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**Regular Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting
Louis Armstrong Middle School
5041 Sunnyslope Ave

Virtual Meeting - For Public Participation Only

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Agenda Note: All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

- 1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
 - a. Welcome and Call to Order by the Presiding Officer.
 - b. Roll Call by the Secretary and the Establishment of Quorum.

- 2. Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.

[Item 2 will suspend prior to Item 3 and resume following Item 3]

3. Presentation: City of LA COVID-19 Pandemic Reflections Initiative (~7pm)

[If applicable, Item 2 will resume following Item 3]

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

5. President's Report

- The Spring Tree Adoption Event was 4/22. Thank you to SONC Board Members who volunteered.
- In-Person Meetings Update
 - We are yet to receive any hybrid technology from DONE. After successful tests in the Outreach (CD4 Office), Government Affairs & Executive (Library) Committees, we will pilot a hybrid system during tonight's meeting. *Board Members are encouraged to bring laptops, tablets, or other mobile devices to help facilitate this effort.*
 - Please contact 2nd Vice President Harold Shapiro or President Lindsay Imber if you are interested in Hybrid.
- Search for New Outreach Chair & Newsletter Editor
- Elections Update
 - The mail-in ballot period has begun. Visit the [2023 Neighborhood Council Elections page](#) on the SONC website for more information. VBM may be requested via application or [online Angelino account](#) until June 3 and will be mailed out by June 10. In-person voting at the SOEVAC (5056 Van Nuys Blvd) will be Thursday, June 22 from 2pm-8pm. Ballots may be returned in-person, deposited in County of Los Angeles VBM bins, or mailed back to the City any time before or on election day (6/22).
 - If you have a suggestion for next session's Youth Member, contact the Executive Committee or 1st Vice President Howard Katchen.

6. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

a. **Motion to Approve the President's Appointment of a Board Member.**

From Floor: President Lindsay Imber. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the President's appointment of current SONC Board Member Christy Adair to the vacant Area 1 Community Interest seat. Concurrent with this approval to assume the Area 1 Community Interest seat, SONC will recognize Member Adair's vacation of the Area 5 Community Interest seat.

Background: *The LA Fire Department station for Sherman Oaks is located within Area 1. Christy Adair's community interest is here through CERT, disaster relief, and other programs. Congratulations to Christy on being chosen the [Valley's Honorary Fire Chief](#) on Fire Service Day (May 13)!*

- b. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, March 2023.**
From Floor: [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.
A motion to approve the minutes of March 2023.

7. Motions From The Floor

Motion to Refer CARE Program File to Committee for Further Study.
[CF 23-0447](#). Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE)
Court Program / Mental Illness / Addiction / Homelessness / City Role / SB 1338
(Umberg, Eggman).

A motion for the Board to refer this item to a SONC Committee for further study and evaluation. Committee to be determined during discussion on this item.

From Floor: Tom Materna. Requires a second.

A motion to refer the question of [CF 23-0447](#) to the _____ Committee.
Related Council Files: [22-0002-S33](#) and [22-0002-S76](#).

8. Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]

- a. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.
Meeting Schedule TBD
- b. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month
- c. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

i. [For if Amended Homeless Shelter Notification Requirements.](#)

[CF 23-0264](#). Emergency Homeless Shelter / Property Owners and Providers / Notification Requirement / Permitting Process.

From Committee: Government Affairs.

Draft Motion: Insofar as communication and transparency in government is vital to our community, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports [CF 23-0264](#), [if amended](#), to clarify notification requirements of emergency homeless shelter property owners when a homeless shelter provider has not been identified at the time the project application is filed. SONC believes notification requirements should be [expanded](#) beyond the currently-required written notification to only owners of properties abutting the subject property to include, at minimum, a 500 radius surrounding the subject property. Furthermore, we would request notification to the appropriate Neighborhood Council, so that the NC can best assist with outreach efforts to both community stakeholders and parties that may avail themselves of the shelter's services.

ii. For Democracy Vouchers Program for Local Elections: Study.

[CF 23-0359](#). Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections / Representative Decision-Making.

From Committee: Government Affairs.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports [CF 23-0359](#) to study a potential democracy vouchers program to benefit local voters regarding local elections, and to give local community members a greater voice when it comes to representative issues in the City of Los Angeles, with the hope that such a program creates a more equitable atmosphere for campaign financing, and increases local participation and engagement in elections and productive political activity.

iii. For LAPD's Diversion and Recidivist Programs.

[CF 23-0270](#). Diversion and Recidivism Programs / Los Angeles Police Dept.

From Committee: Government Affairs

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports [CF 23-0270](#) to evaluate diversion and recidivism programs implemented by LAPD or in collaboration with other agencies to mitigate and prevent crime. Supporting alternative and proven approaches to public safety and crime reduction, such as community engagement, diversion, and recidivism programs, is of utmost importance in an atmosphere where existing legislation & policy, such as Prop 47, discourages incarceration.

- d. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.
Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month
 - e. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
 - f. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 - g. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.
PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month
Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month
 - h. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 - i. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month.
 - j. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.
- 9. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.**

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. **Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), March 2023.**
A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC).
From Floor: Treasurer Jeffrey Hartsough. Requires a second.
[[Click here to view the March 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report](#)]

10. Adjournment

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by “**from committee**”); or by an individual board member (denoted by “**from floor**”), in which case the motion requires a second.

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NEW BOARD MEETING LOCATION

Location: School Library
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Library is 1st Door on Left

