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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) Agenda:

Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:30 pm

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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. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
 - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2022.**
From Floor: [Any Board Member], requires a second.
A motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting.

 - b. **Approve the Appointment of Youth Representative to Fill a Vacancy.**
From Floor: President Lindsay Imber, requires a second.
A motion to approve the President's appointment of Caden Kang to fill the Youth Represent vacancy for the 2022-23 term pursuant to the SONC Bylaws, as recommended by the Youth Representative Selection Committee.

 - c. **SONC 20th Anniversary Light Pole Banner.**
From Committee: Executive.
Motion to create and install street pole banners to celebrate the 20th anniversary of SONC and to create neighborhood awareness and promote SONC and its purpose. Presented by Harold Shapiro.

Draft Motion: See attachments ([Att 1](#) | [Att 2](#)) for this item. Adoption of this motion includes adoption of the contents of both attached files:
> Motion to LA City Council - Street Banners for Sherman Oaks; and,
> Motion to Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council - Street Banner Funding.
}} This is a funding motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$4999.

3. **Comments by Council District Office, LAPD SLOs, Public Officials, and Staff**
Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.

4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

5. **President's Report**
 - Youth Seat.
 - 2022 **SONC Movies in the Park.** Monthly Saturday Schedule:
 - June 25 - *Encanto* [Completed]
 - July 23 - *Ghostbusters Afterlife* [Completed]
 - **August 20 - *Sing 2***

6. **Motions From Individual Board Members**
[None]

7. Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: August 15.
- b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: August 23.

1. **For Employee Relations Ordinance / Inclusive Language.**

From Committee: Government Affairs.

[CF 22-018](#). Employee Relations Ordinance / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Updated Gender-Neutral Language / Obsolete Language Removal / Amendment.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) **supports** [CF 22-018](#) pertaining to the city's employee relations ordinance to provide updated and gender-neutral language and remove obsolete language. SONC affirms its support for inclusion and equality, including but not limited to updating this ordinance and other laws, codes, and policy to feature gender-inclusive language. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, and in the spirit of further inclusion for identities not along the gender binary, we recommend the use of the gender-neutral "their" in place of the gendered "his/her" and similar such language.

2. **Requesting More Time for Review of Wildlife Ordinance.**

From Committee: Government Affairs.

Los Angeles City Planning: [Draft Wildlife Ordinance](#).

Draft Motion: SONC requests City Planning delay CPC's Hearing until City Planning holds direct information sessions with SONC and the Sherman Oaks community, to allow residents more time to learn about the ordinance and its ramifications, as well as allow city planning to address the fire risks, human/animal encounter risks, child and pet safety, porous fences, crime risks, spread of disease concerns, height restriction concerns, and undue burden on homeowners concerns.

Administrative Note: City Planning has agreed to attend the Government Affairs Committee's August 23 meeting to present the draft wildlife ordinance.

3. **For Firearm Rules Re: Sensitive Places/Uses.**

From Committee: Government Affairs.

[CF 22-0764-S1](#). New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen / Concealed Carry of Firearms Restriction / Sensitive Places / Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) **supports** [CF 22-0764-S1](#) to create a City of Los Angeles ordinance restricting the concealed carry of firearms in or near sensitive places or sensitive uses, such as those identified in the June 2022 Bruen Supreme Court decision.

- c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.
Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: TBD.

1. **Consent Calendar (Multiple Items Considered Together)**
From Committee: Green & Sustainability.

Any Board member may request to take any individual consent item out of the consent calendar in which case that item shall be considered separately.

> **For Goat Grazing Feasibility Report.**

[CF 22-0600-S61](#). 2022 Budget Recommendation / Department of Recreation and Parks / Park Brush Clearance / Wildlife / Goats.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) **supports** [CF 22-0600-S61](#) to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee on the feasibility of using wildlife, specifically goats, to support brush clearance activities in parks.

> **For LAFD Brush Clearance Partnership w Goat Orgs.**

[CF 22-0600-S20](#). 2022 Budget Recommendation / Fire Department / Partnerships / Los Angeles Conservation Corps / Goat Use / Brush Clearance.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) **supports** [CF 22-0600-S20](#) to instruct the Fire Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps for brush clearance efforts and other outside entities that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush.

- d. Human Services Committee - Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: September 21 [Rescheduled].
- e. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: July 19.
- f. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.
PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: September 15.
Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: October 6.
- g. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: August 9.
- h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month: TBD.
- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

**8. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month: August 24.**

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. **Consent Calendar (Includes Multiple Items Considered Together):
From Committee: Finance.**

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> Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), June 2022.

To approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period ending June 30, 2022.](#)

> Sherman Oaks Street Fair.

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2000 to sponsor and participate/table in the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce annual Sherman Oaks Street Fair.

9. Announcements by SONC Board members

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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