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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Elementary School
Auditorium
14780 Dickens Street
Sherman Oaks

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order - Ron Ziff**, President at 6:33 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Stephanie Meyer
3. **Roll Call** Jeff Hartsough, Sue Steinberg, Tom Capps, Avo Babian, Candy Williams, Kristen Sales, Howard Katchen, Deatra Yatman, Lisa Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Sara Olds, Jill Banks Barrad, Melissa Menard, Neal Roden, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. (Elinor Oren, Marcus Zimmerman. **Absent:**, Levon Baronian, , Raphael Morozov, Richard Marciniak, Michael Binkow.
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** Tom Capps brought the Motion to the Floor, Neil Roden 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
5. **Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials and staff:** LAPD update: **Officer Barry** gave a update on crime in Sherman Oaks. Property crime down 8 %. Gave awareness regarding people stealing your packages while out shopping. Lisa Petrus asked a question. Tom Capps made a comment. **Emma Taylor:** Gave information on future events calendar.
6. **Daniel Eyal:** Gave information regarding regulating Air B&B. Hosting a homeless count 1/22 – 1/24. Starting a task force for dealing with wildfires at the wildlife urban interface.

Betty Wong: Done updates; 1:00 p.m. meeting at City Hall on December 11, 2018. Councilman Ryu will be speaking about Neighborhood Council reforms. Neighborhood elections coming: February 2019 – June 2019. Election Committees Meeting December 11 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Valley Area Funding meeting February 12, 2019. Neighborhood Funding Training on May 19' 2019. Neighborhood Councils are able to purchase food for our events. But not to donate. SWAG must be engraved with SONC logo, no more affixing a sticker on it.

7. President's Report

David Ryu has notified us that the site at 15341 Dickens was judged not feasible for construction of affordable housing by the CAO because it is owned by Caltrans and the city's lease does not allow construction. Some people had been saying that it was a done deal and the community's opinions had not been taken into account. The real fact is that the project never got to that stage. As everyone was told, a study was being considered. The CAO said that a study was not necessary because it could not be done.

I sent out a second updated letter to the FAA reflecting the views on the Burbank Airport air traffic patterns that we voted on at the Sept 17 Board meeting. The new letter is posted on our website with the November meeting. City Attorney Mike Feuer has hired an outside law firm to fight the FAA's plan. We hope our letter helped influence that decision.

This month we added 370 subscribers and our December newsletter was distributed to 21,245 families.

We have had a number of people tell us to have direct mailings to the community to publicize one or more things that concern that person. They are vocal about what we should do, but so far absolutely none are willing to help in any way. A single mailing to our 100,000 stakeholders would cost upwards of \$50,000 and take a lot of work. No one has been able to identify where the funds could be obtained. The idea may be good, but without funding and someone to do the work there can be no mailing. I welcome any donations or leads to possible funding and volunteers that are willing to work. Don't be bashful. Just send me an email.

The City Council is considering bans on Styrofoam and plastic straws. I have asked our Green and Beautification Committee to analyze them and recommend a position.

There is a shortage of housing in California and SB50 has been introduced in the State Senate. This solution that will absolutely ruin our community. We will hear more about it tonight from Jeff Kalban, chair of our PLUM Committee. I have asked the both the PLUM Committee and our Government Affairs Committee to make recommendations on it.

When we received an updated demographic study of Sherman Oaks a couple of weeks ago I was extremely interested because I studied statistical analysis in college and spent a good portion of my business career dealing with demographic statistics. The study shows that our population is now more than 70,000. California has the fifth largest GDP in the world and the city of Los Angeles had a GDP of \$931 billion in 2016. Los Angeles and this community, in particular, is one of the most desirable places in the world to live. The demographic study is very revealing and I have posted it on our website for all to see. There were also a number of surprises in the statistics. Of note: 59.6% of our constituents are renters and only 40.4% are homeowners. Some people think homeowners are the majority. Nothing could be further from the truth. 8% of our population has a disability. The mean household income is more than \$116,000. But more than 60% of our constituents are getting less than that. In fact 14.4% of the households in Sherman Oaks

are below the federal poverty level with a family income of \$25,000 or less. More than 1 out of 5 families in Sherman Oaks has an income of less than \$35,000 and has difficulty making ends meet. 21.5%, or about 15,000 of our constituents are in this situation. These are not homeless; these are residents. But many are just one paycheck away from being in difficulties. As we move forward we should take these constituents into account and not ignore them.

An article by Steve Lopez in the LA Times indicated that 80% of LAUSD students qualify for a federal free lunch. We have our Board meetings here at Sherman Oaks Elementary. I know that there are a number of kids here that are on the free lunch program. I have asked the Vision Committee to find out how many kids at all seven of the LAUSD schools within our boundaries are on a free lunch program. Children are the most important asset of this community. We have had requests for an education committee and there may be things we can do as a neighborhood council for our schools and this community's children. This is something the education committee can look into. Jeff Hartsough has volunteered to start up and chair the committee. If you would like to serve on the committee please email me.

Tonight's meeting is adjourned in honor of two heroes George H W Bush and Karsten Meyer. One is a national hero and one is a local hero. Much has been said this past week about George H W Bush. I won't say more here. I will talk about a local hero, Karsten Meyer. In 1963 he emigrated from Hamburg, Germany to the U.S. to be independent, work as he saw fit, and most importantly, to marry the love of his life. He searched the country for the best place for the family he would build. In 1969 he brought them to Sherman Oaks, where he quietly served our community at his business, Karsten Imports for 35 years. He was known in this community as a skillful and honest mechanic. He recently passed away. His daughter, Stephanie, is here with us today. Stephanie this community will miss your father.

8. Guest Speakers - Public Scooter Program

Lime Scooters - Karla Martinez spoke and answered questions. What Lime is all about and their history. Launched July of 2018.

Razor Scooters – Taylor Strand: was not able to make the meeting, will be here in January 2019.

8.. Nomination of Fran Kerzner to the remaining term of the Business Seat representing Area 3.

Public Comments: None

Q&A by the Board

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Betty swore in Fran Kerzner

9. Consent Calendar All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one vote. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the

Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A motion to approve the monthly expense report for the period ending October 31, 2018

A. A motion to approve a payment of \$11.19 to board member Abo Babian for reimbursement for the purchase of bottled water for the SONC sponsored home garden event;

B. A motion to approve a payment of \$47.94 to board member Deatra Yatman for reimbursement for the purchase of yard signs for the SONC sponsored home garden event;

C. A motion from the SONC Public Safety Committee for funding of up to \$1,000 for three (3) emergency preparedness workshops. Funding shall include facility rental fees, marketing material, branded give-a-ways, refreshments and the purchase of up to six A-Frame directional signs with SONC branding.

D. A Motion from the SONC Public Safety Committee for funding of up to \$1,000 for seven (7) CERT training classes. Funding shall include facility rental fees, marketing material, SONC branded give-a-ways, CERT kits and refreshments.

E. A Motion from the SONC Public Safety Committee for funding of up to \$1,000 for three Neighborhood Watch forums

F. A motion to approve \$250 to JCS Catering for refreshments at the Valley Alliance Of Neighborhood Council Annual Mixer event to be held on March 14, 2019 at CBS-Studio City;

G. A motion to approve the revision of the approved budget of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council based on anticipated expenditures for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as follows:

Office & Administration	\$13,445
Outreach	\$12,555
Elections	\$5,000
Community Improvement	\$3,000
NPGs	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$42,000

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Treasurer's Report – Tom Capps, Treasurer

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant by Hope Mill, Inc, a 501 3.C non profit corporation for up to \$2,500 for the purchase of 500 backpacks, which will then be filled with food, water, clothing, and essential personal care items, and distributed at 6 Homeless Connect events in the San Fernando Valley.; **Passed Unanimously.**

Terry from Hope Mill, Inv. gave more information on the Hope Mill, Inc. working with homeless outreach programs.

11. Committee reports

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

1. Updates on pending development projects in Sherman Oaks

2. New Senate Bill on Housing near “existing job centers and public transportation

SB827 is now SB-50 a State bill proposed by Senator Scott Wiener to encourage high density low income housing and equitable communities in “job rich” areas or along high quality transit corridors. The proposed bill will increase density (no density limits), increase height by away with height limits less than 45 feet and 55 feet depending on distance from a transit corridor (even in R1 zones) and decrease parking to only .5 automobiles parking spots per unit. Where will everyone park?

The definition of “Job-rich” is based on indicators such as proximity to jobs, high area median income relative to the relevant region and high-quality public schools. There are no geographic boundaries called out. Therefore does this designate the entire community? This could impact all of Sherman Oaks.

The definition of “High-quality transit corridor” means a corridor with fixed route bus service that has service intervals of no more than 15 minutes during peak commute hours. This impacts much of Sherman Oaks. And at 15 minutes intervals this is not even a viable transit system.

In an appeal to renter organizations SB 50 says to be eligible for the incentives the site cannot contain housing occupied by tenants within the 7 years preceding the application or be a property that has removed its tenants within 15 years of their application. Therefore, no current apartment sites will receive the incentives. What does that leave besides commercial property? Single family zones.

And if the developer complies with certain conditions they qualify for streamlined ministerial approval thereby avoiding the public process...no community or Council Office input.

SB-50 as with its predecessor SB827, which we voted to oppose in February, is bad planning with no regard to local conditions or zoning. We will study this bill at Vision and PLUM and bring updates and a motion to this board when SB-50 is in a more definitive form.

B. Rules and Elections Committee Sue SteinbergSue Steinberg gave information on May 19' 2019 election.

C. Traffic & Transportation Committee – Avo Babian, Chair.

Avo gave an update on the new route for the Van Nuys Studio City DASH

Avo has promoted the installation of more EV chargers in our neighborhood.

D. Outreach Committee- Jeff Hartsough, Chair

Update on “Hello to Spring” free tree giveaway: It will be on March 23rd, and along with trees, there will be rain barrels to buy, and info about energy conservation. Tom Capps had a question.

E. Green & Beautification Committee – Avo Babian, Chair

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City Council specifically to establish a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council resolves to submit a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 and to communicate support to our City Council member expressing support for this position.

Ethan Senser –public speaker – volunteer for stand LA

Gave information on standing against Neighborhood drilling.

Ron had a question. Avo Babian amends the motion and removes the final “etc” in the language.

Motion Passed: 12-0-5: Yeas: Candy Williams, Kristin Sales, Jeff Hartsough, Deatra Yatman, Sue Steinberg, Sidonia Lax, Sara Olds, Avo Babian, Jill Banks Barrad, Melissa Menaard, Jeffrey Kalban, Ron Ziff. **Neas:** None. **Abstain:** Tom Capps, Howard Katchen, Fran Krezner, Lisa Petrus, Neal Roden.

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

Next meeting will be on January 28, 2019.

January 9, 2019 – February 20, 2019 for www.cert-la.com.

G. Purposeful Aging Liaison- Deatra Yatman, SONC Liaison. No Updates.

H. Homeless Outreach Committee – Michael Binkow. No Updates

I. Budget Advocates – Howard Katchen, SONC representative.

Asked if we are satisfied with our tax dollars being well spent?

We have published our city services report card.

www.Ncbala.com – budget advocates website

Jeff Hartsough had a question.

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

Public Comment by Kati Zemet. On Jan 12th, there is a “DO it Herself” event to show women how to fix things around the house

Public Comment by Ethan Senser

13. Announcements on items within SONC’s jurisdiction. Ron announces Ron Galfern, la city controller, as next months guest speaker

13. Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Avo Babian

Secretary