

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council  
Officers**

Jeffrey Hartsough, Pres 2-CI  
Howard Katchen, 1<sup>st</sup> VP 3-R  
Lisa Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP 4-R  
Candy Williams, Tres 1-R  
Gil Imber Secretary 6-R

**Board Members:**

Vacant, 1-CI  
Levon Baronian, 1-B  
Sarah Manuel, 2-R  
Vacant, 2-B  
Vacant, 3-CI  
Fran Kerzner, 3-B  
Lisa Cappelletti, 4-CI  
Joe Cappelletti, 4-B  
Christy Adair, 5-CI  
Alexandria Naseef, 5-R  
Avo Babian, 5-B  
Harold Shapiro, 6-CI  
Vacant, 6-B  
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI  
Michael Binkow, 7-R  
Neal Roden, 7-B  
Hayden Ranshaw, Youth  
Marcus Zimmerman, Youth

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**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):**

# Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm

**1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**

- a. Jeffrey Hartsough, President, called the meeting to order at **6:31 pm**.
- b. Gil Imber, Secretary, called the roll.
  - 1) **Present:** Avo Babian, Levon Baronian, Michael Binkow, Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Jeffrey Hartsough, Gil Imber, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Alexandria Naseef, Sarah Manuel, Lisa Petrus, Hayden Ranshaw, Neal Roden, Harold Shapiro, Candy Williams, Marcus Zimmerman (17).
  - 2) **Absent:** Christy Adair, Fran Kerzner (2).

**2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions**

**a. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2020**

Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2020, Board Meeting.

**Moved by:** Neal Roden. Seconded by Jeff Kalban.

Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro

**No:** -

**Abstain:** Williams, Zimmerman

**Ineligible:** -

**Absent:** Adair, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 2.a carries (roll call vote):** 15-0-2.

**3. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials, and Staff**

Tammy Ramirez, LA School Board District 3.

Brad Fingard, Los Angeles City Council District 4.

Betty Wong-Oyama, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

**4. President's Report**

- a. Vote Nov 3 Recap / CD4 - Nithya Raman incoming Councilmember
- b. SONC 2021 Elections
- c. Committee Changes - Avo Babian stepping down as Chair of Green
  - Michael Binkow stepping down as Chair of Homeless Outreach; new Cmte will be Human Services (working title, may change)
- d. Next SONC Board Meeting - January 11 (dark in December)  
Discussion followed.

**5. Committee Reports**

- a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair  
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.
- b. Government Affairs - Gil Imber, Chair
  - 1) **CF 20-1225 - LA's Green New Deal / Healthy Soil Strategy / Urban Agriculture / Carbon Sequestration / Water Capture / Composting and Mulching Operations / Development**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-1225 to develop a healthy soil strategy and take appropriate steps as specified in 20-1225 to support healthy soil and compost projects and programs.

*A copy of the CF 20-1225 is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website. A Community Impact Statement (CIS) shall be submitted to this City Council File within two weeks of the date of Board approval.*

**Moved by:** Government Affairs Committee

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

**No:** Binkow

**Abstain:** Baronian, Katchen

**Ineligible:** -

**Absent:** Adair, Kerzner, Naseef

**Motion to Adopt 5.b.1 carries (roll call vote):** 13-1-2.

- 2) **CF 20-1267 - Modified Mufflers / Noise-Sensitive Areas / Local Enforcement / Limit Use**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-1267 to consider methods, including enforcements such as citations pursuant to AB 1824, and look forward to the report on possible ways to more effectively limit the

use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas.

*A copy of the CF 20-1267 is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website. A Community Impact Statement (CIS) shall be submitted to this City Council File within two weeks of the date of Board approval.*

**Moved by:** Government Affairs Committee  
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** -

**Absent:** Adair, Kerzner, Naseef

**Motion to Adopt 5.b.2 carries (roll call vote):** 16-0-0.

- c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
- d. Outreach Committee - Sarah Manuel, Chair
- e. Planning & Land Use Committee - Jeff Kalban, Chair

1) **Transmittal of the “A Vision for Sherman Oaks 2020 – Input to the Sherman Oaks Community Plan Update” report to the Department of City Planning**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) endorses the “A Vision for Sherman Oaks 2020 – Input to the Sherman Oaks Community Plan Update” report developed over a period of eight years in public meetings by the PLUM Vision Committee and members of the Sherman Oaks community and approves the report’s transmittal to the Department of City Planning for use in their Community Plan Update efforts.

*A copy of the report is available by [clicking here](#).*

**Moved by:** Jeff Kalban. **Seconded by:** Lisa Petrus.  
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Zimmerman

**No:** -

**Abstain:** Naseef, Williams

**Ineligible:** -

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 5.e.1 carries (roll call vote): 14-0-2.**

- f. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs  
*No report*
- g. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair  
*No report*
- h. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate

**6. Treasurer's Report - Candy Williams, Treasurer**

a. Treasurer's Report

b. **Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).**

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending September 30, 2020.

**Moved by:** Finance Committee

**Yes:** Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 6.b carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.**

c. **Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for Valley of Change**

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2000 to Valley of Change. Funds to be used for distribution of essential hygiene products for those in need and/or unhoused in the Sherman Oaks community.

**Moved by:** Finance Committee

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$4700 to Valley of Change. Funds to be used for distribution of essential hygiene products for those in need and/or unhoused in the Sherman Oaks community.

**Motion to Amend by:** Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Alexandria Naseef.

Discussion followed.

**Motion to Call the Question:** Michael Binkow. **Second:** Howard Katchen.

**Yes:** Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden

**No:** Imber, Shapiro, Williams

**Abstain:** Manuel

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Kerzner

**Motion to Call the Question 6.c carries (roll call vote):** 10-3-1.

**Yes:** Baronian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Imber, Manuel, Naseef, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** Binkow, Hartsough, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus

**Abstain:** Roden

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Kerzner

**Motion to Amend 6.c carries (roll call vote):** 8-5-1.

Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Manuel, Naseef, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** Katchen, Petrus

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 6.c as Amended carries (roll call vote):** 12-2-0.

d. **Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for North Valley Caring Services**

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2000 to North Valley Caring Services (NVCS). Funds to be used by the NVCS food pantry to help those experiencing food insecurity in the San Fernando Valley.

**Moved by:** Finance Committee

Discussion followed.

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$4000 to North Valley Caring Services. Funds to be used by the NVCS food pantry to help those experiencing food insecurity in the San Fernando Valley.

**Motion to Amend by:** Lisa Petrus. **Seconded by:** Alexandria Naseef.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Baronian, Kerzner

**Motion to Amend 6.d carries (roll call vote):** 13-0-0.

**Yes:** Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Baronian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 6.d as Amended carries (roll call vote):** 13-0-0.

e. **SONC Outreach Committee request for funding in support of Care-Kit distribution to members of the Sherman Oaks community.**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for the purchase of hygiene products to be included in Care-Kits to be distributed to Sherman Oaks community members who are experiencing homelessness and economic vulnerability. Care-Kit distribution will be sponsored by SONC and made through non-profits serving the Sherman Oaks community.

**Moved by:** Finance Committee

Discussion followed.

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for the purchase of hygiene products to be included in Care-Kits to be distributed to Sherman Oaks community members who are experiencing homelessness and economic vulnerability. Care-Kit distribution will be sponsored by SONC and made through non-profits serving the Sherman Oaks community.

**Motion to Amend by:** Lisa Petrus. **Seconded by:** Alexandria Naseef.

Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Baronian, Kerzner

**Motion to Amend 6.e carries (roll call vote):** 13-0-0.

Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Baronian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 6.e as Amended carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.**

f. **SONC Outreach Committee request for funding in support of the 2021 Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Elections**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000.00 for purchase of election materials and social media/digital content to promote Sherman Oaks community awareness of the 2021 SONC elections.

**Moved by:** Sarah Manuel. **Seconded by:** Neal Roden.

Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

**No:** -

**Abstain:** -

**Ineligible:** Ranshaw, Zimmerman

**Absent:** Adair, Babian, Baronian, Kerzner

**Motion to Adopt 6.f carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.**

7. **Public Comment**

8. **Announcements by SONC Board members**

Discussion followed.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, **9:52 pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gil Imber*