

## Committee Members

*Green and Sustainability*  
Avo Babian, Chair  
Kira Durbin  
David Levinson  
Harold Shapiro  
Kathy Schaeffer  
Gregory Wright (Alternate)  
Sidonia Lax (Althernate)

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## **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee**

**Dec 1st 2021  
8:00 pm**

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## Minutes

1. Called to
  - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 8:05 pm
  - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Kathy Schaeffer, David Levinson, Harold Shapiro, Kira Durbin
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of Nov meeting. Harold brought the motion to the floor. Kathy seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
3. Comment by Public Official: N/A
4. Chairs report: N/A
5. Presentation:
  - a. **Katherine, Pakradouni: CD4 rep for CFAC: Discussion about Tree Inventory, Tree keeper 8 Program and Urban Forestry**
    - i) Katherine Pakradouni is a horticulturalist. And the CD4 CFAC Rep. CFAC is an advisory committee to the city, and acts as a go between the community and the city. They have just finished a Tree Inventory for Sherman Oaks. There are 13,655 Trees. There are 2 Key Factors: to take away 1) The Cooling and Shading effects of trees. 2) Biodiversity. There are 25% of tree spots which are Vacant. There is more of a Budget for tree stump removal now. SONC can voice where they'd like Trees. There are 657 stumps. Diameters Greater than 10' is better. Half of the trees are young and half are mature. Only 4% are over 36' in diameter. For Cooling and Shading Benefits, you want large trees with larger shading. They should be called Living Umbrellas. When it comes to Biodiversity, the trees are Food and home for animals.
    - ii) The top 5 trees are 1) Sweetgums. Highest percentage. When watering is done for short periods quite often, its called Water shallow. It forces the trees to makes roots that go up rather than deep, and strong Winds can topple them, and sidewalks are pushed up. When there was a Windstorm in Griffith park, 10 trees fell all in the golf course, not in the wild. 2) Crape Myrtle: They are Low on rating for wildlife diversity. 3) Southern Magnolia. They have Glassy Leaves. 4) Mexican Fan Palms: Trimming it is bad for animal diversity 5) Jacaranda. Drought Tolerant Purple Flowers
    - iii) Regarding Native Oaks Trees. Native Trees are only 2%. Kira asked. What's the priority 1) Native or 2) Space available. 3) Future Climate Change survivors. Katherine said #3. Harold Shapiro, asked about Native oaks at 2%. Katherine showed Treekeepers 8, a website for sidewalk trees. Kira asked how about Private Property trees. Katherine said 90% of trees on Private Property. AVO asked how can SONC be influential or helpful. Katherine said we need Outreach and education campaigns, and to get people to take care of trees, and to Push for more indigenous trees. DAVID asked about drought situations, and Will there be planting of drought tolerant trees. In a perfect world, curb cutting and storm water capture would be used, along with better water management. If everyone caught rain water we would be better off. David asked about Gator bags. Katherine said it Needs a lot of water

and can cause mildew. Harold asked about Mulholland. CFAC supports design review board to ensure wildlife and natural integrity, and to keep it intact CFAC is a volunteer and advisory committee that advises the city. There is one Representative per District.

6. Motions:

- a. To Support City Council File 21-1208: CalRecycle / SB 1383 / Organic Waste Disposal Reduction / 75 Percent by 2025. And to write a CIS in support. **Avo brought the motion to the floor. Harold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Kathy explained that this is a motion asking for a report to show how LA Sanitation will be able to comply w SB 1383 by 2025.
- b. To Support City Council File 21-0064: Food ware Accessories Upon Request / Disposable Food ware Accessories / Small Business Commission / Food Service Providers / Zero-Use Trash. And to write a CIS in support. **Avo brought the motion to the floor. No one seconded. Motion Tabled. Discussion:** Kathy recommended to wait since the motion has passed asking for a report and we can discuss again once the report is available.

7. Public comment on non-agenda items. N/A

8. Discussion items:

- a. Sustainable Garden Promotion Pamphlet: A zoom Garden Tour. Videos. Harold expects more volunteers in Springtime. And recommend Promotion in the Newsletter.
- b. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Avo gave a copy of a presentation by Vision committee regarding a Sherman Oaks Welcome Sign, with 3 options. The majority of the committee liked option #3, at the corner of Beverly Glen and Mulholland. Kira will look into who owns the property and if it can be beautified. Harold said there are funds for Neighborhood Improvement Project for that area.

9. New Business– Harold discussed the Mulholland Parkway issue

10. Next Meeting: Jan 6<sup>th</sup> for Green. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> for board meeting

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm