



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016 6:30pm

Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Ave San Jose CA 95128

1. Call to order at 6:40pm by President Layne Kulwin. Present: Marlene Bird, Randi Kinman, Michael LaRocca, Jussi Rajna, Lisa Steingart. Agenda adjusted.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. No General Meeting Minutes for March 2016; no meeting
 - b. Marlene moves, Lisa seconds approval of February 2016 Board minutes; approved unanimously.
 - c. No quorum for March 2016 Board meeting, no minutes.
3. Treasurer Report
 - a. No bills or claims. Michael moves, Marlene second to approve report from March-April 2016. Passes unanimously.
 - b. General outline of where CAP grant stands.
 - c. Discussion re process for reimbursement to board members supplying refreshments at general meetings. Note that Jussi will pick up coffee, Lisa snacks for the April 2016 general meeting.
4. General Meeting Schedule
 - a. April 2016: Will add Jorge Escobar (per his request) from SJCC to give us an update on construction. Randi will contact him to note he will be at beginning of the agenda. Layne has also lined up Our City Forest to complement existing agenda.
 - b. May 2016 no meeting, board oks use of the meeting time for a care kit packing session
 - c. June 2016 no meeting
 - d. July 2016 Ice Cream Social. Location TBD. Lisa will bring a report back at next board meeting on sites, insurance needs, etc. Randi will contact CUSD to see if using the KaBOOM! playground is ok and if so, what requirements district has.
 - e. August 2016 National Night Out is August 2. Encourage people to have local sites in the subsections of each area of the neighborhood.
 - f. September 2016
 - g. October 2016: Ann has volunteered to organize a meeting. Layne brought up Halloween. Note that Halloween is on a weekday. If there is an opportunity to piggyback on an event at Bascom we will discuss it. We are not going to organize an event due to the fact it is on a weekday. Otherwise, suggested we use the glow necklaces and hand them out within the neighborhood.
 - h. November – December 2016 dark. We will not be hosting a thank you pot luck for staff.
5. Ongoing projects
 - a. Planning and Land use. No new projects, St. Elizabeth community meeting was already held. Marlene noted that the Fruitdale Station site now has local seamstress who moved from Bascom and is being leased.
 - b. Bascom Library: Next Booksale is May 14
 - c. San Jose City College: Construction plan due to be approved by the board this week. Report will be given at general meeting.
 - d. RLEI is stalled. General discussion result is letter will be sent from SONA asking why the case at 2125 is still open and pending after more than 8 months. Letter to be directed to CSJ PBCE with copies to all. Randi will help Layne craft, route for approval.
 - e. Newsletter: no new comments



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- f. VMC: Randi and other neighborhood leaders met with VMC “task force” in March. Focus last month was on identifying problem sites or hot spots. Neighbors and businesses are focusing on the idea that we can’t make people use available services, but their rights stop when they impede our rights to basic health and safety. Noted that SJPD or other agency cleaned out Rexford recently. Next meeting will concentrate on the numbers; people leaving AMA, the cost of transportation, who/how much, etc. Staff is now being hired for the one stop mobile team.
6. New Business
 - a. The homeless encampment at Moorpark/Menker has been an ongoing problem. Randi outlined complaint to Caltrans and local elected officials. This has been bumped up to Assembly Member Evan Low’s office. Also outlined the other issues along Parkmoor/Bascom between Meridian and Bascom that are negatively impacting residents and impeding pedestrian access. Note: move this to ongoing projects until resolved. All correspondence will be added to the next board agenda.
 - b. KaBOOM! playground will be celebrating 1-year anniversary on May 14. Parks Foundation and CUSD are hosting celebration. Michael will pick up fruit snacks for distribution.
 - c. SONA will send condolence card to family of 20-year old John Kim who recently passed. John has been a youth leader in the KACS Christmas holiday program for years along with father James Kim.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

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