

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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Lindsay Imber President 2-CI  
Howard Katchen, 1st VP 3-R  
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Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI  
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

**Board Members**

Thelma Mericle, 1-T  
Levon Baronian, 1-B  
Arutyun Kapukchyan, 3-B  
Avo Babian, 3-CI  
Joe Cappelletti, 4-B  
Lisa Cappelletti, 4-CI  
Lisa Petrus, 4-R  
Norayr Tertsaguan, 5-B  
Christy Adair, 5-CI  
Tom Materna, 6-B  
Neal Roden, 7-B  
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI  
Susan Collins, 7-R  
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**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):**

**Minutes**

Monday, March 13, 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 **6:32pm**

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

**i. Present:** Mericle, Baronian, Babian, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)**

**ii. Absent:** Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti (tardy), Tertsaguan **(3)**

**2. Comments by Public Officials**

Ryan Ahari, Council District 4, Nithya Raman's Office

Storms/flooding

LADWP Town Hall 3/22/23 6pm-7:30pm

volunteers needed for business district "clean up" 3/20/23

"Sanctuary City" codification

Griffith Park "green zone" i.e. no emissions

Chandler Elementary, Hygiene kit drive benefiting unhoused neighbors, 3/13-3/31

Joel Gonzales, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment  
GM Raquel Beltran resigned as of 3/2, Vanessa Serrano acting interim GM  
Hybrid/Virtual/In-Person meetings, resources  
NC election cycles,  
    April 8th end of candidate filing period  
    April-June ballot distribution  
    June 22nd election day

**3. Courtney Shoenwald, City Planner**

“brief announcement”: recent motions re: signs, planning review, website undergoing updates

**4. Guest Speaker: Capri Maddox**

Executive Director/General Manager - City of L.A. Civil + Human Rights & Equity Dept.  
*presentation with Q&A followed*

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

**6. President’s Report**

Airport Committee Update (Chair & membership to be re-voted).  
Lessons Learned from Early In-Person Meetings  
Virtual vs In-Person vs Hybrid Meetings Update  
    - We (alongside the other Pilot Program NCs) have yet to receive any hybrid technology  
    - Chairs have the option to choose in-person or virtual until March 29  
    - As presently stands, all meetings are in-person starting March 30

**7. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**

**a. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, February 2023.**

*A motion to approve, by unanimous consent, the minutes of February 2023.*

**Moved:** Katchen      **Seconded:** Shapiro

**Minutes approved without objection by unanimous consent**

**8. Committee Reports**

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

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: March 20

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

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: TBD.

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

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: April 5.  
For CF 23-0142 Griffith Park /Zero Emissions Transition

*The SONC board is in support of the LA City Council Motion 23-0142.*

*We know that climate change increases the risk of wildfire, heatwaves, drought, and food insecurity, not only in Sherman Oaks, but throughout Los Angeles, California, and beyond. We must reduce the temperature of the planet through elimination of fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy. The SONC board is in support of the LA City Council Motion 23-0142, in support of the ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT and NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the transition of Griffith Park's operations to zero-emission, identification of a path to electrify, phase out, or otherwise decarbonize City-owned equipment powered by gasoline engines, and related matters. The report should identify a path to electrify, phase out, or otherwise decarbonize the following:*

- a. City-owned equipment powered by gasoline engines, including lawn, garden and maintenance equipment.*
- b. Non-emergency City-owned vehicles that operate within Griffith Park, including on and off road vehicles.*
- c. Diesel or gasoline powered generators used for auxiliary power.*
- d. Any other equipment powered by a diesel or gasoline engine.*

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

**Moved:** Green & Sustainability Cmte.      **Seconded:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **No:** **(0)**

**Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Tertsaguan **(3)**

**Item 8c carries 16-0-3-0**

**d. Human Services Committee** - Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: April 3

volunteer event with Interfaith Food Pantry

upcoming presentation on abuse/domestic violence/intimate partner violence

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

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: March 21st

elections upcoming, areas 2, 4, 6, candidates needed

Area 1 vacancy (not on ballot), subject to board approval

Spring Tree giveaway, April 22nd/Earth Day

Summer movie series upcoming

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

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: March 16,

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: April 6

both meetings will be held at 6:30, Sherman Oaks Library

**g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.**

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: March 14, virtual

CA dept of fish and wildlife- "wildlife watch" re: coyotes

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

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month: TBD, likely canceled for March

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

writing reports/analysis/recommendations on upcoming fiscal year budget

met with Mayor Bass on 2/14/23

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

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month: March 22.

**a. Treasurer's Report - *brief update regarding MER***

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), January 2023.**

*A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for period ending January, 2023*

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

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

**Yes:** Mericle, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(15)** / **No: (0)** / **Abstain: (0)** /

**Absent:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Tertsaguan **(3)** **Ineligible:** Kang **(1)**

**item 9b carries 15-0-3-1**

**10. Adjournment-** Motion to Adjourn approved by unanimous consent at **8:47pm**

Respectfully submitted

