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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**SONC REGULAR  
BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, June 11, 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 6:35 p.m. by President, Ron Ziff**  
**Present: Jeffrey Hartsough, Lisa Petrus, Jill Banks Barad, Jeffrey Kalban, Sue Steinberg, Avo Babian, Tom Capps, Neil Roden, Michael Binkow, Howard Katchen, Garett Ross, Kristin Sales, Raphael Morozov, Ron Ziff**  
**Absent: Melissa Menard, Sherry Revord, Sidonia Lax, Levon Baronian, Richard Marciniak**

- Approval of Minutes of previous meeting. Howard first, Jeff Kalban second - approved unanimously.
- Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff – officers gave crime update report. Also fireworks safety for July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Emma Taylor Representative Adrin Nazarian– budget updates. Daniel from Councilman Ryu's office gave updates. Updates on Air B&B. Also updates on remodeling. Councilman Ryu gave a update on traffic issues/WAZE. Benita Trujillo from Sheila Kuehl's office gave update on way's to help the homeless. Jasmine from Done is wanting a survey and feedback. Councilman Ryu's office is asking for input on the NC reform.
- Panel Discussion – The Homeless Crisis in Los Angeles  
David Ryu – Los Angeles City Councilperson District 4

**Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, President & CEO, LA Family Housing**  
**Frank Romero-Crockett, Public Affairs Officer, United Way of Los Angeles**

- **President's Report** - May 2019 next election – gave a update about the news letter- President asking for volunteers in committees. Next SONC meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.

President's Report May 29, 2018

We have been notified that the amendments to our by-laws were approved by DONE and in full effect.

Our next Election for even numbered seats is tentatively scheduled for late May 2019. Additional information will be available in the next couple of months.

The newsletter went to 18,619 subscribers this month. About 1 out of 3 or about 6,000 are opening & reading it. Our readers accounted for 7% of the total readership for all 97 neighborhood Councils. This month the edition that went out in our email blast and on the website had pictures. There has been a request for Board Members profiles in Newsletter. I will be asking the Board members for a couple of sentences to be published in the next one or two months.

We need volunteers from the community to serve on 3 committees; Government Affairs, Homeless Outreach. If you would like to be a part of these please sign the list that will be going around. There are a number of reforms to the Neighborhood Council system that had been introduced by Councilmember Ryu. The Government Affairs Committee will be considering them later this month and reporting back to the Board at our July meeting.

We need two volunteers from the Board plus an alternate to serve on the Together We Serve Task Force with the City Council Office. The group will be working on:

- 1) Expanding and improving DASH Routes
- 2) Developing more effective communications between City Departments and our Communities

The East Valley Animal Shelter thanked us for our donation of funds that are being used to train volunteers in handling dogs at the shelter and to purchase an incubator that saves the lives of kittens by keeping them warm.

Metro will have an Open House to tell about projects in the San Fernando Valley:

- East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (ESFVTC Project)
- Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Improvements Project
- Warner Center Bus Service Improvements

It will be Tuesday June 19 at 5:15pm and again at 6:30pm. Metro staff will present an overview of the ESFVTC Project report the Metro Board of Directors will consider at its June 2018 Board meeting.

Tonight we will be closing the fiscal year and voting on the expense reports for May & June, the Administrative package required by the City Clerk, and our annual inventory. These documents are posted on the website, were sent to Board Members, published through the department's DNS service last Friday, and they are in a notebook on the piano for anyone to review. Committee chairs should keep a copy of the inventory so you know what equipment is available.

I would like to thank the entire Board for an excellent year. Our first meeting the next fiscal year will be July 9. It will be at the Senior Center. We will be dark in August.

- **Public Comment:** Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC's Jurisdiction- Ifunanya Gwachami -L.A. Cities accordance office. Re: Victims Assistance.

Rudy Menendez -Candidate for California State Senate.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Tom Capps, Treasurer

A. A motion for the review and approval of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Monthly Expense Report for month ending APRIL 30, 2018. (supplement A) **Passed Unanimously**

B. A motion for the review and approval of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Monthly Expense Report for month ending May 31, 2018. . (supplement B) **Passed Unanimously**

C. A motion to approve and adopt the administrative package required by the office of the City Clerk for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 comprised of: **Passed Unanimously**

- a. A Letter of Acknowledgement signed by all SONC financial officers.
- b. The Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
- c. A Statement of and request for Administrative Agreements. (see attachment A) . (supplement C)

D. Approval of the Annual inventory . (supplement D) **Passed Unanimously**

- **Committee reports**

Exec Committee – Proposed By-law amendment . (supplement E) Neil asked a question. Lisa asked a question. Jeff K. asked a question. More discussions pros and cons. Avo asked a question. 10 yes's, 2 no's –

Yes's – Jeffrey Hartsough, Jeffrey Kalban, Sue Steinberg, Avo Babia, Tom Capps, Neal Roden, Michael Binkow, Howard Katchen, Garrett Ross, Ron Ziff

No's – Jill Banks Barad, Lisa Petrus

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

1. Updates on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks. Next meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup>, they will be studying metro stations in Sherman Oaks.

**B. Rules and Elections Committee** Sue Steinberg

Proposed Neighborhood Council Reforms – appointment of a working group

**C. Traffic & Transportation Committee** – Avo Babian, Chair – updates on Public

Transportation. Update on the METRO public meeting, and Hill side Traffic issues.

Tom asked some questions. Ron wants to get together and have a meeting with Avo, Jeff H. and Jeff C.

**D. Outreach Committee-** Jeff Hartsough, Chair

Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000.00 for the screening and related expenses for two SONC Summer Series. **Passed Unanimously.**

**E. Green & Beautification Committee –** Avo Babian, Chair

**1. Motion:** The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the DWP program entitled “Bucket Brigade” and encourages the public to participate. **Passed unanimously.**

**2. update on the LA River development**

**F. Government Affairs Committee –** Jill Banks Barad, Chair - 1st meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the library. Discussion about NC reform.

**G. Public Safety Committee –** Kristin Sales & Melissa Menard, Co-chairs  
Dark in June. Next meeting July 23. Map your neighborhood on May 6<sup>th</sup>. May 21<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Watch Forum. Next meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the EVAC.

**G. Budget Advocates –** Howard Katchen, SONC representative. Updates. Budget Day June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

**Election of two Budget Representatives for 2018-19 – Howard K. and Jeffrey H. Unanimously Elected**

- **Announcements on items within SONC’s jurisdiction – Tom C.**
- **Adjourn: at 9:45**