

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF
BOARD MEETING
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)
Monday, July 11, 2011
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Marciniak
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 16 members of the Board: Jay Beeber, Max Calne, Shanna Coburn, Jeff Ebenstein, Kristin Ellington-Stiles, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Richard Marciniak, Michael D. Preston, Sherry Revord, Neal Roden, Anthony St.John, Ron Ziff and Jill Banks Barad

The following 1 member was absent: Kiumars Arzani.

- Guest Speaker: **LA City Controller Wendy Greuel**
- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve June 13, 2011 Minutes as written made by Ron Ziff with a 2nd by Anthony St. John. The Board approved the minutes as written by unanimous vote.
- **REPORTS FROM STAFF of OFFICIALS and SLO:** The President introduced the

following people:

- **Officer Watkins, LAPD (in place of George Aguilar)**, discussed National Night out on Tuesday August 2 from 6-9PM. Increase in car burglary and transient issues. Working on a detail in which 2 patrol cars with all lights on travel to help deter theft.
- Pearl Ricci, Congressman Howard Berman's Office**, had sign up for areas of interest
- Erik Rodriguez, Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield's office**, discussed problem with mobile billboards and what they are doing to put a stop to this.
- **Wess Hernandez, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, discussed the 405 closure in July. Also, discussed the recent pipe burst in the area- DWP looking into why. 2 traffic signals to come next fiscal year: Hazeltine/Ventura a left turn signal and Woodman/Ventura a left turn signal.
- **Pat Davenport, Councilman Krekorian's CD2 office**, introduced **Nicki Azari**, the new Field Deputy who will be taking over for Pat. SO East Valley Adult Center has one building open, working on the others do not have an estimated time of opening yet.

- **PUBLIC FORUM:** The President introduced the following speakers:

- **Liane Mori**, spoke about the 2011 Southern California Youth Takeover Festival that would take place Saturday August 13 from 12 noon until 8:00PM at LA Center Studios.

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

- Appointment of SONC Board Member to LA Valley College Building Oversight Committee; Max Calne will get back to Jill if he is to accept.

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

- a. **Action Item: Motion to approve financials from fiscal year ending 2010-2011.**
--Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

Update on AV and computer equipment; delay in the company billing the card working to resolve this.

- b. **Action Item: Motion to approve budget for new fiscal year 2011-2012.**
--Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

- c. **Action Item: Motion to approve the following expenditures:**

1. carryover expenses from fiscal year 2010-2011 to be paid from fiscal year 2011-2012 budget: \$185 for Christavan Kroy, balloon artist at "A Day in the Park" Event from budget line item Outreach events
2. To reimburse Board member Tony St John \$32.95 for additional flyers printed For "A Day in the Park" even from budget line item Operations copying Services.
3. To reimburse Jill Banks Barad for tablecloths for a Day in the Park event

From budget line item Outreach Events.

4. To reimburse Jill Banks Barad \$87.63 for paper and miscellaneous office Supplies from budget line item Operations Office Equipment and Supplies.

--Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

d. Expenditure not to exceed \$100 for printing 500 flyers by Goodway printing to publicize CONC July 11 Board meeting with Guest Speaker Controller Wendy Greuel. Expenditure from line item Operations Copying Services.

--Does not need a formal vote

e. Food and Refreshments in the amount of \$155 for meet and greet reception with Controller Wendy Greuel prior to the SONC Board meeting on July 11, 2011.

--Does not need a formal vote

f. Action Item: Motion to approve contribution of \$250 to Neighborhood Council Congress on 9/24/11. Expenditure from budget line item Outreach Other.

--Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

g. Action Item: Motion to approve Ron Ziff to draft a letter on behalf of SONC Finance Committee in response to City of LA Summer Night Lights Program. Letter to be approved by the Board and signed by the President.

--Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

h. Action Item: Motion to approve that all proposed financial expenditures from SONC committees will be presented and vetted by the Finance Committee, which when approved will present to the SONC Board for approval. Discretionary spending limit for committees et al. is limited to \$100 for fiscal year 2011-2012 with prior notice to SONC treasurer and post facto Board approval. Financial expenditures will be made by using DONE issued purchase card whenever possible.

--Table until next meeting (1st Richard Marciniak and 2nd by Arthur Hutchinson) Passed by a unanimous vote (16 in favor)

● COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

A. Land Use Committee (LUC), Ron Ziff, Committee Chair

· July 12 DWP meeting regarding construction at 6:30PM

· Next Land Use Committee Meeting July 21st; will discuss cell tower installation between Gelsons and freeway, re-zoning on Sunnyslope to allow commercial building on residential block, and the DWP meeting.

· August 18 Best Buy presentation- re-applying for prior project

· Bicycle Parking ordinance discussed excessive fees and process to make this happen

B. Public Safety Committee, Tony St. John, Chair

· **Action Item: Motion to request that councilmember Krekorian introduce a motion to investigate the possibility of installing, on a test basis a Rectangular Rapid Flashing**

Beacon crosswalk system at a location in Sherman Oaks that demonstrates a need for this new pedestrian safety system.

--Passed by a unanimous vote; Jill to put on letterhead and send

- **Possible Action Item: Motion to request from the newly formed Library Square Neighborhood Watch for a contribution of funds for the purchase and installation of Neighborhood Watch signs to be installed at the boundaries of Library Square.**

--Table until September Meeting

C. Outreach Committee: Sherry Revord, Co-Chair

- Chamber Street Fair in October

D. Website update and Maintenance, Jeff Ebenstein

Jay to hand over to Jeff now that Budget is approved

E. Neighborhood Services Committee, Jeff Ebenstein, Chair

- Moving forward with pothole fixes and Jeff will coordinate with street services. Will post on SONC website and Patch when implementing the fixes.

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

- a. VANC meeting, Thursday, July 14 at 6:30PM Sherman Oaks Hospital: discussion of Councilman Krekorian's Neighborhood Council Reform Motions.
 - b. No meeting in August 2011

· **ADJOURNMENT: 9:30PM**

Submitted by Shanna Coburn, Secretary