

SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
Zoom meeting 6:30p.m.

1.) Call to order: 6:30p.m.

2.) Roll Call: Jeff Kalban, Chair, Alicia Bartley, Tom Capps, Jackie Diamond, Mikie Maloney, Rick Mayer, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg. Jeff Hartsough, President of SONC also present. Gil Imber, Secretary

3.) Approval of the minutes: Mikie Maloney, second by Rick Mayer. Approved unanimously.

4.) Elected Officials: Alexandria Naseef, Field Deputy for CD 4.

5.) Sept 2 next Vision meeting. Next Plum Sept 23. Vision next phase of Vision study. Study will be shared with the Council Office

6.) Aug 12 PRB meeting. Discussing the idea of continuing el fresco program.

7a.) Review of CUB for the Woodman Bar. Alex Neeseef, Field Deputy for CD 4 noted the concerns of constituents regarding both the shooting at the Woodman and other issues in the past several months.

Captain Hearn, area commanding officers-SO, VN-Valley Village, stated the May 2nd shooting at the Woodman involved gang members from South LA shooting at each other. Lots of evidence left at the scene which was chaotic. They concluded that the security at the bar was not adequate. Police have held many sessions with the bar owners. Captain Hearn feels the bar needs to follow rules so they can prosper and not

be a community nuisance. They have prior violation of overcrowding during COVID, serving liquor to minors, etc. The police are concerned about these violations because they can lead to bigger problems. Owner has other bars and they have problems there too. 42 radio calls last year. Other bars in the area are not a problem. Police trying to get them in compliance but not easy to get them to cooperate.

Andy Soliman, City Attorney stated minor violations invite bigger violations. Lots of concerns with this bar not following rules.

Woodman Bar owners/representative. Understand community concerns, but they were victims of this shooting. They try to keep people feeling comfortable at their bar. Felt they have succeeded in doing that. When the owners received the notice to appear before PLUM, they were surprised because they have not gotten any notice of problems.

Co-owner. The shooters were never in the Woodman. They did serve one minor, and they acknowledge they made a mistake. Crime is on the rise. During lockdown they were very busy. Lawyer says the Woodman is trying very hard to fit into the community.

Public comment: they have problems with the Woodman. Police chief says The Woodman has been receptive to doing better. And they are being monitored, the police want them to correct violations and feel they are working to correct their problems. They are in contact with the Woodman regularly.

Panel suggestion: Review the conditions of CUB and see if they need to be modified. Also have Woodman come back after six months to see if things are improving. Sept 23 have a working group report on the violations. Will agendize the Woodman on Nov 18 and give an update on behavior.

Motion: establish a working group to report back summarizing CUB and agendize Woodman and give review on Sept 23 meeting.

Motion by Lisa, second by Sue. Roll call vote, pass; unanimous.

7b.) Location for two benches at corner of Sutton/Kester. Resident presented. Two median triangles. Asphalt median, ugly. Wanted to make the triangles better. October purchased two benches and secured them to the pole. People started using the benches. Added a box for comments. People left positive comments. Wants to make these benches permanent. He was getting citations from the city for not having permit. He removed the benches. Started an adopt-a-curb. He saw Vision's idea which was to landscape the triangles, hopes they can work together. He wants to get these benches back in. Wants to do something together and create a mechanism to get this done.

8.) Public forum. none

9.) committee business: none

Adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maria Pavlou Kalban