

Committee Members

Green and Sustainability
Avo Babian, Chair
Kira Durbin
David Levinson
Harold Shapiro
Caden Kang (Alternate)
Gregory Wright (Alternate)
Sidonia Lax (Althenticate)

CALIFORNIA



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee

Aug 3th 2022
9:00 pm

SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

P O Box 5721
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413
(818) 503-2399
www.shermanoakscnc.org

OR CONTACT

Department of Neighborhood
Empowerment
334-B E. Second Street
Los Angeles, Ca 90012
(213) 847-7164 *phone*
(213) 485-4608 *fax*
or call 311 for information

Minutes

1. Called to
 - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 9:12 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Kira Durbin, Gregory Wright.
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of March meeting: March meeting minutes were approved at the Green and Vision Joint Meeting in June.
3. Comment by Public Official: N/A
4. General Public Comment on non-Agenda items:
 - a. Adam Pryor: introduced himself
5. Chairs report: The Chair, Avo, told everyone that Kathy Shaeffer will no longer be on the committee due to personal commitments. Avo recommend Caden Kang to join the committee as an alternate member, waiting for approval from the exec committee
6. Presentation:
 - a. **N/A**
7. Motions:
 - a. To Support: Wildlife Ordinance. Decided to Table the motion till after more info comes out at the Govt Affairs meeting on Aug 25
 - b. To Support CF22-0600-S61. Goat Grazing
 - i. Instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee on the feasibility of using wildlife, specifically goats, to support brush clearance activities in parks." Goat Grazing. Avo brings motion to the floor. Kira 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
 - ii. **Discussions:** Kira said it's sustainable and better for the environment. **Public Comment:** By Adam Pryor. **Question:** Caden Asked about Herbicides hurting the goats. Kira answered that Herbicides are outlawed in Ca. Howard asked who owns the goats. A local company with the contracts.
 - c. To Support the CF22-0600-S20: Goat Grazing
 - 1) "Instruct the Fire Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps for brush clearance efforts and other outside entities that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush." Avo brought motion to the floor. Kira 2nd the motion **Passed Unanimously:**
 - 2) **Discussions:** Kira pointed out that this is the same issue as the previous motion, but this issue is under 2 city council files under 2 committees.

8. Green Committee Business:
 - a. Discussing Wildlife Ordinance: Tabled
 - b. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Caden showed the committee possible Welcome signs options by showing examples of other NC signs. He also showed the application needed to be filled out, called the Adopt a Median application. Any help or expertise is appreciated. Kira asked about where the money would come from. Gregory said we should spend the money on a park or a sculptor park. Or community design murals. **Public Comment:** Adam Pryor said we should ask for sponsorship from a local business.
 - c. Ernie's Walk: No Update
 - d. Sidewalk Trees: David Levinson was not present
9. New Business—Kira asked if there were any ways to check if people are following water restrictions. Gregory asked about the Monarch butterflies and having the LA River to help as a Green Zone, with Milkweed Trees planted etc. Finally the LA River plan came up, as well as the opposition to it.
10. Next Meeting: Sep 7th for Green. Aug 8th for board meeting
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm