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Minutes

1. Called to
 - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 8:30 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Kathy Schaeffer, David Levinson, Harold Shapiro, Kira Durbin
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of Feb meeting. Kathy brought a motion to the floor **To Amend** the minutes, to correct misspellings of names and better wording to explain #8.d. Avo 2nd the motion. **Motion to Amend Passed. 4-0-1. Yeas:** Avo Babian, Kathy Schaeffer, David Levinson, Harold Shapiro. **Abstain:** Kira Durbin. Harold brought the motion to approve the minutes to the floor. Avo seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0-1. Yeas:** Avo Babian, Kathy Schaeffer, David Levinson, Harold Shapiro. **Abstain:** Kira Durbin
3. Comment by Public Official: N/A
4. General Public Comment on non-Agenda items: N/A
5. Chairs report: N/A
6. Presentation:
 - a. **N/A**
7. Motions:
 - a. To Support **City Council Motion #22-0151:** By Nithya Rahman: Residential and Commercial Building Construction / Zero-Carbon Emissions / Climate Equity LA Series / Building Decarbonization. Motion for SONC to support City Council Motion #22-0151 to request and invest for new developments to be Carbon Neutral. **Motion to Amend:** Harold brought the motion. Kira 2nd. **Passed Unanimously.** The amended motion was brought to the floor by Harold. Kira 2nd the motion. **Amended Motion Passed Unanimously**
 - i) **Discussion:** Kathy explained that this motion is in 4 committees now. There is much support to have new buildings be Carbon Neutral. Kira said it can make things expensive for renters. Harold said Carbon Neutral also refers to material not just electricity. Kira asked to simplify the motion with shorter simpler wording
 - b. **To Support City Council File 21-1463:** Community Assemblies / Climate Emergency Mobilization Office / Building Decarbonization / L.A.s Green New Deal. Motion for SONC to support the converting of existing buildings to be Carbon Neutral. **Motion to Amend:** Harold brought the motion to the floor. Kira 2nd the Motion. **Passed Unanimously.** Then the amended motion was brought to the floor by Harold. Avo 2nd the motion. **Amended Motion Passed Unanimously.**
 - i) **Discussion:** Harold pointed out that LA City Council have a report and we should put in the CIS to request a copy of that report. Kira asked to use simple wording to better explain the motion.
8. Discussion items:
 - a. Sustainable Garden Tour: Harold is still looking for more volunteers to do video tours of their Gardens

- b. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: There was discussion on how much will it cost. Harold said planting is a more important aspect than signage. He recommended we work with landuse or outreach Committee or with the Chamber of Commerce, the BID or a Rotary Club. He mentioned we need a Design first, then we should consider costs. It was recommended that we can have contests with artists. Kira said ask schools to get involved in contests
 - c. Ernie's walk: Avo is working with a resident who got a commitment from the County to water and maintain the area of Ernie's walk, but we as the city have to come up with funds and plans to install the plants. CD4 is committed and is leading the charge with the application process with urban forestry. They asked for some funds from SONC to help.
 - d. Sidewalk trees: David said trees are being torn out by Landlords and others are dying. We are looking for safe sidewalks. As of now, sidewalks can be fixed by landowners and the city will pay a certain amount. The city will pay from 2 to 20,000 as reimbursement if one fixes the sidewalk. Kira said the city used to pay 50% of the cost.
9. New Business—Apr 23rd is the Tree Giveaway. And Ventura Cleanup.
10. Next Meeting: Apr 6th for Green. Apr 11th for board meeting
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm