

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF
BOARD MEETING
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)
Monday, November 14, 2011
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Library**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 13 members of the Board: Kiumars Arzani, Jay Beeber, Jeff Ebenstein, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Shanna Pollack, Michael D. Preston, Neal Roden, Anthony St.John, Ron Ziff and Jill Banks Barad

The following 3 members were absent: Max Calne, Richard Marciniak, 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:
 - Ron Carter, Senior Lead Officer LAPD, spoke about Nixel also discussed the increase in residential burglaries and what to do when you are on vacation.

-**Sgt. Nick Nemeck, LAPD Gang Supervisor**, alerted us not to leave things in our cars also advised us to write down serial numbers of electronics for our records.

-**Pearl Ricci, Congressman Howard Burman's Office**, Congressman will be here next month at our meeting; also spoke about seniors advisory council.

-**Nikki Ezhari, Councilman Krekorian's CD2 office**, discussed food drive for the holidays.

-**Wesley Hernandez, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, Spoke about 405 work coming closer to Sherman Oaks. Also discussed BID on Ventura (Business Imp. District)

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

a. **Andrew Lachman**, Running for Assembly **AD 46**, introduced himself.

b. **Elke Heitmeyer**, with SOHA, discussed wall that was built exceeding height restrictions on city property. Disagrees with this.

c. **William Dean**, spoke regarding brush clearance and people not adhering to the rules.

● **GUEST SPEAKER, Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich**. Discussed significant Budget Cuts, introduced members of his team: **Tamara Galatzan** and **Matthew Schoenbrun**. Also discussed medical marijuana and illegal billboards.

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

a. City Clerk NC Elections Survey- filled out as a Board. Jill will send on Boards behalf.

ACTION: Voted as a Board on the Neighborhood Council Election Alternatives Survey. The Board voted a majority vote to postpone elections until 2014, as determined by the City's 2011-1012 Budget and Administrative Code restrictions placed on the City Clerk.

Board Votes were as follows: Yes- 7; No- 3; Abstain- 3

Passed by majority vote to postpone elections until 2014

b. Speaker, **David Hechter from North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council**.

c. Removal of **Kristin Ellington-Stiles** from SONC Board pursuant to SONC Bylaws Article V, Section 7: Absences.

d. Congressman Howard Berman, SONC Guest Speaker, December 12 Reception and Meeting.

e. SONC Board Retreat Saturday January 7, 2012

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

-**Action Item from Finance Committee: Motion to commit up to \$2,000 in matching funds to support LAPD Neighborhood Watch programs.**

-Passed with Unanimous vote

● **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

A. Neighborhood Services, Jeff Ebenstein, Committee Chair

- Pothole Lottery: announcement of location and dates.

B. Land Use, Ron Ziff, Chair

1. Action Item from Land Use Committee: Motion to oppose LA River Overlay (RIO) Districts.

- a. Erick Heirmeyer spoke for RIO and Faramarz Nabari gave general comment on RIO.
- Passed with majority vote (9); Opposed (2) Jeff Ebenstein and Kiumars Arzani; Abstain (2) Sidonia Lax and Shanna Polack

2. Action Item from Land Use Committee: Motion to oppose new Residential Planned Development Ordinance.

- Passed with unanimous vote
- 3. Update on Metro Van Nuys Blvd Transit Study
- 4. Updates on land use projects in Sherman Oaks
- 5. Land Use Committee Meeting Thursday November 17, 2011

C. Public Safety, Tony St John, Chair

No updates

D. Government Affairs, Jay Beeber, Chair

- 1. Discussed Administrative Code Enforcement (ACE) Program

E. Outreach Committee: No report

F. Education Committee: No report

· **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN SONC'S JURISDICTION: N/A**

- **ADJOURNMENT: 9:53PM**

Submitted by Shanna Pollack, Secretary