

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF  
BOARD MEETING  
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)  
Monday, June 13, 2011  
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kiumars Arzani.
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 14 members of the Board: Jill Banks Barad, Jeff Ebenstein, Art Fields, Howard Katchen, Shanna Coburn, Arthur Hutchinson, Kiumars Arzani, Jay Beeber, Sherry Revord, Sidonia Lax, Richard Marciniak, Ron Ziff, Max Calne, and Neal Roden.

The following 4 members were absent: Kristin Elington-Stiles, Michael Preston, and Greg Martayan (letter of resignation sent), and Anthony St. John.

- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve May 9, 2011 Minutes as written made by Neal Roden with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Marciniak. The Board approved the minutes as written by unanimous vote.
- **REPORTS FROM STAFF of OFFICIALS and SLO:** The President introduced the following people:
  - **Tamar Galatzan, Neighborhood Prosecutor for Van Nuys/N. Hollywood**, discussed recent

South of the Blvd. issues including at home auto repair, home parties and transient issues. Tamar also made note that the City Attorneys are now required to take 36 furlough days so her response back to you may be delayed.

- **Wess Hernandez, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, discussed the 405 closure in July.
- **Jason Levin, CA State Senator Fran Pavley's office**, discussed that the Budget should go to the floor on Wednesday. Jason also distributed a copy of the June newsletter.
- **Pat Davenport, Councilman Krekorian's CD2 office**, discussed July 2<sup>nd</sup> Inauguration event that the Councilman is having.
- **Ron Macias, Community Relations Officer with METRO**, discussed the 405 Closure from July 16-July 17<sup>th</sup>. Southbound 101 to Getty and Northbound 10 to 101. Get the word out to the community.

- **PUBLIC FORUM:** The President introduced the following speakers:

- **Marie Aghabashian:** Spoke about an issue that she was having at her home in Sherman Oaks in which the city did not properly fix a hole. She was asked to work with Neighborhood Services Committee as well as Pat Davenport.
- **David Musso:** Spoke against car wash/liquor store going in on Riverside and Van Nuys.
- **Susan Dukow:** Spoke against car wash/liquor store going in on Riverside and Van Nuys. Upset that the neighbors were not notified.
- **Harma Maghakian:** Spoke against car wash/liquor store going in on Riverside and Van Nuys due to excessive noise and parking.
- **Emily Rose Newmark:** Discussed Library Square Neighborhood Watch need for new signage. She would like to get funds from SONC donated. Will work with Public Safety to get on the Agenda next month.

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jill Banks Barad**

**a. Action Item: Support the unanimous vote of the Board of Police Commissioners to end the City of Los Angeles Photo Red Light Program and to urge the Los Angeles City Council not to override the Board's Decision.**

Motion Moved by Jay Beeber

2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Hutchinson

**Passed by majority vote (12 in favor)**

Opposed: Richard Marciniak

Abstain: Kiumars Arzani

**b. Action Item: Testify and/or send letter to Citizens Commission to keep Sherman Oaks together for the Congressional District of the West San Fernando Valley. "Sherman Oaks" as identified by our current neighborhood council boundaries going south to Mulholland Drive.**

Motion moved by Richard Marciniak

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sidonia Lax

**Passed by a majority vote (12 in favor)**

Abstentions: Max Calne and Art Fields

c. July 11 SONC Board Meeting: Guest speaker, **LA City Controller Wendy Greuel**

d. Regional Training on Saturday June 18 from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM (Braude Center: Bureau of Street Services at 8:30 followed by Ethics training conducted by LA City Attorney's Office).

● **TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Howard Katchen**

· Reviewed Budget and Committed Funds

· June 30 Finance Committee will discuss Budget and will present to the Board at the July Board Meeting.

a. **Action Item: From Finance Committee: to reallocate \$3,500 from Budget Line item Meeting expense to LAUSD/Educational Support Budget line item.**

**--Passed by a unanimous vote (14 in favor)**

b. **Action Item: From Finance Committee: Approve expenditure of up to \$7,500 from LAUSD/Educational Support budget line item for purchase of audio visual and computer equipment for each of five (5) Sherman Oaks neighborhood schools: Sherman Oaks Elementary School, Dixie Canyon Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Kester Elementary and Millikan Middle School. The equipment purchase is contingent on confirmation to the Board by the Education Committee Chair that the Administration of each school has confirmed that this equipment is needed and will be useful and beneficial to the entire school.**

**--Passed by a unanimous vote (14 in favor)**

● **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**A. Land Use Committee (LUC), Ron Ziff, Committee Chair**

· Next meeting on June 16, 2011 will consider changes in the requirements for applicants appearing before the committee.

· Consider cell Tower Report presented to the Board of Public Works on June 15<sup>th</sup> (2PM) Jill will work with Land Use Committed to draft letter voicing cell tower concerns.

-**Community Member, Nahtahna Cabanes:** spoke requested Board to ask for a moratorium on cell phone tower installs until the ordinance is complete.

· Updates on Pending Developments:

-Van Nuys/Riverside car wash: no movement

-Planning Commission postponed bicycle parking ordinance and apartment parking ratio until July

-M David Paul Project: working with Land Use Committee on changes to project

**B. Neighborhood Services Committee, Jeff Ebenstein, Chair**

- Provided list of possible street improvements in Sherman Oaks
- **Action Item: From Neighborhood Services Committee: Board to support the city in coming up with an ordinance that would ban the sale of animals coming from puppy mills for both fiscal and humane reasons.**  
**--Passed by a unanimous vote (14 in favor)**

**C. Outreach Committee: Sherry Revord, Co-Chair**

- “A Day in the Park” Recap. We need to reach more of the community. Should we continue with this event in the future, possibly change date?
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN SONC’S JURISDICTION**  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Krekorian’s Inauguration Celebration.

- **ADJOURNMENT: 9:08PM**

Submitted by Shanna Coburn, Secretary