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## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee

Feb 5th 2020

6:30 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Library  
14245 Moorpark Ave  
Sherman Oaks, Ca 91423

## Minutes

1. Meeting called to Order by David
2. Roll Call: **Present:** David Levinson, Kira Durbin, Christine Kim, Gregory Wright
3. Review and approve minutes of Jan meeting. Tabled
4. Public comment on non-agenda items. Harold asked about succulent plant give away. Kira asked how we can help the Tree Giveaway event. Kira Mentioned Rain Barrels or Recycling info
5. Discussion items:
  - a. Sustainable Garden Promotion Tour Planning. Kira responded she prefers the Sustainability Fair. Harold said he would be interested in planning the Garden Tour if he knew what it entailed.
  - b. Plastics Ban Issue: Discussed in Motion.
  - c. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign Project. Christine and Fran had shown interested. Kira and Harold recommend it be part of Outreach.
6. Action Items:
  - a. Motion to support Motion from State Assembly and LA County for restrictions on Single Use Plastics. And to write a CIS and send it to the appropriate body.  
Christine Kim moved to amend the motion to:  
The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports City Council File 18-1190 toward the eventual adoption of an ordinance that would ban single use plastics and revise the blue bin rules so that plastics that cannot be recycled in the City of LA are removed from the recycling stream. **Amended motion passed Unanimously.**  
Discussion: Cheryl used her public comment time to speak about the Bill passed to allow people to bring their own containers for to go food. She also talked about different kinds of plastic and what can be recycled and what cannot. Christine discussed different county measures and city ordinances. Kira asked, if she would she like to make a motion on State Assembly bill or an LA county initiative? Christine said she wanted to do a community impact statement on city council file 18-1190. Kira said this was not listed on the agenda and was not sure if a motion could be made from that. Kira also reminded Christine only the President can write a CIS. Kira also remarked that this city council motion seemed very vague and not actionable. Christine responded that the CIS would allow her to address city council for an unlimited amount of time. **Motion Passed. 3-0-1Yea:** Christine, Gregory , David ,  
**Abstain:** Kira

Motion to support ban on Rodenticides. Kira moved to amend motion to 2 motions:

Motion One: Motion to support AB 1788, a ban on the use of specific pesticides containing anticoagulants in the entire state (with certain exceptions.) **Amended Motion Passed Unanimously**

Motion Two: Motion to support City council file 19-0002-S45 (vote in favor of supporting AB1788) for the purposes of writing a community impact statement. **Amended Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Discussion: in lieu of public comment Andrew from the CLAW organization gave a brief summary of the bill and where it is now and what push back it has received. Questions were asked and answered, most notably How many animals are affected by this, what are the exceptions to the ban, and are there humane methods of pest control

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7. Updates:

- a. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David. Casual discussion of Parkway Trees and the newly vamped Urban Forestry Division. David said he's seen a lot of new trees being planted. Kira reported she spoke to David Ryu to thank him. David Ryu told her they are looking to hire 40+ arborists. David also sent Kira an example of a tree inventory if anyone would like to see it.
- b. LA River Update/ Ernie's walk: Update with LA River Group meeting. Tabled
8. New Business: Gregory would like to discuss trimming back trees near bus stops and DASH stops. Kira said if everyone is going to come late at 7pm for this committee we will need to find a new meeting location.
9. Next Meeting –. Next SONC Board Meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Next Green Meeting. March 4th
10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm