

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF  
BOARD MEETING  
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)  
Monday, October 10, 2011  
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Max Calne
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 14 members of the Board: Jay Beeber, Max Calne, Jeff Ebenstein, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Richard Marciniak, Shanna Pollack, Michael D. Preston, Neal Roden, Anthony St.John, Ron Ziff and Jill Banks Barad

The following 3 members were absent: Kristin Ellington-Stiles, Kiumars Arzani, and Sherry Revord

- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve September 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, Assembly member Mike Feuer's Office,** spoke about the 5 bills that were

sent to the governors desk- all signed.

**-Pearl Ricci, Howard Burman's Office**, spoke about 2 bills to help with jobs.

**-Nikki Ezhari, Councilman Krekorian's CD2 office**, this Sunday will be the Connor Run and then Chamber Street Fair. Traffic signal is going up on Hazeltine and Weddington.

**-Justin Bergman, SLO LAPD**, discussed garage sale ordinance for the city- can have up to 5 per year. Also discussed Trespassing Violations.

**- Wesley Hernandez, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, Spoke about extending the mobile billboard ordinance; also Beverly Glen will be resurfaced this weekend.

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

- a. Mark Reed, Congressional Candidate for 30<sup>th</sup> District, introduced himself.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS, CAPTAIN PAUL SNELL FROM LAPD VAN NUYS DIVISION AND CAPTAIN IVAN MINSAL, LAPD TRAFFIC DIVISION**

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

- a. Appointment to Mayor's Budget Day, October 29 at City Hall: Sherry Revord will be taking Sidonia Lax's place and joining Howard Katchen as the SONC representatives.
  - b. Neighborhood Council "Green Practices and Projects" workshop on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at CBS Studios, sponsored by VANC.
  - c. SONC Board Retreat possible dates- sign up
- d. Creation of Government Affairs Committee to focus on citywide issues- Jay Beeber as Chair.
- e. Congressman Howard Berman will be the Guest Speaker at our SONC December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Gave overview of financials, did not have a Quorum at this month's Finance Committee meeting.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

- A. Neighborhood Services, Jeff Ebenstein, Committee Chair**

- Pothole Lottery: announcement of location and dates.
    - Rayneta press conference on Thursday at 15255 Rayneta Avenue

- B. Land Use, Ron Ziff, Chair**

- Updates on the Following:
      - Chabad litigation: October 20 will be having information only during the LUC Meeting at 6:30PM

**\*Public Comment:** Scott Zuieback, spoke on wanting the city to stop the project.

-Ralphs in Sherman Oaks is closing/rebuilding as of 11/9/11. Will take 12-18 months

-Pavillions in Sherman Oaks is closing/rebuilding next year for 12-18 months

-New Citywide sign ordinance on October 18

-New Residential Planned Development Ordinance: allows for mixed use projects without going thru the normal process. Neighborhood Councils shut out of the process.

- Metro Van Nuys Blvd Transit Study

**\*Public Comment:** Faramarz Nabari, from the Transit Coalition, spoke

-Two New LA River Overlay Districts that include most of Sherman Oaks. November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Planning will hear this.

### **C. Public Safety, Tony St John, Chair**

Report on farewell dinner for SLO George Aguilar

**D. Outreach Committee: Jill Banks Barad** (gave update for Sherry Revord)

Sherman Oaks Chamber Street Fair on October 16 10:00AM – 6:00 PM sign up sheet for SONC Booth.

### **E. Education Committee, Max Calne, Chair**

- Can now give equipment to schools. (Items that were on hold per DONE)
- Trying to arrange for Tamar Galatzan to speak at one of our Board Meetings

### **F. Government Affairs, Jay Beeber, Chair**

- Discussed Administrative Code Enforcement Program (ACE)
- Will finalize meeting dates/times/places; first meeting will discuss how to fund this new committee.

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

- a. VANC meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2011 6:30PM at Sherman Oaks Hospital. Guest Speaker will be LA Councilman Mitch Englander from CD 12.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:17PM**

Submitted by Shanna Pollack, Secretary