**Welcome and Call to Order at 6:32 pm**

**Present:** Garett Ross, Tom Capps, Jeff Hartsough, Raphael Morozov, Richard Marciniak, Lisa Petrus, Sue Steinberg, Avo Babian, Melissa Menard, Jeff Kalban, Neal Roden, Michael Binkow, Ron Ziff

**Absent**: Levon Baronian, Kristin Sales, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Sherry Revord, Jill Banks Barad

**Approval of Minutes of previous meeting of** February 12, 2018, *unanimously approved*

**Comments by LAPD SLO’s, Public Officials and staff**

* LAPD Officer Barry and Officer Saldana spoke about recent burglary, homeless encampment
* Daniel Eyal from CD4 District Office reported on Party House ordinance passed by City Council; brush clearance; speed limit changes; Los Angeles Conservation Corp.
* Emma Taylor from State Sen. Adrin Nazarian office spoke regarding AB 1857 which will require buildings to be 50% stronger than current standards to withstand earthquakes.

**President’s Report**

We are continuing to get complaints on the city's trash franchises. There are several methods to file a complaint. They are listed in the February & March newsletters. We have been referring people to those.

The party house ordinance was passed by the City Council. It was authored by David Ryu. There are fines on the property owner for noise and disturbances that start at $100 and go up with each violation until they reach $8,000.

There have been multiple problems on our website since February 1. Jeff and Ron have been working on it daily to get them fixed.

Avo Babian will be resigning as Secretary. We will be selecting a new Secretary in the near future.

The Executive Committee considered presenting a by-laws amendment adding one or more youth seats to the Board. No decision was reached and the issue will be discussed in the future.

The Council was served with a grievance on March 7 in regard to the vote on Billy the Elephant at our February meeting. We will be working on that in the next couple of weeks and will address it on a timely basis.

Our newsletter continues to grow. This month we added 330 readers for a total of 17,521.

Michael Binkow received a special award from Congressman Sherman for his work with the homeless. Michael has agreed to expand his role as Homeless Liaison to leading a Homeless Committee for us. There is so much work to be done in this area, we look forward to his leadership.

**Guest Speaker – Tamar Galatzan, Deputy City Attorney for Van Nuys Division**

City Attorney’s Office is looking for creative solutions on the citation side**.** Allowing those people who get tickets or citations to attend classes, counseling,clinics to remove the citation. The city is looking at ways to open parking lots at night to let people sleep in their cars. The city is working on finding ways to partner with apartment owners to try and house the homeless. Tamar responded to questions from the Board. New County telephone number is 2-1-1 and they will route the call to LA Family Housing, the service provider for the Valley.

**Guest Speaker – Laila Alequresn, Budget Office (CAO) researcher**

Ms. Alequresn spoke on how the city addresses or doesn’t address infrastructure projects and street related programs and services. Ms. Alequresn did numerous surveys and ultimately a 400-page assessment of the street infrastructure, emphasizing the importance in coordinating the many departments that makes decisions related to streets. Survey of issues residents in CD4 rated as top priorities were street sweeping, cleanup of homeless encampments, and bulky item pickup. One big problem is there are too many departments that oversee parts of street services, but not one department coordinating. There is a lack of communication and coordination which is financially wasteful, inefficient, and needs more oversight. For example, it would provide better management if the Board of Public Works took over the minimal work now done by the Dept. of Transportation.

Anyone can review the report at Council File 17-1311. Questions from the Board and audience.

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

*none*

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

**Consent Calendar** – *Unanimously approved*

A. Motion for the review and approval of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Monthly Expense Report for month ending January 31, 2017;

B. Motion to increase the funding request from $6,000 to $6,250 for two previously approved board action votes for the 2017 Summer Series Movies events. Increase in total funding is requested to pay Department of Recreation and Parks for services rendered and invoiced.

Treasurer’s Report: SONC bank account as of today is $23,834 today; over $7,000 in uncommitted funds.

**Committee Reports**

 **A. Planning & Land Use Committee Report** - Jeff Kalban, Chair

* + 1. Updates on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks
		2. Motion from the committee: ***The SONC Board opposes SB827 because it destroys the zoning in Sherman Oaks and threatens the quality of life for all our citizens and stakeholders.***

Wayne of Encino spoke against the motion.

*Motion passed: 11-0-2 (Abstentions: Ross, Binkow)*

**B. Rules and Elections Committee** - Sue Steinberg, 2nd Vice-President

1. By-Laws Amendments recommended by the Executive Committee. Second reading:

 **Section 4: Terms and Term Limits** -Each Member shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Newly elected Members will be seated after certification of the final election results, or in the event of a recount or election challenge, after confirmation of the results of that recount or election challenge, in which case incumbent Members will continue in their positions until any recount or election challenge is resolved.

***Members elected or appointed to terms expiring in 2018 shall serve one additional year, and members elected or appointed to terms expiring in 2020 shall serve one additional year, due to a one-time extension of terms per City Council Ordinance.***Beginning with election held in ***2019***, and each election thereafter, each and every Member shall be elected for a four (4) year term, or until a successor is elected or appointed.

1. Public Comment on the Motion
2. Board discussion
3. Vote on the motion: *Motion passed: 11-0-2 (Abstention: Ross, Morozov)*

**Article VI OFFICERS**

**Section 3: Selection of Officers –**

A. Officers shall be elected bi-annually by the Board at the first meeting following an election for Members and every two years thereafter. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election. ***Officers elected bi-annually by the Board in 2016 shall have a one-time, one-year term extension to coordinate officers’ elections with the 2019 Neighborhood Council election.***

**Section 4: Officer Terms** – Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term and serve at the pleasure of the Board***. Officers elected bi-annually by the Board in 2016 shall have a one-time, one-year term extension to coordinate officers’ elections with the 2019 Neighborhood Council election.***

1. Public Comment on the Motion
2. Board discussion
3. Vote on the motion: *Motion passed: 10-0-3 (Abstention: Morozov, Babian, Binkow)*

## Article V GOVERNING BOARD

**Section 3: Official Actions** – In order for the Board to take action, a majority of Board Members ***present and voting*** must support a position.

A. The presiding officer may vote on all motions.

B. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

C. ***A majority is determined only by affirmative and negative votes. An abstention is not a vote and does not count as a vote.*** (Deleted: Simple majority vote by the board members present and voting, including abstentions,

which count as a “yes” vote.)

* 1. Public Comment on the Motion
	2. Board discussion
	3. Vote on the motion  *Motion passed: 12-0-1 (Abstention: Ross)*
		1. **Traffic & Transportation Committee** – Avo Babian, Chair

1. Motion to support the installation of Electric Car Charger stations in Sherman Oaks.

Carolyn Cassovan presented the motion, and proposed EV charger locations.

Speakers: Wayne of Encino, Dolores Tukich

Motion to support the presentation of March 12, 2018 from Traffic and Transportation and Green and Beautification committees regarding the recommended locations of Electric Car Charger stations in Sherman Oaks and forward it on to LADWP.

*Motion passed: 11-0-1 (Abstention: Capps)*

* + 1. **Green & Beautification Committee** – Avo Babian, Chair

Update on the formation of a BID.

A subcommittee is going to meet Wednesday, March 14 at SO Library, 6:30pm

* + 1. **Arts Committee** -- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

 The Arts Committee continues to explore places and concepts for Public Art in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood. Next Meeting: March 14, 2018, 6:30pm, CD4 Sherman Oaks Office.

* + 1. **Outreach Committee** -- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

1. **Hello to Spring - Tree Giveaway,** Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10:00-2:00pm, Van

 Nuys Sherman Oaks Park. Please sign up for service at the event

 2. Planning for **SONC Summer Series-Movies in the Park** is underway

 Next Meeting: March 20, 2018, 6:30pm, CD4 Sherman Oaks Office

 **E. Public Safety Committee** – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs *(Item was taken out of order)*

1. Motion from the committee: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests our elected and appointed city, county, state, and federal officials to initiate, pass, and enforce all legislation possible to further regulate and/or eliminate the sale and ownership of automatic weapons and bump stocks.

Speaker Wayne of Encino spoke

*Motion passed unanimously*

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

A. The EmpowerLA Awards Dinner is March 29, 6-9 pm at City Hall.

B. The Sherman Oaks Library will have an open house Saturday, March 31, 1-3 PM to celebrate the renovation of the Library’s Community Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*Sue Steinberg*