Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 13, 2013

6:30 pm

Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jill Banks Barad at 6:40 pm.
2. Roll call
   1. Present: Beeber, Brooks, Calne, Casavan, Hutchinson, Kalban, Katchen, Marciniak, Preston, Roden, Ziff, Banks Barad.
   2. Absent: Ebenstein, Lax, Plotkin, Revord
3. The minutes of SONC Board meeting of April 8, 2013 were approved. 13-0-0
4. Introduction of elected officials, staff, LAPD Senior Lead Officers.
   1. Ben Harris of Congressman Brad Sherman’s office announcements – May 28th, Department of Health Services discusses Affordable Care Act, Granada Hills. June 2nd, Town Hall, Dixie Canyon Elementary School.
   2. Carolyn Ramsey of Councilmember LaBonge’s office – More fitness equipment will be installed at the SO/VN park by end of May. Introduced other staff members present.
   3. SLO Officers Barry and Slodana – Property and violent crime down. Portable GPS devices should be removed from vehicles when parked. Current target for theft.
   4. Officer Rodine – announced Special Olympics June 4. They will be carrying the torch from North Hollywood for 3.8 miles. Requested $2500 funding for T-Shirts.
   5. Steven Butcher of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian’s office (AD 46) gave a legislative update. AB 612(Nazarian) adds 1 second to the yellow light change interval.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Transportation and Traffic Town Hall, moderated by R on Ziff, LUC Chair
   1. Introduction – Councilmember Tom LaBonge, CD4
   2. Panel
      1. LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
         1. Renee Berlin, Executive Officer, Transportation Development & Implementation, [berlinr@metro.net](mailto:berlinr@metro.net)
         2. Ron Macias, Manager, Service Planning, [rmacias@metro.net](mailto:rmacias@metro.net)
      2. LA City Department of Transportation (LADOT)
         1. Bruce L. Gillman, Executive Officer, Communications, [bruce.gillman@lacity.org](mailto:bruce.gillman@lacity.org)
         2. Selwyn Hollins, Executive Officer, Operations, [selwyn.hollins@lacity.org](mailto:selwyn.hollins@lacity.org)
         3. Brian R. Gallagher, P.E., Senior Transportation Engineer, Valley/Western Operations Division, [brian.gallagher@lacity.org](mailto:brian.gallagher@lacity.org)
      3. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
         1. Thomas, L. Knox, Jr., Chief, Governmental and Legislative Affairs, District 7, [Thomas.knox@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Thomas.knox@dot.ca.gov)
         2. Reza Fateh, P.E., Senior Transportation Engineer, Program/Project Management, District 7, [rfateh@dot.ca.gov](mailto:rfateh@dot.ca.gov)
7. President’s Report – Jill Banks Barad, President.
   1. Carolyn Ramsey of Councilmember LaBonge’s office informed the Board that the office at the Economic Alliance building fell through because the parking under the building does not meet the ADA access height for handicapped vans. They are now looking at the possibility of an office at the Senior Center. The Council office is still committed to paying the rent.
8. Treasurer’s Report – Howard Katchen, Chair.
   1. **Action Item: Motion from Executive Committee $100.00 contribution to Budget Advocates Outreach Account. Passed. 11-0-0**
   2. **Action Item: Review, discuss, and approve current financial reports and purchase card expenditures since last Board meeting. Moved by Marciniak, seconded by Roden. Passed. 11-0-0**
   3. DONE Budget package and Funding Program Changes – Howard reviewed the new DONE requirements for 2013/2014 fiscal year which include the requirement to prepare a Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan meeting was suggested for Wednesday, May 23rd. Jill Barad will send an email finalizing. DONE is also changing funding mechanisms. The P Card will be replaced by an imprest checking account and a debit card.
   4. DONE fiscal year end deadlines – Demand warrants must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15. P Card purchases must be made by June 14th.
   5. **Action Item: Re-allocate $17.22 from budget line item AUD (audio video services) to Budget line item TEL (voice mail service)**. **Moved by Ziff, seconded by Marciniak. Passes 11-0-0**
   6. Howard noted that he still needs Information re: funds to be re-allocated for newsletter, New Directions for Youth, Audubon Society and Street Services.
   7. **Action Item: Moved by Marciniak and seconded by Brooks to authorize Howard to reallocate funds as needed to satisfy approved allocation of funds, revise the budget accordingly and prepare a Board resolution for the June meeting. Passed 11-0-0**
   8. **Action Item: Marciniak moved and Preston seconded that the Board allocate $2600 for the Sherman Oaks/Van Nuys Park youth athletic programs, with funds to be reallocated from the Outreach budget. Passed 11-0-0 Howard will follow up with the Park Director.**
9. Committee Reports/Updates
   1. Rules and Elections – Arthur Hutchinson, Chair
      1. **Action Item: Recommended approval of BONC recommendations regarding “factual basis stakeholder” as read by Arthur. After discussion among the Board, the recommendation was modified to replace the term “factual basis stakeholder” to “other basis stakeholder” and to add a fifth item, “Remove all use of the terminology “factual basis stakeholder” because it is too vague, ambiguous, and causes confusion. Moved by Ziff, seconded by Ebenstein. Passed. 11-0-0**

**The adopted recommendation reads:**

* + - 1. **remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;**
      2. **allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that will be allocated to other basis stakeholders;**
      3. **remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and**
      4. **allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of other basis stakeholder.**
      5. **Remove all use of the terminology “factual basis stakeholder” because it is too vague and causes confusion.**
  1. Land Use Committee – Ron Ziff, Chair.
     1. Il Villagio project status – Passed by the City Planning Commission with a reduction in the height and number of units.
     2. BMW Project at Van Nuys & Magnolia – Proposing to add parking to residential lot behind the facility which will require rezoning. The project is located in two NC districts. A joint Land Use Committee meeting will be held with the Van Nuys NC to address the project.
     3. East Valley Transit Corridor Project comment period ended May 6. SONC submitted comments regarding connectivity to future Sepulveda Pass project, Van Nuys Boulevard too narrow for proposed project, fencing will interfere with emergency vehicle access and the return on investment for a small time savings.
  2. Government Affairs- Jay Beeber, Chair.
     1. State proposed red light bill AB 666 has been pulled, AB 612 and murals ordinance.

1. The following announcements were made on subject matters within SONC’s jurisdiction
   1. June 1st US Naval Divisional Sponsor Day.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Minutes submitted by: Carolyn Casavan, Secretary