

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF
BOARD MEETING
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)
Monday, January 9, 2012
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Library**

6:15 p.m. The Board meeting was preceded by a Reception for Congressman Brad Sherman.

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:52 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Michael Preston
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 14 members of the Board: Jay Beeber, Jeff Ebenstein, Max Calne, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Howard Katchen, Richard Marciniak, Shanna Pollack, Michael D. Preston, Sherry Revord, Neal Roden, Anthony St.John, Ron Ziff and Jill Banks Barad

The following 2 members were absent: Kiumars Arzani and Sidonia Lax

- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve December 12, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. The Board approved the minutes as written, by unanimous vote.

- **REPORTS FROM STAFF of OFFICIALS and SLO:** The President introduced the following people:

- Stephanie Gillette, Assemblyman Mike Feuer's Office**, spoke about the Valley Open House at SO/East Valley Adult Center on January 19th from 6-8PM; reviewed upcoming bills.
- Ron Carter, Senior Lead Officer LAPD**, spoke about meetings with Neighborhood Watch groups and ensuring we all call if we see something unusual.
- Pearl Ricci, Congressman Howard Berman's Office**, Introduced Jason Levin who has joined as a new Field Deputy for the Congressman.
- **Jeff Ebenstein, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, spoke about meeting with MTA and property crime recent spike.

- **PUBLIC FORUM:** The President introduced the following speakers:
 - a. **Noel Weiss**, spoke about what to ask mayoral candidates; also ideas about the people owning the Dodgers instead of someone personally owning the team.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Congressman Brad Sherman**
- Past President, LA City Councilman Eric Garcetti**

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jill Banks Barad**

- a. Report on SONC Board Retreat held on January 7, 2012.
- b. SONC Elections in 2012- most likely after July for areas 1,3,5, and 7 for 4 year term.
 - c. LA City Council Redistricting

The President will testify before the Redistricting Commission on January 18 and asked for input from the Board regarding CD5.

Speaker, Faramarz Nabari, Legislative Director, Transit Coalition, discussed redistricting

Discussion and consensus by the Board to have our two Council members (Krekorian and Koretz) for Sherman Oaks and to have another majority Valley seat in the Valley, with the logical one being the district that straddles both sides of Mulholland. .

Anthony St. John asked for a **Straw Vote. All in favor with the exception of one recusal- Jeff Ebenstein.**

- **TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Howard Katchen**

Discussed available funds and expenditures

● **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

A. Land Use, Ron Ziff, Chair

1. Possible Action Item: Motion regarding METRO Van Nuys Transit Project.

Famarz Nabari, from Transit Coalition discussed the issue

Decided to send issue back to Land Use Committee for a recommendation and to table the vote on this until February Board Meeting.

2. Possible Action Item: Position on River Improvement Overlay ordinance changes.

Discussed changes (remodeled homes in the area no longer require replacement landscaping except if they are adding additional which would be CA friendly plants or horticultural plants making up 75%; Back of building facing river changes; and openings thru to river will not only be required at cul-de-sacs).

Ron Ziff moved for reconsideration now that changes have been made

2nd from Howard Katchen

Favor: Jay, Max, Jeff, Arthur, Howard, Michael and Ron

Opposed: Richard, Tony and Neal

Abstain: Shanna and Jill

-Passed due to majority for reconsideration

Motion brought by Ron Ziff: SONC to OPPOSE the ordinance as applied to the outer Core

2nd from Arthur Hutchinson

Opposed: Anthony St John

Abstain: Shanna Pollack

Favor: All others

Motion Passes due to majority vote

B. Education, Max Calne, Chair

Discussed Equipment bought for schools. Will be delivering and taking pictures with Principals and staff. Also looking into getting into school newsletter and presenting at An upcoming assembly to maximize exposure for SONC.

C. Public Safety, Tony St. John, Chair

No new updates

D. Government Affairs, Jay Beeber, Chair

No new updates

E. Neighborhood Services, Jeff Ebenstein, Chair

Verifying money left for pothole repairs, please continue to send locations.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN SONC'S JURISDICTION:** Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting, Thursday, January 12, 2012. Dialogue with Mayoral candidate Austin Beutner, SO Hospital doctor's conference room.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** 10:05PM

Submitted by Shanna Pollack, Secretary