

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



## "Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

December 15, 2003

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Larry Slade.
2. Regular committee members present were: Michael R. Diliberto, Robert Cohen, Richard Mayer, Leslie Elkins, Jackie Diamond and Carrie Konjoyan. Ex officio member Ken Gerston also attended.
- 3 . Minutes of the November 17, 2003, Board Meeting approved unanimously.
4. Update on Traffic Safety Issues at Sherman Oaks Elementary Schools-Chairman Slade stated there are traffic problems affecting all five elementary schools in Sherman Oaks at this time. He would like DOT and all LA City agencies including the Mayor's office to help and improve traffic around the schools.
- 5 . Presentation by PCS, Developer of Barones-The community was noticed about this meeting. Michelle Hessman spoke about the mixed use project: 118 apartments, 16,500 sq. ft of commercial space and 368 parking spots. There will be a public hearing about this project on January 15, 2004, at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA.. Mark Brown, and Gustav Sonderberg also with the project spoke. Public Comment showed mixed support. Robert Cohen moved to approve the project as stated. Carrie Konjoyan seconded, motion carried unanimously.
6. Proposal by the Buckley School- Paul Horovitz, Headmaster at the Buckley School gave an extensive preliminary presentation. They are proposing to upgrade the current facilities, increase the student population by 80 students, a phased building plan to include underground parking and traffic control, additional classroom space, and to decrease hardscaped and increase green

areas. Cindy Starret, Latham & Watkins spoke about the donation of land by the school to the Fossil Ridge Park and rezoning. Public Comment was quite numerous with concern over current traffic issues and concern for further traffic abatement.

7. Special Economic Incentive Zone designation for Ventura Blvd. was presented by Leslie Elkins. Leslie recommends that voting for this will bring federal dollars towards revitalizing our BIDs (Business Improvement Districts for up to 10 years). There will be no financial impact to our community except to receive Federal funds that will become available. Richard Mayer made a motion to vote in favor of the Special Economic Incentive Zone Designation for the BIDS. Jackie Diamond seconded, motion carried unanimously.

8. Review of SONC meeting RE: Westfield Fashion Square Sign- Larry Slade will invite Chris Curry to the next meeting.

9. Walgreens Update- delayed presentation until February 2004 meeting Vacant movie theaters on Van Nuys Blvd. -no update Sepulveda and Camarillo project- some rumblings

10. Overview of next months agenda: Buckley will not attend, Walgreens will not attend, Van Nuys Blvd. Theaters will not attend, Sepulveda and Camarillo questionable.

11. Comments from LUC Committee: Jackie Diamond would like early notification of projects being presented. Rick Mayer made mention of the Westfield Fashion Square Sign project.

12. Public Comments -Burbank LLC, Nir Teitler made a short presentation about developing townhomes..The committee recommended took no position and invited him to come to the next meeting with proper notification to all neighbors and proper plans to present to the committee. Ken Gerston suggested: someone be delegated to set up the meeting so it starts on time, have speaker cards available, record meetings and have a sign up sheet.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM by Chairman Larry Slade. Respectfully prepared and submitted by Committee member Carrie Konjoyan."