

## Committee Members

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## **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Beautification Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday May 28, 2014**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Office  
13907 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 104 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423**

## **Meeting Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Carolyn Casavan, Chair.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were not available. Previous meeting was a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the Bureau of Street Services.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items – None
4. Presentations
  - a. Megan Whalen of the City Bureau of Engineering gave a thorough presentation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. Funding for river projects has been obtained by other groups from Proposition K. Quimby funds may also be a possibility. Megan gave several examples of projects that have been done in other areas through joint efforts of several groups. The Bureau of Engineering has applied for a \$1 million planning grant for the river. Sherman Oaks would be included in that planning process if the grant is awarded. A request was made by Karen Sampson for the Bureau to assess connecting the river bike path to the Orange Line bike path through the street network.
  - b. Maria Camacho was unable to attend due to a family emergency. She will be invited back to another meeting.
5. Updates were provided on FY 2013/14 Funding Requests
  - a. Tree Trimming on Ventura Boulevard is moving forward and is planned for June 4 and 5.
  - b. San Fernando Valley Audubon Society Environmental Education Program – This funding request was subsequently denied by DONE because the project will take place in FY 2014/15.
  - c. Bureau of Street Services - \$16,000 was transferred to the Bureau of Street Services to provide services such as filling potholes, repairing sidewalks and trimming trees.
6. Planning for FY 2014/15
  - a. Committee Objectives for the coming year were discussed. It was decided that each committee member would take the lead for a project/topic area and the plan for the committee would be developed around that.
    - i) David Levinson – The Gardens at the Senior Center
    - ii) Jessica McCarthy – Events, social media and a possible Veterans project.
    - iii) Gregory Wright – Public transportation and pedestrian projects
    - iv) Karen Sampson – Arts projects and bicycle paths

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- b. Utilization of Bureau of Street Services funds – The committee will be involved in planning and utilization of the BSS funds.
  - c. Funding Requests – Enrich LA gave an overview of their Van Nuys Middle School Edible Garden Project and requested funding of \$2500 each for Garden Ranger Program at Van Nuys Middle School and Kester Elementary School. The committee will consider this request at a future meeting.
  - d. Ventura Boulevard beautification ideas – Several ideas for beautification along Ventura Boulevard were discussed. No decisions were made.
7. Announcements
8. Next Meeting
- a. Scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month.
  - b. Presentations – Water LA, plan to invite One Water LA
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.