

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting:**

**Minutes**

Monday, May 8, 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 **6:39pm**

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

**i. Present:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)**

**ii. Absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)**

**2. Comments by Public Officials**

Meredith McGowan, Sherman Oaks Branch L.A. Public Library –  
May 22nd Teen/Adult “book talk” Interior Chinatown  
mindful meditation returning 4th Friday of the month at 10am all ages  
adult tutoring wednesday 2pm-6pm  
June 5th begins um

Claudia Luna, L.A. Human Rights & Equity  
[civilandhumanrights.lacity.org](http://civilandhumanrights.lacity.org)

Discrimination Enforcement in Commerce, Housing, and Education  
Ryan Ahari, office of Council District 4 (Nithya Raman)  
new red curbs, pothole repair along Ventura Blvd.  
Neighborhood Support Day, May 25th 10am-2pm  
motion re: Shelter Bed reporting  
Christy Adair named Valley honorary fire chief  
April 22nd Drag Queen Story Hour recap of events, statement from Councilmember Raman  
Illegal billboard on Ventura/Van Nuys  
Warner Brothers Honoring at City Hall  
Catalytic Converter theft  
Anne-Marie Holeman, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment  
overview of upcoming election cycle, how-to vote  
ballot needs to be requested for vote-by-mail  
Polls open 2pm-8pm on Thurs. June 22nd at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park  
Voters may only vote in one area of a given NC, even if they have stakeholdership in multiple

**3. Presentation: City of LA COVID-19 Pandemic Reflections Initiative**

*Presentation with Q&A followed*

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

**5. President's Report**

Recap of Sat. April 22nd Earth Day Event  
in-person meetings are still mandated, no tech or guidance provided by DONE for hybrid meetings  
using tech-2-go from library to facilitate limited hybrid attendance option  
new outreach chair and newsletter editor needed  
elections ongoing  
new youth member nominees needed, May 15th prospective deadline  
Caden Kang to attend Princeton University

**6. Action Item:**

- a.** *A motion to approve the President's appointment of current SONC Board Member Christy Adair to the vacant Area 1 Community Interest seat. Concurrent with this approval to assume the Area 1 Community Interest seat, SONC will recognize Member Adair's vacation of the Area 5 Community Interest seat.*

**Moved:** Imber

**Seconded:** Collins

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shaprio, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 6a carries unanimously**

- b. *A motion to approve the minutes of April, 2023.*

**Moved:** Shaprio

**Seconded:** Materna

**item 6b carries without objection by unanimous consent**

## 7. Motion from Floor

### **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program**

*A motion for the Board to refer this item to a SONC Committee for further study and evaluation.*

*Committee to be determined during discussion on this item.*

*Motion to Amend: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0447 to get a report in 60 days on setting up the CARE program in the City of L.A.*

**Moved:** Materna      **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shaprio, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**Motion to Amend carries unanimously**

*Motion as Amended*

**Moved:** Materna      **Seconded:** Shapiro

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shaprio, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 7 carries unanimously**

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. **Airport Cmte.** Bob Bramen, Chair

meeting schedule TBD, Wednesday 6/16 next meeting @ library

“Vision Study” with LAWA re: Van Nuys Airport

June 1st next advisory cmte. meeting

- b. **Education Cmte.** Joe Cappelletti, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: Joe Cappelletti resigning from board

- c. **Government Affairs Cmte.** Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: Next meeting date April 25

### **i. For if Amended - Shelter Notification Requirements**

*Insofar as communication and transparency in government is vital to our community, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF23-0264 , if amended, to clarify notification requirements of emergency homeless shelter property owners when a homeless*

*shelter provider has not been identified at the time the project application is filed. SONC believes notification requirements should be expanded beyond the currently-required written notification to only owners of properties abutting the subject property to include, at minimum, a 500ft. radius surrounding the subject property. Furthermore, we would request notification to the appropriate Neighborhood Council, so that the NC can best assist with outreach efforts to both community stakeholders and parties that may avail themselves of the shelter's services.*

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

**Moved:** gov't affairs **Seconded:** n/a

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough **(12)** **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)**

**abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger **(1)**

**item 8c.i carries 12-0-6-1**

### **ii. Democracy Vouchers for Local Elections, Study**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0359 to study a potential democracy vouchers program to benefit local voters regarding local elections, and to give local community members a greater voice when it comes to representative issues in the City of Los Angeles, with the hope that such a program creates a more equitable atmosphere for campaign financing, and increases local participation and engagement in elections and productive political activity.*

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

**Moved:** gov't affairs **Seconded:** n/a

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(9)** / **no:** Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins **(4)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 8c.ii carries 9-4-6-0**

### **iii. For LAPD's Diversion and Recidivist Programs.**

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

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0270 to evaluate diversion and recidivism programs implemented by LAPD or in collaboration with other agencies to mitigate and prevent crime. Supporting alternative and proven approaches to public safety and crime reduction, such as community engagement, diversion, and recidivism programs, is of utmost importance in an atmosphere where existing legislation & policy, such as Prop47, discourages incarceration.*

**Moved:** gov't affairs **Seconded:** n/a

**yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Imber, Katchen, Shapiro, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(9)** / **no:** Kalban, Collins, Adair **(3)**

**absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)** / **abstain:** Materna

**item 8c.iii carries 9-3-6-1**

**d. Green & Sustainability Cmte.** Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: Next meeting date TBD  
“green business” recognition & outreach

**e. Human Services Cmte.** Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: next meeting June 5th  
upcoming hygiene kit drive

**f. Outreach Cmte.** Harold Shapiro, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: next meeting May 16th, CD4 Office on Kester  
Harold stepping down, new chair of outreach needed

**g. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Cmte.** Jeff Kalban, Chair.

June 1st Vision Cmte. June 1st  
Rive Gauche new restaurant owner  
space near Medici pizza to become seating area  
correspondence w/Councilmember Raman re: community plan update

**h. Public Safety Cmte.** Susan Collins, Chair.

Meeting schedule TBD  
next meeting Saturday May 9th at 9am  
Outdoor at Starbucks on Van Nuys / Hortense near Gelon’s  
Buckley School “Run, Hide, Fight” school-shooting awareness event  
Tuesdays at 6:30, CERT classes at Sherman Oaks Galleria  
Fire Service Day, tours of local fire stations  
staging area kit, used with CERT program, first one going in area 3  
mock staging practice upcoming with Studio City Neighborhood Council

**i. Traffic & Transportation Cmte.** Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month:  
Bike lanes, stop signs, Sepulveda Transit Corridor

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

“budget season”, ‘24/’25 budget proposals from the Mayor’s office  
City Services Survey Published  
“budget day” Sat June 17th at City Hall

**8. Finance Committee-** Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair.

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month:

**a. Treasurer’s Report - *no new pressing matters***

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report**

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

**Moved:** Hartsough    **Seconded:** Kalban

**Yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Shaprio, Hartsough, Kang, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **No: (0)** / **Abstain: (0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Roden **(6)**

**item 8b carries unanimously**

**9. Adjournment-** Motion to Adjourn approved by unanimous consent at **9:33pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.