

## **Committee Members**

### *Green and Beautification*

Carolyn Casavan, Chair  
Avo Babian  
Sidonia Lax  
David Levinson  
Gregory Wright  
Karen Sampson (Alternate)  
Jessica McCarthy (Alternate)

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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council  
Green & Beautification Committee Meeting  
January 20, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Office  
13907 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 104 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423**

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## **Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Casavan, Chair, at 6:30 pm.
  - a. Present – Casavan, Babian, Levinson, Wright, Sampson
  - b. Absent – Lax, McCarthy
2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting – Moved by K. Sampson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Levinson. Passed 5-0-0.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items – None
4. Michael Samulon from the Mayor's Sustainability Office spoke with the committee regarding electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The City's goal is to have 1,000 publicly available chargers in place by 2017. There are currently 724 in place. He noted that LADOT has some grant money to install EV charging stations at City facilities such as libraries but that the focus of that work will be on installations in low income areas. LADWP is currently considering a new rebate program for installations on private commercial and residential property. The committee identified several possible locations for chargers in Sherman Oaks including the malls, the Pacific 5 theater, Castle Park, Sherman Oaks Park, the high rise office buildings, apartment buildings, and the Cedros parking structure. The committee will follow up on this once LADWP and the City Council approve a rebate program.
5. Action Items
  - a. Motion to support providing \$2,500 in matching funding to the Village at Sherman Oaks, Business Improvement District for Sherman Oaks street furniture maintenance and painting. The work will be performed by New Directions for Youth, a local non-profit. Vicki Nussbaum, Executive Director of the BID and Leslie Elkin, President of the BID, presented the request for these funds and discussed the proposed use. Moved by D. Levinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Babian. Passed 4-0-0.
  - b. Motion to support participating in the City's Big Sunday event this year on a weekend in May, with the project to be planting California friendly plants and installing some type of seating in the area at the corner of Kester and Huston at the entrance to Ernie's Walk. Moved by G. Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Levinson. Passed 4-0-0
6. Updates and Discussion Items
  - a. The Gardens at the Senior Center – David Levinson
  - b. Los Angeles Riverfront Improvement – Carolyn Casavan. Brief discussion of next steps.
  - c. 2016 Green Living Fair planning – The committee provided workshop suggestions including CSUN energy and water efficiency sessions, TreePeople, Theodore Payne Foundation, and someone to talk about maintaining California friendly gardens.
7. New Business – None.
8. Announcements - Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Meeting, Monday, February 8, 6:30 pm, Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium.
9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.