.
Motion: to approve letter with the updated recommendations to include more language on the illegal tree removals and include sending letter to Urban Forestry Division Mayor's Office and City Attorney's Office is approved.
If you cut a tree without a permit, you can retroactively pay for a permit.
 - b. LA River Update: N/A
 - c. Ernie's Walk: N/A
8. New Business– Committee members and members of the public may bring up new business that they would like the committee to consider: It was brought up to look into potholes at Crosswalks.
 9. Announcements: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Meeting – Monday, July 10th
 10. Next Meeting – Wed, July 12th
 11. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.