

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Government Affairs Committee

Lindsay Imber, Chair
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Wesley Garris

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Minutes

Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 pm.



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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. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:32pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
 - i. **Present:** Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
 - ii. **Absent:** Garris (1)

2. Administrative Motions -

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the June, 2023 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*
moved: Materna **seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger

Motion to postpone minutes to September meeting

moved: Katchen **seconded:** Imber

motion to postpone approved by unanimous consent

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none

4. Public Comment - brief discussion followed

5. Chairs Report -

Start of new term, potential addition of committee members

Gov't affairs will be "dark" in August (no meeting) returning in September

6. Action Items

- a. **Council File 23-0623 - Executive Directive No.1 (ED1) / Expedition of Permits and Clearances / Temporary Shelters / Affordable Housing / Codification of Provisions.**

A discussion and/or potential motion concerning administrative matters pertaining to ED-1 and its codification via ordinance. Note that the substantive nature of ED-1 is under review by the PLUM and Vision Committees. A discussion and/or potential motion concerning City Hall's accelerated review and approval of CF23-0623 within a two week period (6/13/23 to 6/27/23), which does not provide sufficient time for NC and community review.

History:SONC issued a letter to City Council and the Councilmember for our Council District 4 concerning attendance, quorum, and public comment issues at LA City Council effectively emanating from the perception that City Council does not listen to its constituents. See: Letter from SONC to CD4-Attendance/Quorum/Public Comment at City Council (7/12/23).

History: SONC adopted a Community Impact Statement (CIS) position of Against in CF20-0866 (IndependentReport/ Demonstrations Against Police Brutality and Racism/LosAngeles Police Foundation/Donation) concerning an LAPD Foundation donation. In opposing LAPD's acceptance of a donation from Foundation of \$350,000 to investigate its own actions, SONC adopted the following statement: "SONC further notes that City Council scheduled and approved CF 20-0866 in such short order as to prevent adequate time for Neighborhood Councils to review this item, and expresses its disapproval of such tactics to bypass local review."

MOTION: Whereas effective Neighborhood Council operations require 60 to 90 days to consider potential motions and council files;

And whereas CF 23-0623 was acted on by Los Angeles City Council in a period of fourteen days which is not sufficient for neighborhood councils to fully consider the item;

And whereas a Community Impact Statement is required to make use of Neighborhood Councils' maximum speaking period allocated during committee and general meetings;

Therefore, The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests that the Los Angeles City Council refrain from voting on pending motions and/or council files until Neighborhood Councils have been granted at least 60 but up to 90 days to bring items for consideration to committee/board meetings, hear public remarks, and potentially file a Community Impact Statement.

Moved: Materna **Seconded:** Katchen
yes: Imber, Materna, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
no: (0) absent: Garris (1) abstain: (0)
item 6a carries unanimously

b. A discussion and/or potential motion relative to additional board members with interest in joining Government Affairs

Brett Collier undecided on joining Gov't Affairs committee,
will consider other committees and report back
concerns regarding efficacy, actions, participation

c. Announcements from committee members - none

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".