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| **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council**  **SONC**  **BOARD MEETING**  **Monday January 9, 2017**  **6:30 p.m.**  **Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**  **14780 Dickens Street**  **Sherman Oaks** |

**Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order by Jill Banks Barad,** President at 6:37 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: Present:** JillBanks Barad, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Avo Babian, Garett Ross, Levon Baronian, Lisa Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Jeff Kalban, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Kristen Sales, Sue Steinberg, Richard Marciniak, Neil Roden, Ron Ziff, Raphael Morozov

**Absent:** Louis Schillace, Howard Katchen, Sherry Revord

**Approval of Minutes:** SONC Board meeting minutes of Dec. 12, 2016 – *approved as written*

**Comments by Public Officials and staff**

* LAPD: Senior Lead Officers Trent Berry and Jose Saldana warned there have been residential burglaries in hillside homes in the early evening hours. Police patrol will be increased in the area. In response to a question, the officers said response time for non-emergency calls will be approximately 45 min to one hour, and response to emergency calls will be within 5 minutes.

**SONC Election Forum for the LA City Elections, March 7, 2017**

1. **Props M and N –** With the approval of Prop 64 , each city will decide how to

license,regulate and tax local marijuana operations.

***Speaker****-* Larry Levine, campaign consultant

1. **Proposition S-** Pros and Cons of the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative which would put a two- year moratorium on construction projects requiring a zone change or other major changes to city building regulations.

***Speakers****-* *Pro:* Dick Platkin, former city planner

*Con:* Dave Rand, land use attorney, Armbruster, Goldsmith Delvac, LLP

**President’s Report**:

DONE "Neighborhood Council Civic University 1.0". Each NC is permitted to send one male, one female. Jeff Hartsough and Kristen Sales will be SONC representatives.

**Public Comment**: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s Jurisdiction

*None*

**Treasurer’s Report –** Tom Capps, Treasurer

1. Consent Calendar -- *None*
2. ***Action Item:* Motion** to approve and adopt the Monthly Expense Report for the period ending December 2016, for $12,279. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Committee Reports**

1. **Land Use Committee** - Ron Ziff, Chair
   1. Update on pending projects in Sherman Oaks

Information on the Whole Foods project proposed for Beverly Glen and Ventura is on the SONC website, under Land Use Committee; The Sunnkist project EIR may be released in February. Next LUC meeting will be Jan. 19.

* 1. Update on automobile storage at Galleria parking structure

1. **Traffic & Transportation Committee** - Avo Babian, Chair
   1. ***Action Item*: Motion**to support changes to Dash Route of Van Nuys-Studio City Dash. – *approved unanimously.*
   2. ***Action Item:* Motion** to bring to the Board an explanation of what the DASH is, what the changes are, how to increase ridership, how to promote awareness and support by local businesses. *No vote is necessary*
   3. (Taken out of order) ***Possible Action Item:***  CD4/ DOT Community meeting regarding morning traffic South of Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Buckley School

A draft petition was circulated for board support, expressing concern for traffic south of Ventura Boulevard, not limited to hillside streets. Motion was made to support the petition. Board discussion and several friendly amendments to the petition were made. SONC board amended the petition to express concern about traffic throughout Sherman Oaks, not limited to south of Ventura or hillside streets. (See petition, attached). Motion to approve the new petition -- *passed: 16-0-4 (Abstain: Ross, Sales, Morozov, Menard*

1. **Outreach Committee**- Raphael Morozov, Chair
2. “*Hello to Spring*” SONC Tree Giveaway. Confirmed date: March 18, 2017, VNSO Park
3. **Green & Beautification Committee –** Avo Babian, Co-chair
4. Committee will help Outreach in tree give-away. Other topics will be mulch and rain barrels.
5. **Public Safety Committee** – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs
6. ***Action Item***: **Motion from Public Safety Committee to amend** Motion passed by the Board on December 12 to allow allocation of funds to purchase preparedness equipment to be provided to graduates upon completion of CERT training. Motion: passed 19-0-0 (Baronian was absent).

b. Update: CERT Training begins Tuesday, January 10 at SO/ East Valley Adult Center

1. **Homelessness Liaison**- Sherry Revord, SONC Liaison

# Report postponed due to time

# **Budget Advocates** – Howard Katchen, SONC representative

# No report

**Comment from Public Official** *(taken out of order)*:

* CD4 field deputy Alice Roth said Councilmember David Ryu will be at tomorrow night’s traffic meeting, and all options will be under consideration. The hillside areas are the first of many areas to be considered in an overall Traffic Mgt plan. There will be a 30-day public comment period for any plan that is implemented. The Homeless Count will be held January 24, 25, and 26. CD4 has a Beautification Truck which can be utilized by anyone for help in cleaning streets, hauling bulky items. Contact CD4 offices.

**Announcements on items within SONC’s jurisdiction**

a. VANC Monthly meeting, Thursday, January 12, S.O. Hospital, 4929 Van Nuys Blvd.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Steinberg

for Louis Schillace, secretary