Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, March 31, 2014, 6:00 PM

Sherman Oaks Public Library

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Jill Banks Barad, President, at 6:20 pm.
2. Present: Officers – Banks Barad, Ziff, Beeber, Casavan, Katchen, Board Members – Brooks (voting), Marciniak (voting), Lax
3. The Executive Committee Minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved.
4. Public comment – None.
5. President’s Report – Jill Banks Barad, President
   1. Election Results
      1. The results have been certified.
      2. R. Ziff is continuing to pursue a challenge that he filed.
      3. Concerns were raised about DONE not following the election rules, especially with regard to challenges. Unclear how soon challenges should be resolved 10, 12 or 30 days
   2. April 7 Board Meeting
      1. The new Board will be seated. Jill will contact choices for elected officials to swear in the new Board: Councilman Tom LaBonge and Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian will be asked.
      2. A sign-up sheet will be sent around to all Board Members for committee and committee chair sign-ups by the President. Appointments to committees will be made at the May meeting.
   3. Future Board Meetings
      1. Vacancies will be discussed at next Exec. Comm. Meeting – Area 3 Business and Community Interest, Area 5 Resident.
      2. SONC Board retreat will be held at the Sherman Oaks Hospital. Possible dates were discussed.
      3. Attendance will be kept on a rolling 12 months.
6. Treasurer’s Report/Finance Committee – Howard Katchen, Treasurer
   1. The current SONC financial reports were reviewed.
   2. Howard gave an update on the Budget Advocates.
   3. J. Banks Barad recommended that a meeting be scheduled with the Bureau of Street Services to discuss the possibility of transferring funds for sidewalks, potholes and trees. This will be a joint meeting of the Finance and Green & Beautification Committees.
   4. Discussion of reimbursement for Board Member parking for Board or Officer activities.
7. Committee Reports
   1. Land Use Committee – Ron Ziff, Chair.
      1. Major ordinances coming before PLUM in May were discussed – Healthy LA, ReCodeLA, and the Mobility Plan. R. Marciniak moved to recommend that the Board consider a motion to oppose the Mobility Plan as currently written. H. Katchen seconded. Passed 7-0-0
      2. Save Our Streets hearing at City Hall on Wednesday, March 5.
      3. Plan for Sherman Oaks – further meetings will be held before bringing to the Board.
      4. RIO Ordinance – LUC likes the maps. Recommends that the Board consider a motion to ask the City to create a written policy to comply with the RIO requirements when they replace vegetation.
   2. Elections Committee – Jay Beeber, Chair.
      1. Record turnout for this year’s SONC elections.
      2. A number of issues arose – Who can vote for what positions, provisional ballots, voter eligibility, candidate eligibility, DONE amended SONC bylaws without SONC Board approval, the Community Interest seat allowed for business or community interest whereas this previously read community interest only.
   3. Green & Beautification Committee – Carolyn Casavan, Chair.
      1. Gave an update on the Community Garden Project at the Senior Center. Met with LA Community Gardens Council and will be presenting an overview at a future Board Meeting.
   4. Rules and Elections – Jay Beeber, Chair
      1. New Board Members Ethics Training and Funding Training were discussed.
8. The following announcements were made from the Executive Committee on items within SONC’s jurisdiction
   1. The VANC 11th Anniversary Mixer will be held on April 10 at CBS Studios Center, from 5:30-9:00 pm.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carolyn Casavan, Secretary