

## Committee Members

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David Levinson  
Harold Shapiro  
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## Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee

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8:00 pm

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## Minutes

1. Meeting called to
  - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 8:05 pm
  - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Harold Shapiro, David Levinson.
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of June and Aug meeting. David brought the motion to the floor, Avo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
3. Comment by Public Official: N/A
4. Chairs report: Avo introduced Kathy Schaeffer, from Climate Reality Project, and asked her to join the committee. Kathy has attended since Jan and has made many suggestions that have become Motions and CISs from the Green Committee. Kathy introduced herself and spoke about her background as the Legislative activists for the SF branch of Climate Reality Project. Her interest are Environmental issues, going 100% Renewable and lowering Plastic Wastes
5. Motions
  - a. **To Support City Council File 21-0683: To Electrify** City-Owned Buildings / TO reach Net-Zero Energy / Retrofit / Carbon Emissions. And write a CIS. **Harold brought the motion to the floor. David 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Harold said this motion was brought by the CD4 Councilmember. And it's part of the LA Green Deal. To reach 100% renewable energy by 2035. Kathy pointed out that this motion passed in the city council on Aug 25.
  - b. **To Support City Council File 21-0680: to support** Zero-Emission First Procurement Policy / Original Equipment Manufacturers / Light-Duty Vehicles / L.A. Green New Deal. And write a CIS. **Kathy brought the motion to the floor. Harold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Harold pointed out that this was similar to the previous motion by CD4 Council Member. With the goal of all EVs by 2035. Kathy pointed out that it passed on Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. **To Support:** the action of making Kathy Schaeffer as the Representative of the SONC Green and Sustainability Comm on The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. **Avo brought Amendment to the Floor:** Replace with " To Support the action of SONC joining the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance." **Harold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed Unanimously. Harold brought Amended motion to the floor. Avo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Kathy talked about the benefit of joining and to be more effective when actions are taken by a larger coalition of groups.
6. General Public comment on non-agenda items: N/A
7. Discussion items:
  - a. Sustainable Garden Promotion Pamphlet: A zoom Garden Tour. Videos. Harold said there is one volunteer with a video, 2 other volunteers are delayed due to remodeling and health issues. Avo said he will attempt this weekend to shoot a video of his sustainable garden. Harold said it should be 10 to 15 min.
  - b. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David. Said sidewalks are getting worse. The roots on the sidewalks are growing uncontrollably. He asked who is responsible,

the city or the homeowner. NCSA has a tree committee that we can ask for help. And we can reach out to Urban Forestry as well.

8. New Business– Harold asked if we should discuss the HOV lanes on the 405 being converted to Express Lanes. Avo said it will be on the next Traffic Agenda. David asked about the LA River walk, will it be discussed in the future. Harold said there are funds set aside for Beautification if we are interested. The only caveat is that it has to be on city property.
9. Next Meeting: Next Green meeting will be Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 pm