

Sherman Oaks
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Green and Sustainability Committee Meeting (Virtual) Agenda Wed Feb 3rd, 2021 7:30 pm

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order by Chair Avo
 - b. Roll Call
- II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of Jan Green Committee Meeting.

III. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

V. PRESENTATION:

- a. **Scott Mandell:** Enforcement of the Ban on Gas Leaf Blowers

VI. MOTIONS:

- a. To Support City Council File to Ban Leaf Blowers and write a CIS in support:
 - 1) The Board of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests Councilmember Nithya Rahman to make a Motion to amend and clarify the Los Angeles Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) to read, "No internal combustion blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at any time", and put an end to loopholes in this ordinance so (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) can actually be enforced.
- b. To Support City Council File 20-0492 and write a CIS in support.
 - i. Whereas the residents of Sherman Oaks are concerned with the damage to health and effect on climate change caused by burning fossil fuels, and whereas the common practice of investing in fossil fuels contributes greatly to the marketplace dominance of fossil fuels, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0492 and notes the City should not be supporting investments in fossil fuel companies, and residents shouldn't have to worry about the City's insurance vendors failing due to investments in a declining industry. Therefore be it resolved, that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the Blumenfield motion in Council File 20-0492, to create a rating system for insurance provider identifying their risk due to fossil fuel investments.

VII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. Green COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. **Sustainable Garden: Planning for Zoom presentation**
- b. **Leaf Blower Issue: List of Green Businesses**
- c. **Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Rajan Bhattacharyya Update on property ownership, Funding And Partnership ideas**
- d. **Update: Sidewalk Tree issues: David-List of trees in need of removal and replacement**
- e. **LA River Master Plan update**

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Committee members and members of the public may bring up new business they would like the committee to consider to add on future Agenda

X. ADJOURNMENT

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