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| **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council****Green & Beautification Committee Meeting****Wednesday June 11, 2014****6:30 p.m.****Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Office****13907 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 104 2nd Floor****Sherman Oaks, CA 91423** |

**Meeting Minutes**

* The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Carolyn Casavan, Chair.
* Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.
* Public comment on non-agenda items – None
* Presentations
* Jessica Sanchez of The River Project gave a presentation on Water LA Stormwater Management Techniques for Residential Properties. Jessica presented practical, affordable stormwater management ideas and discussed The River Project concept of ‘urban acupuncture’.
* **Action Item: Recommend that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council adopt the following motion: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council believes that water is of paramount importance to the City of Los Angeles. We support the Mayor’s goal of cutting imported supplies in half by 2025. We want to be active participants in reaching this goal, but currently lack consistent guidance, reliable incentives, resources and support. The Water LA program has been providing these tools to Panorama City and Studio City, and we request that your office do what it can to bring these types of programs to our community. Moved as amended by G. Wright, Second by D. Levinson. Passed 5-0-0.**
* Update on Projects
* Tree Trimming on Ventura Boulevard – C. Casavan noted that the palm tree trimming was moved to July due to bird nesting season through June.
* Bureau of Street Services funds – C. Casavan reported that a meeting is planned to be held by the Finance Committee with the Chairs of the Outreach, Green &Beautification and Neighborhood Services Committees to discuss how these funds will be managed.
* **Action Item: Recommend that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council adopt a motion to support the development of a community and communal garden in the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, next to the East Valley Adult Center located at 5060 Van Nuys Boulevard. Moved by D. Levinson, Second by J. McCarthy. Passed 5-0-0.**
* Committee Plan for FY 2014/15 – Topic areas to be addressed, projects and events, and lead committee members were discussed. An outline of the plan for FY 2014/15 will be presented for review and approval at the July meeting.
* Announcements – G. Wright recommended that members look into two cloud groups; The Hub LA at thehubla.com and MindShare.LA.
* Next Meeting
* Scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 pm, 2nd Wed. of the month.
* Presentations – To be determined.
* The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.