

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
PLUM Committee
November 16, 2023
Library, 6:30 P.M.

- 1.) Call to order: 6:30 p.m.
 - 2.) Roll Call: Jeff Kalban, Chair; Alicia Bartley, Tom Capps, Arthur Hutchinson, Mikie Maloney, Lisa Petrus, Neal Roden, Sue Steinberg. Absent: Rick Mayer
 - 3.) Minutes: Motion to approve by Neal Roden, seconded by Arthur Hutchinson. Unanimously approved.
 - 4.) Elected Officials: none
 - 5.) Chair's Report: Next Vision meeting December 7 discussion on transit and review three 100% Affordable Housing projects in Sherman Oaks with no minimum parking. Next PLUM meeting Dec 21- cancelled. Next Vision meeting January 4 Skyrail will present monorail proposal on the 405.
 - 6.) PRB report: none
 - 7.) New Business: discussion of 5511 Ethel Project part of ED 1 directive from the mayor. This is a by right project. The developer has agreed to send his attorney to meet with the community and listen to their concerns and suggestions. Several community members spoke and the following are ideas that were suggested:
 1. Conservation Easement for open space. The developer gets a tax credit based on the improved value of the property. The land is donated to a nonprofit to build a park to be named for the developer.
 2. Land swap for property in a certain radius.
 3. Develop a gated community on the site for high end residences.
 4. Move the parking below ground, delete one floor and result in a four-story project.
 5. Relocate the project to the HELP Group's RD 1.5 property on Burbank.
 6. Restrict the project for senior housing.
- General comment: the meeting was a great example of civic engagement. Everyone was polite and simply wanted to find solutions to this situation. Community felt blindsided by the project because no one told them about it until they saw it in the LA Times. No elected official bothered to attend the meeting and hear from the community.
- Motion: To send the 6 alternative solutions to the developer for consideration. Approved unanimously.
- 8.) Public forum: none
 - 9.) Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. Minutes: Maria Pavlou Kalban