

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



MINUTES OF **BOARD MEETING** OF SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Monday, March 14, 2011

Location: Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium

- **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:47 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 14 members of the Board, as follows: Anthony St. John, Art Fields, Greg Martayan, Howard Katchen, Jeff Ebenstein, Jill Banks Barad, Max Calne, Michael D. Preston, Ron Ziff, Shanna Coburn, Sherry Revord, Sidonia Lax, Arthur Hutchinson and Kiumars Arzani.

The following members were absent: Kristen Ellington-Stiles, Neal Roden and Richard Marciniak

- **MINUTES:** Approved the Minutes from January 10, 2011 with no changes. Approved the Minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 2, 2011 with no changes.
- Reports from ELECTED OFFICIAL Staff, SLO. The President introduced the following officials :
 - **John Alford, Senior Field Deputy from Brad Sherman's office**, intruded himself and ask to contact him with any federal needs.
 - Stephanie Gillette, Assemblymember Mike Feuer's office**, discussed the Valley Economic Alliance, Small Business Roundtable, that would be held on Friday March 18th from 7:30-9:00 AM. Also the San Fernando Valley Town Hall Meeting that is taking place on April 7, 2011 from 6-8PM in Studio City.

-Wess Hernandez, Councilman Koretz Office

-George Aguilar, Senior Lead Officer for LAPD, discussed crime occurring at dusk, transient issues, and party noise violations. Also advised strict traffic enforcement on Woodcliff and Valley Vista.

-Pat Davenport, Councilman Krekorian's Office, discussed traffic safety and that the senior center would open at the end of April.

-Battalion Chief Steve Ruda, LAFD, introduction and said watch for fraudulent "fund" collections

-Bill Larson, City Attorney's Office, discussed trespassing of abandoned houses.

● **GUEST SPEAKER**

Nazario Saucedo, Interim Director, Bureau of Street Services

Discussed mission to get back to the basics of concentrating on core services. Option to privately hire for work (pot hole, tree trimming...) will provide rate sheet to Jill.

● **PUBLIC FORUM:**

-Elreen Bower, Volunteer with Survey LA, discussed what Survey LA- indentifying historic areas in the city.

-John A. Hinton Jr., Civil Engineer with DWP, gave report regarding the Coldwater Canyon City trunk line project that will start in early May.

● **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

a. **ACTION ITEM: The President appointed Jay Beeber, Area 2 Community Interest**

Jason Levin, Deputy to State Sen. Fran Pavley gave oath of office to Jay

b. Report on VANC 8th Anniversary Mixer, March 10 and SONC "Best of" Award

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

a. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Land Use Committee expenditures through June 30, 2011 of \$2,016.00; \$1932 for facility rental, \$44 postage and \$40 gavel. Unanimously passed by Board (exception of gavel that will be donated)**

b. **ACTION ITEM: Motion from Finance Committee to Approve for Public Safety Committee request for \$600 to cover facility rental, copying and printing through June 30, 2011. Unanimously Passed by Board.**

c. **ACTION ITEM: Need Board Approval to allocate additional \$400 to Public Safety Meeting rental budget line item from the Special Board Outreach budget line item of \$8,000. Unanimously Passed by Board.**

d. April 15th is demand warrant cut off. July 15th Committee Chairs to submit budget for coming

year- get to Howard for review by May.

● COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

a. Land Use Committee, Ron Ziff

· **ACTION ITEM: Motion from LUC to approve SONC position on Vons/Pavilions project. Unanimously Passed by Board.**

· Update on M. David Paul project DEIR. They are in the process addressing our concerns.

Letter from SONC sent to Planning Department.

· Other land use projects in Sherman Oaks

b. Public Safety Committee, Tony St John

· **ACTION ITEM: Motion that SONC allocate funds not to exceed \$2,500 to be combined with funds from Notre Dame High School, Westfield Corporation, and CD2 for the purchase and installation of solar powered flashing lights to segment existing pedestrian signs near intersection of Woodman and Riverside Drive. This equipment to be approved by DOT, purchased by the City, and installed according to City regulations. Tabled until next meeting.**

c. Outreach Committee: Sherry Revord, Committee Co-Chair

· Absent- postponed update

d. Neighborhood Services, Jeff Ebenstein and Michael Preston

· Prioritize street services and things we want to contract out- will get this information to the Board.

· **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN SONC'S JURISDICTION**

· Earthquake month

· VANC meeting Thursday, April 14th, agenda includes discussion of neighborhood council elections.

· **ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 PM**

Minutes submitted by Shanna Coburn, Secretary