

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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Thelma Mericle, 1-T  
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Matthew May, 2-B  
Arutyun Kapukchyan, 3-B  
Avo Babian, 3-CI  
Joe Cappelletti, 4-B  
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**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):**

**Minutes**

Monday, October 10, 2022, 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 **6:33pm**

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

**i. Present:** Mericle, Baronian, May, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Manuel, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(20)**

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

**2. Comments by Public Officials**

Ryan Ahari - Council District 4, Nithya Raman's office

Elisa Schwartz 46th Assembly District, Adrin Nazarian's office

Ann-Marie Holman, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

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

#### 4. President's Report

Committee Reminder: Record your online meetings & post your minutes.

Roster Update: Secretary needs updated mailing address, email, and phone number

December's Guest Speaker will be CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman

January's Guest Speaker will be City Clerk Election Admin Alvarado

#### 5. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

##### a. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, October 2022

*A motion to approve the minutes for October 10 & October 15, 2022.*

**Moved: Shapiro      Seconded: Hartsough**

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Manuel, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(19)** / **No: (0)** / **Abstain: (0)** / **Absent: Collins (1)** **Ineligible: May (1)**

**Item 5 carries 19-0-0-1-1**

#### 6. Committee Reports

##### a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month, Next meeting Monday, November 21  
congress of schools successful

##### b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Next meeting Tuesday, December 27, 7pm

*i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports **CF 22-1197** to create a new ad hoc committee at LA City Council on City Governance Reform to increase transparency, community outreach on important topics, limit corruption at City Hall, and make City leadership more representative of and beholden to the communities served. SONC recommends this committee hold all meetings in a public forum and be composed of persons other than sitting City councilmembers, their staff or paid representatives, and persons who are considered restricted sources and restricted developers under the Ethics Commission or Code, and other persons subject to mandatory disclosure pursuant to Municipal Lobbying Ordinance Update CF 22-0560*

**FOR CF 22-1232.** *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports (if amended) **CF 22-1232** to pursue a ballot measure and changes to the LA City Charter to address concerns regarding Ethics Commission composition, function, and operation. SONC recommends the following amendments to CF 22-1232 to fully address these ethical concerns while ensuring the*

*Commission is empowered to remain independent and recommends LA City Council take its time to progress this legislation through committee before reaching the full council:*

- *Independent Appointment: The city of LA will not have a truly independent ethics commission until it ends the involvement of elected officials in the appointment process. The incumbent commissioners should be responsible for accepting and vetting applications through a public process like the Oakland and Long Beach Ethics Commissions.*
- *Eligibility Requirements: The commission proposes adding restrictions excluding any bidder, contractor, developer, or someone with a direct financial interest in work of the city from service on the commission. These restrictions are warranted but incomplete. We also recommend excluding anyone who is a recent candidate for elected office in the city of LA, former elected officials in the city of LA, and anyone who has donated or raised above a certain threshold for local candidates.*
- *Raise the vote threshold for removal of a commissioner: The commission recommends increasing the number of elected officials who may initiate removal and reducing the threshold to a majority vote. We recommend requiring a 2/3rds vote for all removal proceedings of ethics commissioners.*
- *Increased maximum penalty: The commission recommends increasing the maximum administrative penalty to \$10k per violation. We recommend adopting Chicago's max penalty of \$20k per violation model.*
- *Raise minimum budget: The commission recommends their budget be set at \$4.5 million and tied to CPI. While this would protect against retaliation or defunding during a financial crunch, this essentially freezes the status quo into the charter. \$4.5 million is a few hundred thousand above the commission's current budget. The recommendations include new expenditures, like outside counsel, which will require more money. If the Council is expanded, the Ethics Commission will require more money. A minimum budget in the range of \$7-10 million would give the commission the resources needed to fulfill its broad sweeping mandate.*

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

**Moved by:** Gov't Affairs Cmte.      **Seconded by:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Manuel, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (19) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Collins (1) **Ineligible:** May (1)

**Item 6b.i carries 19-0-0-1-1**

**ii.** For Antisemitism Definition Adoption: *Antisemitic hate crimes recorded by the Anti-Defamation League are at the highest level since tracking began in 1979. Hate crimes in the state of California are at their highest level since 2001, with the highest percentage of religious bias events targeted at the Jewish community. Council File 22-1241 addresses the need to expand the definition of Anti-Semitism to include hateful speech regarding Israel which includes*

*applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behavior which is not expected or demanded from any other democratic nation. Currently, much anti-semitic rhetoric and hate crimes targeting the Jewish community are disguised as social justice. With this in mind, it is imperative that all Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs include the Jewish community as part of their curricula. Furthermore, SONC supports the expansion of all DEI programs to include the Jewish community and foster a greater understanding of the relationship of certain discourse regarding the State of Israel to antisemitism.*

**Motion to Table item 6b.ii**

**Moved:** Segarra-Bohlinger **Second:** Baronian

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Kalban, Kang, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **No:** Katchen **(1)** / **Abstain:** Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Imber, Manuel **(5)** / **Absent:** Collins **(1)** **Ineligible:** May **(1)**

**motion to table item 6b.ii carries 13-1-5-1-1**

**c. Green & Sustainability Committee** - Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month, next meeting TBD

Ernie's walk, tree walk for trimming, volunteers needed

**d. Human Services Committee** - Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs. *expedited at 7:05pm*

Next meeting Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm

*i. A motion to approve up to \$1500.00 for a SONC co-sponsorship Holiday Drive on December 3rd 2022. SONC will collect essential items including new socks, new underwear, new towels, and other items with a Sherman Oaks non-profit Organization TBA. The Holiday Drive will benefit community members who are experiencing homelessness*

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

**Moved by:** Human Services Cmte. **Seconded by:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Imber, Katchen, Manuel, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Babian, Tertsaguian, Collins **(3)** **Ineligible:** May, Kang **(2)**

**Item d.i carries 16-0-0-3-2**

*ii. A motion to approve up to \$500.00 for a SONC co-sponsorship Senior Event in December 2022 for Kester Elementary Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade students. Our Senior Event will allow seniors to be "Santas" to kids and answer non-denominational letters from the North Pole. Costs will include holiday stamps, stickers, stationery, and pens.*

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

**Moved by:** Human Services Cmte. **Seconded by:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Imber, Katchen, Manuel, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **No: (0) /Abstain: (0) / Absent:** Babian, Tertsaguain, Collins **(3)** **Ineligible:** May, Kang **(2)**  
**Item d.ii carries 17-0-0-2-2**

**e. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.**

Next meeting Tuesday, November 15 at 7pm  
recap on recent events - street fair and 20th anniversary  
new street banners have gone up in 30 locations  
volunteer opportunities on outreach  
keep contact info updated  
submit updates for Ziff flier  
Dark in December, to reconvene in January on regular schedule (3rd Tuesday)

**f. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.**

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: November 17th  
Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: December 1st

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes Sepulveda Transit Corridor Alternative 4 (above ground trains on Sepulveda Blvd.) and authorizes the use of its logo on the “LA Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Alt. 4” video.*

**Moved by:** Kalban **Seconded by:** Petrus

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguain, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough **(17)** / **No:(0)** / **Absent:** Collins, Manuel **(2)** **abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger **(1)** **ineligible:** May **(1)**  
**Item 6f carries 17-0-2-1-1**

**g. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair, Chair.**

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, next meeting December 13  
alternate means of communications i.e. radios / walkie-talkies  
fire escape routes  
“porch pirates” and social media strategies on Dec. agenda

**h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.**

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month, next meeting TBD.

**i. Consent Calendar:** *Motions regarding Van Nuys Airport (VNY)/ CF22-1125 and CF22-1127 with specified modifications and requirements*

*Committee chair requests general consent to withdraw:*

**Objection** - Shapiro, Materna (motion not withdrawn)

*Motion to table item 6h.i*

**Moved:** Babian      **Second:** Petrus

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Hartsough (9) / **No:** Materna, Shaprio, Roden Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen (7) / **Absent:** Tertsaguian, Collins, Manuel (3) **abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) **ineligible:** May (1)

**Motion to table item 6h.i carries 9-7-3-1-1**

*Motion to reconsider item 6h.i*

**Moved:** Shapiro      **Second:** (none)

motion to reconsider fails/is invalid

**ii.** *A motion to support AB 2127 requires the California Energy Commission to biennially assess the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed to meet the state's goals of putting at least 5 million zero-emission vehicles on California roads by 2030 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. And Write a Letter in Support.*

*Motion to object to consideration of question (item 6h.ii)*

**Moved:** Shapiro      **Second:** (none required)

**yes:** Mericle, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **No:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Petrus, Tertsaguian (5) / **Absent:** Collins, Manuel (2) **abstain:** (0) **ineligible:** May (1)

**Objection to consideration carries 13-5-2-0-1**

**i. Budget Advocates** - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

Next meeting Saturday, December 19 at 9:30am

plans for upcoming fiscal year to be reviewed/discussed

**9. Finance Committee-** Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

**a. Treasurer's Report**

Finance Cmte. meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month: October 26.

rollover anticipated but not yet available

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report**

*Motion: To approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending August 31, 2022.*

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

**Moved:** Finance Cmte.      **Seconded:** n/a

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segearra-Bohlinger (17) /

**No:(0) / Absent:** Collins, Manuel (2) **abstain: (0) ineligible:** May, Kang (2)

**Item 9b carries 17-0-2-0-2**

**10. Announcements by SONC Board members**

Petrus baking for the holidays, email to request drop-off

Materna speaks on Van Nuys Airport concerns

Lisa Cappelletti earned her Doctorate, we are all proud

Shaprio speaks on keeping stakeholder interests in mind

Chair speaks on the importance of debate/robert's rules

**11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:20pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy".