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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting

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6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Casavan, Chair at 6:45 pm.
 - a. Present – Casavan, Babian, Lax, Levinson, Wright
 - b. Absent – Sampson, McCarthy
2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting – Moved by S. Lax, 2nd by A. Babian, passed 4-0-0
3. Public comment on non-agenda items – none.
4. Discussion Items:
 - a. LA River Tour – The Informational Tour was a great success. Several people turned out for the whole tour and an additional 10 or so people met with us at the Murietta stop. Marcelino Ascensio of Mayor Garcetti's Office and Maria Camacho from the LA River Revitalization Corporation attended and were very interested in the discussion and helpful. Thanks to everyone who turned out.
 - b. LA River Proposed Next Steps – Discussed approaches to following up on the River. Recommended having two workshops for community input. The first would focus on getting ideas from the community on what they would like to see for improvements along the riverfront. Then we would put together some scenarios based on this input and have a second workshop to get input on the possible scenarios. The goal would be to come out of this with one or more scenarios that are acceptable to the public. We will work with the Mayor's Office, Councilmember Ryu's Office and the LA River Revitalization Corporation to plan the workshops and approach. Other community groups will be invited to participate in the workshops and assist with outreach.
5. Action Items
 - a. Los Angeles River Improvement in Sherman Oaks – Motion to recommend that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council approve proceeding with planning for two public outreach sessions to obtain input from the public to develop recommendations for riverfront improvements along the Los Angeles River in Sherman Oaks. Moved by A. Babian, 2nd by D. Levinson. Passed 5-0-0
6. Updates
 - a. The Gardens at the Senior Center – David Levinson. David has been in contact with Joe Alvarez with the LA Recreation and Parks Partnership Division and is corresponding with him.

- b. LADOT DASH – Gregory Wright and Avo Babian met to discuss recommendations for DASH improvements. They narrowed a long list of recommendations to three: Sign improvements, Time table on sign posts, and Maps in businesses. Avo has been in touch with Phil Elkins regarding a speaker for our next meeting.
7. New Business – None.
8. Announcements
9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 9, 2015. LADOT Speaker
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.