

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



**MINUTES OF
BOARD MEETING
SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SONC)
Monday, September 12, 2011
Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M by President Jill Banks Barad.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arthur Hutchinson
- **ATTENDANCE:** There was a quorum based on the attendance of 16 members of the Board: Kiumars Arzani, Jay Beeber, Max Calne, Jeff Ebenstein, Art Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Howard Katchen, Sidonia Lax, Richard Marciniak, Shanna Pollack, Michael D. Preston, Sherry Revord, Neal Roden, Anthony St.John, Ron Ziff and Jill Banks Barad

The following 1 member was absent: Kristin Ellington-Stiles

- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve July 11, 2011 Minutes as written made by Howard Katchen with a 2nd by Neal Roden. The Board approved the minutes as written by unanimous vote.
- **REPORTS FROM STAFF of OFFICIALS and SLO:** The President introduced the following people:
 - Jason Levin, Senator Pavley's office, Discussed the several bills that are awaiting signature. Discussed the re-districting plan for the Senate.

- **Wesley Hernandez, Councilman Koretz's CD5 office**, discussed ban on single use bags that the Councilman is supporting. Sherman Oaks Beautification Committee is partnering with Buckley School in the clean up of Ventura Blvd. Presented Jay Beeber with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Councilman for his efforts with the red light cameras in the city.
- **Nikki Ezhari, Councilman Krekorian's CD2 office**, confirmed that Captain Snell of LAPD will be coming to our meeting next month. Councilman is working to try to bring some of our core services back (tree trim, sign enforcement...) if we have a strong need email Nikki. Will be attending the Great Wall of LA this Saturday- longest mural in the world.

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

- a. **Sherry Revord**, spoke on behalf of East Valley Adult Center. Discussed that Rec & Parks is working together with them to provide classes to the seniors. Multi purpose rooms are available for rent.
- b. **Emily Rose**- Library Square Neighborhood Watch Group- has raised \$675 for signs and requests a match for this from SONC. She will bring this to the Finance Committee for action.
- c. **Mikie Maloney**- also spoke in support of Library Square Neighborhood Watch
- d. **Brian Johnson**- Discussed his candidacy for new 46th Assembly District.

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

- a. Appointment to Mayors Budget Day, October 29 at City Hall: Howard Katchen and Sidonia Lax
- b. LA Congress of Neighborhoods- Saturday, September 24, 2011 at City Hall from 7:45AM – 4:00PM. Will have roll call of Neighborhood Councils and 21 workshops.
- c. SONC Board Retreat on October 1, 2011
- d. Retirement party for George Aguilar on September 22nd at 6PM; SOHA Board to possibly join us.

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

- a. SONC Policies for Reimbursement & Expenditures (2008)

Action Item: Draft Revision of SONC Policies for Expenditures and Reimbursements as follows:

1. **A Committee Chairperson may authorize up to \$50.00 in expenditures in a single month for committee supplies, photocopying, etc. from a Board approved funded budget line item with notification to the Treasurer.**
2. **The President and Treasurer may authorize expenditures from \$50.01 to \$250.00 from**

Board approved funded budget line items. The President will notify the Treasurer when such expenditure(s) has (have) been authorized by her or him.

3. Any amount for \$250.01 to \$500.00 must be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval, and then authorized by the Executive Committee or the full Board.

4. Any amount over \$500.01 must be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval and then authorized by the full Board.

5. For any time sensitive expenditure or reimbursement when it isn't feasible for the Finance Committee to meet, The Finance Committee Chairperson/Treasurer may waive the need for Finance Committee approval and refer the matter directly to the appropriate SONC Body (Executive Committee or full Board) for authorization.

6. Any expenditures and reimbursement which exceed Board approved funded budget line items will require allocating available funds from existing budget line items and Board approval

7. All expenditures and reimbursements will be made in accordance with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) policies and procedures. Any request for reimbursement must be submitted to the Treasurer with original receipt(s).

-Passed by unanimous vote (16 in favor)

● COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

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

· Committed meeting this Thursday 6:30PM at Sherman Oaks Library. Will discuss 3 new ordinances

B. Public Safety Committee, Tony St. John, Chair

· ACTION ITEM: Donation for Conor Run

Motion made by Tony St. John to make contribution to Conor run for \$489.30 for the purpose of porta potty rental by Andy Gump.

-Passed by majority vote of 15 in favor

- Abstain: Howard Katchen

· ACTION ITEM: Send SONC letter to City Council stating the following:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes motion (Parks- Englander CF 11-1015) relative to amending prior Council action of July 27, 2011 and instructing the CLA to negotiate retention of photo red light cameras at four specified intersections. No further expense of City money or staff time should be expended studying the effect of signal timing changes. Sufficient data exists to prove that extending the yellow and all-red signal phases improve intersection safety and no additional study is needed. The City Council should direct that the Photo Red Light camera equipment and infrastructure be removed

as soon as possible.

-Passed by majority vote of 15 in favor

-Abstain: Richard Marciniak

C. Outreach Committee: Sherry Revord, Co-Chair

- Sherman Oaks Chamber Street Fair on October 16 10:00AM – 6:00 PM sign up sheet for SONC Booth.

D. Website update and Maintenance, Jeff Ebenstein and Jay Beeber

Getting fees and procedures for new maintenance person- also checking how to pay

E. Neighborhood Services Committee, Jeff Ebenstein, Chair

- Update list of street improvements in Sherman Oaks- getting start dates
- Discussed Emergency Preparedness Festival on 9/11/11 at the SO Galleria with the fire department.

F. Education Committee, Max Calne, Chair

- Report on LA Valley College Building Oversight Committee- did not have a quorum so had an informational meeting.
 - Date/Time for next Education Committee meeting is not yet decided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN SONC'S JURISDICTION

- a. VANC meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2011 6:30PM at Sherman Oaks Hospital. Guest Speaker will be LA Councilman Mitch Englander from CD 12.

· **ADJOURNMENT: 8:46PM**

Submitted by Shanna Pollack , Secretary