

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



" MINUTES OF PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

February 23, 2005

The meeting, held at the Sherman Oaks Library, was called to order

at 6:40 P.M. by the Chair, Craig Buck.

ATTENDANCE There was a quorum based on the presence of Craig Buck, Kenneth Silk, Mike Maloney and Richard Gauthier. Homeowners who live in the streets around Millikan School and persons associated with the Church that uses Millikan for Sunday services were present.

Pat Davenport, Councilwoman Greuel's deputy was also present.

PROBLEM OF PARKING OF MILLIKAN EMPLOYEES Craig Buck reported a Millikan representative could not be present, but did state that there were insufficient parking spaces for the number of teachers and other Millikan employees. The homeowners stated that at the same time Millikan personnel parked on surrounding streets, there were many vacant parking spaces at Millikan. One homeowner showed pictures he took of the Millikan lot on a regular school day showing many available parking spaces and represented he observed similar conditions (i.e. vacant parking spaces at Millikan) on other school days.

The homeowners referred to their application for a preferential parking zone limiting non residents to 2 hours on school days. The members discussed this matter, including whether Millikan could reduce any inadequacy of parking spaces by actions such as encouraging car pooling and providing additional parking spaces.

SONC POSITION ON REQUESTED PREFERENTIAL PARKING

A motion was made by Kenneth Silk to recommend to the Board that SONC support the requested preferential parking zone if Millikan was unable to show it was not reasonably possible for the school to provide parking for its employees. The motion was seconded. A motion

was then made, seconded and adopted to table the motion to the next meeting.

PROBLEM OF PARKING BY THOSE ATTENDING SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES AT MILLIKAN There was also discussion of the problem of those attending Sunday Church services at Millikan parking on surrounding streets.

A church representative stated those attending services did park at Millikan and there was a sign requesting that church attendees not park on residential streets.

There was additional discovery indicating the homeowners and Church officials might be able to work out this problem. Based on the foregoing the members decided not to take any further action regarding this matter at this meeting.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Kenneth Silk reported he attended a L.A. Dept. of Transportation meeting to consider needs for DASH services and he suggested expanding an existing DASH route to provide service on Moorpark from Hazeltine to VanNuys and on Riverside from Hazeltine to Woodman.

He also reported there would be a MTA hearing on March 2nd to consider changes in routes and schedules when the Orange line starts running.

JITNEY There was discussion of possible use of jitneys but it was noted there would be a problem on this, particularly if MTA routes were used.

MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PARKING There was discussion of the need for additional parking facilities and a possible master plan for development. It was noted that in other areas parking facilities were constructed prior to substantial development.

Ms. Davenport questioned whether Sherman Oaks had the commitment required to support development such as turning Ventura Blvd. into a pedestrian destination like Old Town Pasadena. Mr. Buck suggested that the Committee's job was to lay the groundwork for creating more parking to enable new development without increasing traffic and parking problems. It was under the purview of Land Use to determine whether the will of the community would support future development made possible by that infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary
Addenda by Craig Buck, Chairman"