

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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

Monday, April 11, 2011

Location: Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium

- **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 15 members of the Board, as follows: Anthony St. John, Art Fields, Howard Katchen, Jeff Ebenstein, Jill Banks Barad, Kristin Ellington-Stiles, Max Calne, Michael D. Preston, Neal Roden, Richard Marciniak, Ron Ziff, Shanna Coburn, Sherry Revord, Sidonia Lax, and Arthur Hutchinson

The following 3 members were absent: Greg Martayan, Kiumars Arzani, and Jay Beeber

- **MINUTES:** Approved the Minutes from March 14, 2011 with the following corrections:
 1. Sherry Revord show as absent
 2. Change to Treasurer's Report "d" July 15th is the last day to submit Budget for coming year to DONE. Committee Chairs to get Budgets to Howard in May for review.
 3. Land Use Committee Action Item: Motion from LUC to approve SONC position to **support** Vons/Pavilions project.

Motion to Approve minutes, as corrected, by Neal Roden. All in favor.

- Reports from ELECTED OFFICIAL Staff, SLO. The President introduced the following officials :

-George Aguilar, Senior Lead Officer for LAPD, Advised April is LAPD's Zero Tolerance

month for cell phone texting while driving; will be doing a traffic decoy for pedestrian safety this Friday; believes “tire slasher” is in custody, advised of Dispute Resolution service run by the City Attorney’s office (had flyers available); theft from motor vehicles continue to be the biggest issue for the city.

-Wess Hernandez, Councilman Koretz CD5 Office, Hillside Ordinance passed last week

-Pat Davenport, Councilman Krekorian’s CD2 Office, discussed the issue of advertising signage now being hitched onto a vehicle or bicycle- they are working on this; also mentioned new Farmer’s Market on Saturday Mornings at Sepulveda and Camarillo.

- **PUBLIC FORUM:**

a. **Possible Action item:** Signage for Conor’s Corner at Addison and Woodman: **Lily Peterson**.
Not in Attendance at the meeting.

b. **Deborah Johnson** request to prohibit the sale of puppies from puppy mills in Sherman Oaks pet stores. Speakers in support of this request included: **Ed Buck** with Sherman Oaks California Golden Retriever Rescue, **Melissa Maroff** with Citizens Against Puppy Mills, and **Patti Sugarman**, Community Member

Issue referred to SONC Neighborhood Services Committee at their next meeting to draft a letter to City Council members.

Also raised was the recommendation by Ron Ziff to propose to Animal Services to offer reduced fees to senior citizens who wish to adopt “senior” dogs and cats.

Issue referred to Neighborhood Services Committee for consideration.

c. **Christina Scarborough** from Sierra Club requesting SONC support to transition LA off of all coal plants.

Issue Referred to Neighborhood Services Committee for consideration at their next meeting for possible letter to the City.

- **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

a. Change in Chair of “A Day in the Park”-Resignation due to personal reasons of Tom Capps as co-Chair. Jay Beeber will assist with event; and Michael Preston to consider co-chair of Outreach Committee after “A Day in the Park” event.

b. Deadline for updating Bylaws extended to June 2011

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

Motion to accept finance report as written- by Howard Katchen. 14 members voting in favor; abstain, Max Calne

- a. ***ACTION ITEM*** : From Executive Committee to allocate up to \$15,000 for “A Day in the Park” \$12,000 is already in the Budget the additional \$3,000 will be reallocated from **Outreach Budget.**

12 members in favor **Motion passed**

Opposed: Kristin Ellington-Stiles

Abstain: Max Calne and Neal Roden

- b. ***ACTION ITEM*** : From Executive Committee to allocate up to \$9,963 for Street Services project. \$4,938 in Budget for Community Improvement- Other additional \$5,025 to be reallocated from Recreation and Parks to Community Improvement-Other. **Unanimously Passed by Board.**

- c. ***ACTION ITEM*** : From Finance Committee motion to reallocate \$2,500 from budget line item for Beautification Projects to budget line item for Community Improvement- Other. Also to allocate \$2,500 (from the Community Improvement-Other) towards the purchase of one digital speed trailer to augment existing pedestrian signs near the intersection of Woodman and Riverside to be placed near and house at Notre Dame High School. Equipment had been approved by LA DOT and LAPD Valley Traffic Division and funds will be combined with funds from Notre Dame High School, Westfield Corporation, and CD2. (Need arises in part from recent tragic death of student struck by vehicle and need to monitor traffic activity and speeds in the area of the school).

Unanimously passed by Board.

● **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

a. **Land Use Committee, Ron Ziff**

- Report on Hillside Ordinance.

- Update on M. David Paul project DEIR. They will be coming back to LUC with comments on the issues we had addressed.
 - Other land use projects in Sherman Oaks: Vons/Pavilions Project

b. **Public Safety Committee, Tony St John**

- Met with Assemblyman, Mike Feuer
- Gave stats on Pedestrian deaths

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

- “A Day in the Park” May 29th: Jill and Sherry to discuss getting invoices

d. Neighborhood Services, Jeff Ebenstein and Michael Preston

- Getting together prioritization list of street improvements that SONC will do for the Sherman Oaks community.

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

- VANC meeting Thursday, April 14th, agenda includes discussion of neighborhood council elections and NC funding issues..

- **ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 PM**

Minutes submitted by Shanna Coburn, Secretary