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| **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council**  **SONC**  **BOARD MEETING**  **Monday, October 12, 2015**  **6:30 p.m.**  **Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**  **14780 Dickens St.**  **Sherman Oaks** |

**Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm by President Jill Banks Barad
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

**Present:** JillBanks Barad, Jay Beeber, Howard Katchen, Carolyn Casavan, Tom Capps, Raphael Morozov, Lisa Petrus, Sidonia Lax, Mohammed Felo, Neil Roden, Jeff Kalban, Sue Steinberg, Richard Marciniak, Sherry Revord, Ron Ziff

**Absent:** MichaelGarrett

1. **Approval of Minutes:** (taken out of order) SONC Board meeting September 21, 2015 minutes, a*pproved unanimously.*
2. **Introduction of elected officials, staff, LAPD Senior Lead Officers**

* LAPD Sr. Lead Officers Trent Barry and Jose Saldana
* Kevin Taylor, West Valley area representative from Mayor Garcetti’s office

1. **Guest Speaker: State Senator Robert Hertzberg, Dist. 18**

“Confronting California’s Challenges**”**

Sen. Hertzberg said he works on common sense issues and prefers to focus on how government affects people’s daily lives. He is looking into keeping voting polls open for 14 days. He spoke about the drought and need to recycle, and the need to capture and recharge the ground water. Desalinization is getting cheaper because we can start using solar and wind power to power the desalinization process. Further, Sen. Hertzberg said we need to spend more money on transportation in the San Fernando Valley in order to pay for the 405 through Sepulveda Pass and improvements to the Orange Line. Water pollution is a huge issue as we have 180 wells and about half are polluted.

1. **Public Comment**: Comments by the public on non-agenda items within SONC’s jurisdiction.

* Dr. Ronald Burke, urged cleanup and upgrade of southeast corner of Huston and Kester.
* Jeffrey Stansfield, from Pacoima NC expressed concern about his mother’s home in Sherman Oaks

1. **President’s Report,** taken out of order
2. VANC Forum, November 12 at CBS Studios 5:30-9:15 p.m. SONC is a Sponsor
3. SONC Election to be held Thursday, April 7, 2016 odd-numbered seats (and even numbers if there is a vacancy); Location TBA
4. Report: Congress of Neighborhoods, Saturday, September 26
5. Report: Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair **-** Saturday, October 3
6. **Committee Reports/Updates** (Items taken out of order)

**A. Land Use Committee’s Vision Committee** – Jeff Kalban, chair

After meeting with representatives of the Vision Committee, CalTrans agreed to make improvements to the 405 southbound onramp at Ventura Blvd. The HOV lane will be turned into a mixed use lane, signals will be retimed, and new lane striping. Next, the committee and CalTrans will address improvements to the 101/Woodman onramp.

**Land Use Committee (LUC) -** Ron Ziff, Chair

1. Update on Sherman Oaks’ Mansionization Interim Control Ordinance (ICO). ICO was passed last week by PLUM, will go to City Council on Oct. 21, and then to city attorney’s office, and back to city council for final approval in about four months.
2. Report on items on the Land Use Committee agenda for October 15 (taken out of order)
3. Discussion and possible Action Item regarding Mobility Plan 2035 as it may affect Sherman Oaks.

**Background:** “Mobility Plan 2035" has been passed by the City Council. It requires 175 miles of auto traffic lanes on major streets to be replaced by bicycle lanes. Some streets can be exempted.

**Argument For**: There is too much traffic already. The whole city will be getting bicycle lanes; this is just a part of it. The safety of bikers is a major concern. Mature cities like Los Angeles should expect heavier traffic and learn to live with it. We have to get people out of their cars. Frustrated drivers will find other means of transportation.

**Argument Against**: Sherman Oaks has the largest three hour daily traffic jam in the country. Thousands of cars use residential and hillside streets to avoid the traffic. Removing two auto lanes from Ventura Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuys Blvd., and Woodman will make the traffic jam worse and double or triple the number of cars forced to use residential streets in the area.

Speaking in opposition to the Mobility Plan: Janet Torres, Fredrick Torres, Pam Zimmering, Hilary Steinberg, Jerome Courshon, Tom Grant, Heather Hudson, Andrew Berger, Steven Steinberg

Speaking in support of the bicycle lanes: Matthew Robertson,

Discussion ensued; questions and comments from the Board.

**Motion** made by Ron Ziff, seconded by Jeff Kalban: “We request that Sherman Oaks be exempted from Mobility Plan 2035 as it is written and have a complete re-examination of transit through Sherman Oaks after the Sepulveda Pass project has been finalized. Sherman Oaks area shall be defined by the SONC Neighborhood Council boundaries.”

Jay Beeber made a Motion to amend the Motion on the table and add: “and Sherman Oaks be exempt from removal of any traffic lanes to install bicycle lanes.” Amendment seconded by Jeff Kalban. *Motion fails*. 5-10-0 (**Yes**: Beeber, Kalban, Lax, Mrciniak, Banks Barad; **No**: Capps, Casavan, Felo, Katchen, Morozov, Petrus, Revord, Roden, Steinberg, Ziff

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**B. Outreach Committee -** Michael Garrett, Raphael Morozov, Mohamed Felo, Co- Chairs

Sherman Oaks Street Fair- Sunday, October 18, 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Schedule of SONC Board members to staff the booth.

First Outreach meeting Wed., Oct. 14th, 8 pm at NY Bagel Café

**C. Green and Beautification -** Carolyn Casavan, Chair

Sustainable Home and Garden Best Practices seminar presented by Studio City Neighborhood Council, Oct. 17th, 3-5pm at Studio City Branch Library.

**D. Government Affairs -** Jay Beeber, Chair

Jay wants to gauge interest in reconstituting the committee

**E. Animal Welfare –** Debbie Kozin, Chair

First meeting will be October 22, 6:30-8pm at the Sherman Oaks Library. Goal of the new committee is to help East Valley Animal Shelter become a no-kill shelter, help in training dogs so they are more adoptable, and improve the atmosphere of shelter.

**10. Treasurer’s Report/Finance Committee**—Howard Katchen, Treasurer (Taken out of order)

**Regular Agenda** (5 items, discussion required)

a)    **Action Item**: Approve and adopt Treasurer’s financial status report and monthly expenditure reports for September 2015. Expended $684.24. *Unanimously approved*

b**)    Action Item**: Funds request from Conor Lynch Foundation for $748.18 to pay Andy Gump for portable toilets rental, Run in Honor of Conor on October 25th at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park. *Unanimously approved*

c)     **Action Item**: Funds request from Enrich L.A. for a total of $1,000.00 to purchase garden supplies and materials for Kester Elementary School ($500.00) and Van Nuys Middle School ($500.00). Requested the monitoring of both projects and reporting back to the board, and how the SONC would be recognized for their donation. *Vote: 14-0-1 (Beeber abstained)*

d)    Update Budget Advocates – Regional Budget Day, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Marvin Braude Constituent Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys

e)    Next Finance Committee meeting, Thursday, October 29th, 5:30 p.m. Westfield Sherman Oaks Fashion Square, 2nd floor, Food Court

11. **Announcements** from the Board on subject matters within SONC’s jurisdiction

* VANC workshops, Thursday, November 12, CBS Studios 5:30-9 p.m.
* Studio City Neighborhood Council is hosting Sustainable Home and Garden Best Practices, Saturday, 3-5pm at Studio City Library

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm