

## Committee Members

### *Green and Beautification*

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

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## **Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 9, 2014**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Carolyn Casavan, Chair  
Present: Carolyn Casavan, David Levinson, Jessica McCarthy, Karen Sampson, Gregory Wright  
Absent: Matthew Plotkin
2. Review and approval of minutes
  - a. Minutes of May 28 meeting – Moved by D. Levinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Sampson. Passed 3-0-2
  - b. Minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – Moved by D. Levinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Sampson. Passed 3-0-2
3. Public comment on non-agenda items – No comments.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Sherman Oaks Beautification Projects - C. Casavan gave a report on the June 20 meeting with other community groups and Tommy Newman of Councilmember LaBonge's Office.
  - b. Sidewalk Repairs - Councilmember Krekorian's proposed 50/50 plan for sidewalk repairs was discussed. The committee made an informal decision to follow the progress of this issue with the possibility of preparing a Community Impact Statement. Comments on the plan:
    - i) Request that they look at alternative solutions in how sidewalks are repaired to address long term.
    - ii) Keep the trees. Do not cut down trees to solve the problem.
    - iii) Integrate with stormwater retention and infiltration projects.
    - iv) Use 311 photos to submit sidewalks for repair.
    - v) Identify and prioritize sidewalks in need of repair. (Committee? City?)
  - c. Vision for Sherman Oaks – The committee discussed topics members would like to see addressed in a Vision or Plan for Sherman Oaks. Attached is the list of recommendations submitted to the Board at the July 14, Board Meeting.
5. Updates on Projects
  - a. Tree Trimming on Ventura Boulevard – C. Casavan reported that this was completed.
  - b. The Senior Gardens at Sherman Oaks Park and Bureau of Street Services funds were not discussed due to time constraints.

6. Action Item: Review and approval of Committee Plan for FY 2014/15. Moved by D. Levinson, second by G. Wright. Passed 5-0-0
  - a. Committee Objectives
  - b. Projects and events
  
7. Announcements – Upcoming events
  - a. USGBC-LA – Zero Net Energy Buildings, Friday, July 18.
  - b. Ed Begley, Jr – Transit, Biking and Green Living, Wednesday, July 16.
  - c. ICON Sherman Oaks EIR Scoping Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, Sunkist Building, Riverside Drive.
  
8. Next Meeting
  - a. Scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month.
  
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm