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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood
Council**

**SONC REGULAR
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:30 p.m.

**Sherman Oaks Elementary School
Auditorium
14780 Dickens Street
Sherman Oaks**

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President, Ron Ziff

Present: Jeffrey Hartsough, Melissa Menard, Lisa Petrus (*left at 7:50*), Jill Banks Barad, Jeffrey Kalban, Sue Steinberg, Sherry Revord, Sidonia Lax (*left at 9pm*), Avo Babian, Levon Baronian (*left at 8pm*), Tom Capps, Neal Roden, Michael Binkow, Richard Marciniak, Howard Katchen, Garett Ross, Ron Ziff

Absent: Raphael Morozov, Kristin Sales

Approval of Minutes of SONC meeting of March 12, 2018, *unanimously approved*

5. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff

- Los Angeles Police Officer Saldana – vehicle thefts
- Emma Taylor, Field Rep for Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian - women self-defense classes
- Daniel Eyal, Field Rep for CD4 – Sanitation, Permanent Supportive Housing and Motel Conversion ordinances going to City Council, emergency preparedness
- Ron Merkin – member of Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council - increase in jet noise from airport
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils president Jill Banks Barad presented Michael Binkow with a certificate of appreciation for his work on homeless issues

6. President's Report

Our monthly newsletter continues to thrive with 380 new readers in April. This month was sent out to 17,901 readers. Best of all, the March newsletter attracted 14 new volunteers to serve on our committees. 6 of those volunteered to serve on our new Homeless Committee with Michael Binkow. Tonight our administrative assistant, Jolie Salter will be training on taking minutes. The Library had a grand opening celebration on March 31. We participated in the ribbon cutting. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will be offering Funding Training on April 23 & 24. If any Board member is interested see me. Tonight we will be re-hearing the issue involving the elephants at the LA Zoo. There will be more explanation when we get to that.

7. **Panel Discussion on SB 827** – Co-Sponsored by SO Chamber of Commerce
Moderator: Jill Banks Barad, past president SONC
Panelists: Nicholas Greif, Director of Policy & Legislation CD4; Raj Dhillon, Deputy District Director, State Senator Bob Hertzberg; David Rand, Land Use Attorney, Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac
8. **Public Comment:** Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC's Jurisdiction
 - Jon Pelzer, 30th Congressional District candidate
9. **Consent Calendar** – *unanimously approved*
 - a) A motion for the review and approval of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Monthly Expense Report for month ending February 28, 2018.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
 - b) A motion to amend the Sherman Oaks Annual Budget approved December 11, 2017;
 - c) A motion to approve up to \$200 for a rolling cart to transport the SONC sound public address system and purchase of additional knock down shelving for SONC's office storeroom;
 - d) A motion from the Public Safety Committee to approve a neighborhood purposes grant request by the Southern California Disaster Preparedness Foundation for up to \$850 by for the 2018 Annual Southern California Disaster Preparedness Fair.
 - e) A motion to approve a neighborhood purposes grant request by the Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners (a 501.3.c non-profit) for up to \$2,600 for purchase of an incubator (\$2,000) and classes for animal training classes for pit bulls to mitigate and reduce these animals being euthanized (\$600);
 - f) A motion to authorize that the balance of unspent funds of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council available at the end of the fiscal year be transferred in equal amounts to the Budget Advocate and Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods. Funds shall be paid by a board resolution signed by the either the President or First Vice President for the exact amount of the unspent funds available on June 1, 2018 as determined by the Treasurer. The total amount of unspent funds paid to either organization at the end of this fiscal shall be deducted from any fund requests made in the 2018-19 fiscal year.;
 - g) A motion to approve up to \$4,000 for the annual Summer Series (Movie) Event

Phase I to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park
– movie selections pending.

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

Next Finance Meeting April 26 at CD 4 office, 14930 Ventura Blvd #210.

No report

11. **Old Business**

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

1. By-Laws Amendments recommended by the Executive Committee.

Second reading and vote on Amendments on *Attachment A*:

Article V GOVERNING BOARD

Section 4: Terms and Term Limits -

A. Public Comment on the Motion

B. Board discussion

C. Vote on the motion, *Passed, 13-0-2 (Abstain: Babian, Ross)*

Article VI OFFICERS

Section 3: Selection of Officers –

Section 4: Officer Terms –

A. Public Comment on the Motion

B. Board discussion

C. Vote on the motion, *Passed, 13-0-2 (Abstain: Babian, Ross)*

Article V GOVERNING BOARD

Section 3: Official Actions –

A. Public Comment on the Motion

B. Board discussion

C. Vote on the motion, *Passed, 14-0-1 (Abstain: Ross)*

12. **Re-Hearing of a motion** heard on February 12, 2018, per Grievance #130 “Re:

City Council File 17-0453 Move that Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council urges the LA City Council to instruct the Los Angeles Zoo to immediately begin working on the process of safely relocating Billy to a suitable and positive environment where the physical discomfort he has suffered will come to an end.”

A. Introduction

B. Presentation by Kiersten Cluster, Elephant Guardian of Los Angeles and speaker Aaron Leider

C. Presentation by John Lewis, Director LA Zoo

D. Public comments on the motion

Heather (no last name), Victoria Fisher Briggs, Marlene Goodman, Britt Lind,

Sandra Bell, Cecile Bender, Judith Powell, Ariana Gogny, Susan Pearson, Maria

Eberts, Beth Schaefer, Megan Runquist, Alexandra Spada, Karen Poly, Josh Sisk,

John Stimson, Imanuel Zeinali, Laura Kaplansky, Yuma Hammel, Lily Shaw, Kim

Todd, Fran Zell, Ralph Mayer

E. Board questions and discussion

F. Board Vote. Motion does not pass (2-9-0) (Yes: Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barad; Noes: Ron Ziff, Jeff Hartsough, Sue Steinberg, Tom Capps, Richard Marciniak, Howard Katchen, Melissa Menard, Michael Binkow, Jeffrey Kalban. (Left the auditorium prior to vote: Garrett Ross, Sherry Revord, Neal Roden)

13. Committee reports

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

- Update on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks
- Next PLUM Meeting: April 19, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Public Library
- Vision Sub-Committee: May 3, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Public Library

B. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

1. Items of current focus: Sepulveda Pass Project (Sub-Committee); Hillside Traffic; Bike Sharing Program; LA DASH
2. Motion from Traffic and Transportation Committee, jointly with Green and Beautification Committee: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the placement of Electric Car (EV) Charging stations in Sherman Oaks and recommends that LADWP considers locations identified by the Traffic and Transportation Committee for the placement of such EV Charging stations. *See Attachment B. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - Next Meeting: Full Committee, April 11, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Public Library;
 - Sepulveda Subcommittee, May 9, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Public Library

C. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair

- Hello Spring–Tree Giveaway, March 24, 2018, a success. Thanks to all.
- SONC Summer Series–Movies the Park next events
- Next Meeting: April 17, 2018, 6:30pm, CD4 Sherman Oaks Office

D. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

1. Items of current focus: LA River Bike path; Sidewalk tree issues; BID Subcommittee is forming
 - Next Meeting: BID Subcommittee, May 2, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Library;
 - Full Committee, June 6, 2018, 6:30pm, SO Library

E. Public Safety Committee – Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs

1. The Public Safety Committee is developing a survey to be sent to Sherman Oaks stakeholders. The draft survey is posted on the website.

2.Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 ballot initiative [as filed with the California Office of the Attorney General]. Speaker: Loren Namien.

Motion does not pass: 6-8-0 (Yes: *Garett Ross, Jeff Hartsough, Richard Marciniak, Avo Babian, Melissa Menard, Sherry Revord*, No: *Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Sue Steinberg, Jill Banks Barad, Michael Binkow, Neal Roden, Jeff Kalban, Ron Ziff*)

3. SAVE THE DATE: Map Your Neighborhood Training, Sunday, May 6, 2018, 10:00am, Community Room, Sherman Oaks Galleria

- Next Meeting: April 23, 2018, 6:30pm, SO East Valley Adult Center

F. Arts Committee – Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

1. Reviewing places and concepts for Public Art in Sherman Oaks

- Next Meeting: May 9, 2018, 6:30pm, CD4 Sherman Oaks Office

G. Homeless Committee – Michael Binkow Committee is being formed

H. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative

1. Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 18-0600.
Passed unanimously

2. Please complete the Budget Advocates 2018 Survey by April 30, 2018. A link to the Survey has been sent to all SONC Board members

14. Announcements on items within SONC's jurisdiction

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
Sue Steinberg*

Attachment A

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.**

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.

Article VI OFFICERS

Section 3: Selection of Officers –

- B. 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.**

Attachment B

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Recommended Locations in Sherman Oaks With Amendments as Passed at the March 12, 2018 Board Meeting

1. EV Charging Plazas – Recommending 2 stations with multiple connectors, serving a total of 8 parking spaces at each location.
 - a. **Neighborhood EV Charging Plaza at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park, in parking lot on Tyrone Avenue near Huston Street.** This is city-owned property under the LA Department of Recreation and Parks. This site is recommended because it is located in an area with a high number of multi-family buildings adjacent to the park. This is a large parking lot which is lightly used on weekdays and weekends during the fall and winter months.
 - b. **Commuter EV Charging Plaza at Fashion Square Mall in parking lot on Woodman Avenue.** This property is privately owned by the Westfield Group. It is adjacent to 101 freeway with easy off and easy on access. This would make a great location for commuters who may need a quick charge or travelers passing through the area.
2. Malls and Shopping Centers – Recommend adding charging stations at these shopping locations. The chargers should be located moderately away from the entrances so that people will park there only to charge their vehicles instead of having a space next to the entrance.
 - a. **Galleria Mall at Sepulveda and Ventura Boulevard** – There are some stations here. Additional stations may be needed for movie times.
 - b. **Westfield Mall on upper level outside dining court** – There are some stations on the bottom level. Recommend additional stations near their restaurant locations when constructed.
3. Grocery Stores
 - a. Ralph's at Burbank and Van Nuys Boulevard. Not sure if this Ralph's has a charger. (Ralph's on Ventura at Hazeltine does.)
 - b. New Whole Foods on Ventura Boulevard at Tyrone.
 - c. New Pavilion's on Ventura Boulevard at Kester.
 - d. Trader Joe's on Riverside at Hazeltine – None there at this time.
4. Ventura Boulevard
 - a. Add a few pole or parking meter mounted chargers along Ventura Boulevard near restaurants and shopping. Could have a dual meter for charging and parking fees. Spaces open to everyone.
5. Office Buildings – Encourage owners of large office buildings to add EV chargers for employees and visitors.
 - a. Several buildings located at the corner of Sepulveda and Ventura Boulevards.
 - b. Medical and office buildings on Van Nuys Boulevard near Riverside Drive.
 - c. A few large office buildings on Riverside Drive near intersections with cross streets.
 - d. A couple along Ventura Boulevard between Sepulveda and Van Nuys Boulevard.
6. Schools – Consider adding EV chargers at local schools for teachers, workers, and students who drive. LAUSD and private schools.
 - a. Millikan Middle School in the parking lot on the corner of Magnolia and Sunnyslope Avenue.