

**Sherman Oaks
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Levon Baronian, 1-B
Christy Adair, 1-CI
Thelma Mericle, 1-R
Arezu Diarian, 4-B
David Silverman 4-CI
Kylee Peña, 5-R
Tom Materna, 6-B
Row Zadeh, 6-CI
Neal Roden, 7-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Susan Collins, 7-R
Elias Fenig, Y

Regular Board Meeting:

Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024 - 6:30pm

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.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

a. Call to Order: Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:34pm**

b. Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Silverman, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(15)**

ii. Absent: Katchen **(1)**

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

Diane Rana, Field Deputy, 44th state Assembly District (Friendman)

Assembly member no longer serving on Traffic & Transportation Committee.

Current committees:

aging and long term care

assembly rules

utilities

natural resources

looking to hire Field Rep

EDD workshops ongoing

Mirna Ezquivel, Field Deputy, Board of Supervisors (Horvath)

Storm recovery \
misfortune and calamity program
board of supervisors approved support for DV survivors facing homelessness

Meredith McGowan, Senior Librarian, Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library

story time online returning to in-person for toddlers on February 24th at 11am
Sat Feb 17th 2pm Zoe Mark, 3D dynamics of space through music and textile art

Ryan Ahari, Field Deputy, City Council District 4 (Raman)

update on storm recovery
Feb 16th more rain anticipated
report clogged storm drains
City budget anticipating \$400 million deficit
Public Works, Medical, and LAPD staffing not affected by “non-critical”
Concert in the Park, rolling stones vs beatles tribute sun april 14 5pm
Christy Adair honored for leading LAFD CERT program
213-424-2412 ryan.ahari@lacity.org

Joel Gonzolez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

March 28th, women’s leadership event
Tom Bradley room, honoring women leaders in Neighborhood Councils
Bylaw amendment workshops recap
“homelessness” liaison and Neighborhood Councils
213-473-7469

3. Board Member Appointments

- a. *A motion to approve the President’s appointment of Thelma Miracle as a SONC Board Member to fill vacancy, Area 1 Residential*

moved: Imber **second:** Collins

Yes: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Silverman, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(15)** / **No: (0)** / **Absent:** Katchen **(1)** / **Abstain: (0)**

motion carries unanimously by voice vote 15-0-1-0

- b. *A motion to approve the President’s appointment of Arutyun “Harry” Kapukchyan as a SONC Board Member to fill vacancy, Area 3 Business*

[withdrawn by president]

4. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items - brief discussion followed

Speakers:

*Woijh Dfijosijdf
LA Valley Gun Club
Lionel Mares*

5. President's Report

timeliness vis a vis lengthy agenda

Cmte. chairs should alert president / executive officers regarding meeting rescheduling

consider ZOOM license certifications and agenda requirements

reminder to vote, LAVOTE.GOV

6. Administrative / Executive motions:

- a. *A motion to approve the SONC Board Meeting Minutes, January, 2024*

Moved: Baronian **Seconded:** Adair

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Katchen **(1)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

minutes approved unanimously by voice vote 16-0-1-0

- b. **bylaw amendment**

A motion to adopt the following language in Bylaw V.7. To strike from V.7: There are no excused absences.

To add to V.7: Absences due to extraordinary circumstances may be deemed as excused by the President, or the 1st Vice President if the member in question is the President. Excused absence requests are to be submitted to the SONC President for determination and approval. An absence approved as excused by the President shall not count toward the four absences for removal. Excused absences may result from illness, religious observance, or other unforeseen circumstances, all in the discretion of the President. The 1st Vice President shall act as the President for the purpose of excused absence determination if the requesting member is the President.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

motion to amend: limited to one "excused absence" 12-month period; requested in writing within two weeks after the missed meeting

Moved: Silverman **Second:** none

motion to amend fails without a second

motion to amend: strikes new amendment, adjusts number of absences from warning at 3, and removal at 4, to warning at 4 and removal at 5

Moved: Collins **Second:** Diarian
motion to amend withdrawn by Collins

Moved: Executive Cmte. **Seconded:** N/A

yes: Baronian (1) / **no:** Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber (14)

absent: Katchen (1) / **abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1)

motion fails 1-14-1-1

7. Committee Reports

a. Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) and Vision Committees, Jeff Kalban, Chair

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month, next meeting 2/15/24

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month, next meeting 3/7/24

Orange Line Neighborhood Transit Plan presentation at next meeting

Sepulveda Transit Corridor plans 4 and 5 to be presented at upcoming PLUM mtg.

i. CEQA update, construction noise

After our evaluation and review, ~~the PLUM Committee of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council~~ SONC opposes the proposed Update to the CEQA Thresholds and Methodology to allow an increase in construction noise level and construction vibrations because the new thresholds are intended to be better suited to the City's urban nature. The impacts of these reductions of CEQA protections are unknown and the reasons behind proposed changes are unclear.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: PLUM cmte. **Second:** N/A

[error noted and corrected, striking

“the PLUM Committee of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council”

replacing with “SONC”]

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (16) / **no:** (0)

absent: Katchen (1) / **abstain:** (0)

item 7a.i carries 16-0-1-0

b. Gov't Affairs Cmte.

meets every 4th Tuesday or Thursday, next meeting 2/27/24

i. copper theft / solar power streetlights

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF24-0036 pertaining to the installation of solar-powered lights or conversion to solar when the Bureau of Street Lighting is responding to lighting outages attributed to copper wire and power theft incidents, or other maintenance issues.

SONC also supports the Bureau's solar lights pilot program as part of a potential move in the city toward solar street lighting, where available

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Gov't Affairs **second:** N/A

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)**

no: (0) / absent: Katchen (1) / abstain: (0)

item 7b.i carries 16-0-1-0

c. Finance Cmte. Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

no Monthly Expenditure Report for January
committee members needed

i. Consent Calendar

- a. *SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) December 31, 2023 A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending December 31, 2023*
- b. *SONC Annual Hello Spring Tree Adoption Event A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 for SONC's Annual Hello Spring Tree Adoption event to be held on March 23, 2024 (target date) at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park. Funds will be used for SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.*
- c. *2024 SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park A motion to approve up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park. The June 2024 Movie in the Park will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 (target date). Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, children's activities, such as bubble blowing services, face painting, and other family friendly activities. Funding will also be applied to acquiring SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.*

- d. *SONC Branded Items for Community Outreach* A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 to purchase Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) branded items for use as part of SONC's outreach efforts. SONC branded items include, for example, pens, post-it notes, glow sticks, beachballs, safety lights, and printed materials.
- e. *SONC Sponsorship of the Valley Cultural Foundation Event* A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 to sponsor and participate/table at the Valley Cultural Foundation's Sunday, April 14, 2024, community concert at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Finance Cmte. **second:** N/A

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (15)

no: (0) / **absent:** Katchen (1) / **abstain:** (0) / **ineligible:** Fenig (1)

item 7c.i carries 15-0-1-0-1

ii. Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library NPG

Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) – Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library (SOFOTL) in support of their community outreach efforts to provide information and services to the unhoused and others through the distribution of hygiene kits.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Finance Cmte. **second:** N/A

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (15)

no: (0) / **absent:** Katchen (1) / **abstain:** (0) / **ineligible:** Fenig (1)

item 7c.ii carries 15-0-1-0-1

d. Airport Cmte. Bob Bramen, Chair

Traffic, Transportation, and Tourism cmte. met at Van Nuys recently
community pushback against airport expansion

Airport manager reportedly requested employees speak in support
waiting on correspondence regarding past expansion data

i. Environmental Assessment (EA) for Burbank Airport (BUR)

The FAA recently unveiled the outcomes of its Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the potential adoption of JAYTE/TEAGN waypoints and alterations to OROSZ 2/SLAPP 2

flight paths. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) Airport Committee has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Settlement Agreement Departure Procedure Amendments for Hollywood Burbank Airport and has the following comments: i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) vehemently opposes Alternative A and is dedicated to safeguarding its residents, school children, and businesses from the discriminatory impact on hundreds of thousands of citizens. ii. Alternative A mirrors the departure procedures outlined in the FAA's Settlement Agreement with Benedict Hills homeowner groups. This proposal faced resounding rejection from the Southern San Fernando Aviation Task Force and affected communities due to the unjust and recurrent harms it would inflict. The optimal solution sought by impacted communities is the maximum dispersal of Burbank (BUR) air traffic and departure flight paths, a goal not achieved by any of the proposed alternatives, nor attainable with the introduction of waypoints. Instead of restoring historical conditions or promoting further dispersal of flight paths, Alternative A exacerbates harm to other (and new) areas for the benefit of one community. iii. The introduction of new waypoints and concentration of flight paths severely impacts Studio City and Sherman Oaks residents, school children, and businesses, with the potential for recurring impact on new areas to the west. SONC deems this alternative entirely unacceptable, as it discriminates against these communities to provide preferential relief to another. Moreover, the proximity of these waypoints to major elementary schools raises concerns about the health and education of children, emphasizing the need to explore alternative options. iv. While acknowledging the FAA's determination that Alternative B did not meet the Purpose and Need criteria for providing safe, efficient, and tangible relief to communities, SONC encourages the FAA to persist in exploring increased minimum climb gradients, placing a particular emphasis on facilitating greater dispersal opportunities, including optimized Diverse Vector Area (DVA) and similar mechanisms. v. Despite the FAA's affirmation of the efficiency of Air Traffic Control (ATC) operations, SONC urges the FAA to prioritize the monitoring and encouragement of air traffic controllers' due diligence in ensuring timely turn directives. This is crucial for reducing the southerly shift—a significant source of complaint since the implementation of NextGen. vi. Furthermore, SONC calls on the FAA to comprehensively consider all available noise abatement options, including engine thrust reduction, flap considerations, and other opportunities within existing BUR flight procedures. Such considerations have the potential to offer substantial relief to communities situated beneath the flight paths. vii. In response to the proposed Alternative A, should the FAA elect to proceed with this action, SONC calls upon the City Council to instruct the City Attorney to challenge the FAA in the 9th circuit court. This challenge is based on the assertion that the private settlement failed to consider all impacted areas of Los Angeles and will impose an increased burden on communities along the new path, without any relief from dispersion possibilities. SONC also urges the City of Los Angeles to request the FAA to conduct a one-week monitoring test to evaluate Air Traffic Control (ATC) turn responses and submit a detailed report to the City,

highlighting the potential alleviation of adverse noise impacts through timely turns of aircraft at safe altitudes.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Airport **second:** N/A

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (16)

no: (0) / absent: Katchen (1) / abstain: (0)

item 7d.i carries 16-0-1-0

e. Traffic & Transportation / Green & Sustainability

Avo Babian unavailable, committee member gave brief report
lack of DASH route awareness

i. authorizes SONC to help improve composting program

A motion to work with CD4 office and LADWP Sanitation Dept to help with Sherman Oaks to comply with SB1383 mandatory residential composting. And to take steps to communicate and increase compliance.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Green & Sustainability **seconded:** N/A

motion to commit / refer to committee

Moved: Roden **Second:** Materna

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (16)

no: (0) / absent: Katchen (1) / abstain: (0)

motion to commit item 7e.i carries 16-0-1-0

ii. Requests services to improve DASH public transport.

MOTION: *Ask CD4 to ask LADOT to:*

- 1. Enhance Promotion of DASH;*
- 2. Enhance DASH Service;*
- 3. Seek Partnership with private parties to fund operations;*
- 4. To study extension of DASH to Lankershim B (Red) Line Station.*

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second

moved: Traffic & Transportation **seconded:** N/A

motion to commit / refer to committee

Moved: Adair **Second:** Segarra-Bohlinger

yes: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)**
no: (0) / absent: Katchen (1) / abstain: (0)
motion to commit item 7e.ii carries 16-0-1-0

f. Outreach Cmte. Kylee Pena, Brett Collier, Co-Chairs

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month, next meeting 2/20/24, 6:30pm Virtual
March 23rd, Tree Adoption, Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park
Concert in the Park April 14th
Planning stages of Movies in the Park series
 seeking movie suggestions
reminder to Vote

g. Public Safety Cmte. Susan Collins, Chair

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, dark in February, location unavailable
CERT offering Thursday night classes at the Sherman Oaks Galleria
starter “go” kits for CERT graduates in storage, may need financing for more
sandbags available at local fire stations
Mr. T collected sandbags

h. Human Services Cmte. Pamela Harris, Co-Chair - expedited at the top of item 7

meets first monday of the month, next meeting March 4th, Virtual
thank you to participants of “homeless” count, recap
will participate in Tree-Giveaway

i. Budget Advocates, Howard Katchen

Katchen absent, no update

7. Board Member Announcements

accommodations for being able to hear speakers and board members
Election day is March 5th

8.. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 8:31pm

Respectfully submitted

