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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting

November 18, 2015

6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Casavan, Chair at 7:55 pm.
 - a. Present – Babian, Casavan, Levinson
 - b. Absent – Lax, Wright, Sampson, McCarthy
2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting – Moved by D. Levinson, 2nd by A. Babian. Passed 3-0-0
3. Public comment on non-agenda items – It was brought up that the City announced plans to complete the San Fernando Valley portion of the LA River Greenway Trail.
4. Presentation and discussion – Esther Feldman, President of Community Conservation Solutions gave a very informative talk on the L.A. River Greenway Trail project from Coldwater Canyon to Whitsett Avenue. The project includes native habitat restoration and stormwater management as well as pedestrian path improvements. It took 3 years to obtain funding for the project and 1.5 years for design and planning. 8 permits were needed. They worked with the Studio City Residence Association to develop the project. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority agreed to maintain the project for 20 years.
5. Updates
 - a. The Gardens at the Senior Center – David Levinson
 - b. Los Angeles Riverfront Improvement – Carolyn Casavan. The committee discussed what might be required to do a similar project in Sherman Oaks.
6. Action Items
 - a. Motion for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council to urge the City Council to adopt a comprehensive sidewalk upgrade policy, that protects trees, protects Angelenos from extreme heat, increases our local water supply, improves water quality, and provides flood control for communities throughout Los Angeles. And for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of this position. Moved by D. Levinson, 2nd by A. Babian. Passed 3-0-0
 - b. 2016 Green Living Fair, scheduled for May 14, 2016 – Motion that the SONC Green & Beautification Committee coordinate and manage a Workshop Tent for the 2016 Green Living Fair with Studio City NC and prepare public transit/bicycle directions for promotional materials. We will also take this opportunity to promote Sherman Oaks NC projects. Moved by C. Casavan, 2nd by A. Babian. Passed 3-0-0
7. New Business – None.
8. Announcements
 - a. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, Climate Forum, December 05, 2015 at 12:45pm - 4:15pm, Junipero Serra Branch Library, 4607 S Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90034
9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, December 9, 2015.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.