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**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):**

**Minutes**

Monday, December 12, 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, May, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(18)**

**ii. Absent:** Kapukchyan [tardy], Kang, Manuel **(3)**

**2. Comments by Public Officials**

L.A. Public Library, Meredith McGowan -

facility maintenance closure Fri-Sun 12/16-12/19

book donations needed, friends of the library sale every 2nd Saturday

LAFD Battalion Chief Tim Lambert - Battalion 10/Van Nuys

Safety Tips for December - space heaters, holiday trees, candles

Joel Gonzalez - Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

Elections, scheduling with outreach chair, hybrid meeting test-run

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

recent holiday clothing drive,

food drive at 12/16 10am - 2pm, at Studio City Universalist Unitarian Church

**3. Guest Speaker: Council District 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman - *brief update with Q&A followed***

**4. Guest Speaker: Wayne Williams, Van Nuys Airport - *brief presentation with Q&A followed***

**5. Items Placed on Table at Prior Meeting That May Be Considered**

**a. Consent Calendar** (For if Amended 2 VNY Motions). Originally Presented From Committee: Traffic. CF 22-1127. Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan / Zoning Ordinance 177.327 / Community Impact Mitigation. CF 22-1125. Van Nuys Airport / Scheduled Charter Flight Operations Increase / Part 380 Regulations / Community Concerns.

**Moved (from table):** Collins                      **Second:** Materna

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(17)** / **No: (0)**

**/Abstain: (0) / Absent:** Kapukchyan, Kang, Manuel **(3)** **Ineligible:** May **(1)**

**Item 5a removed from table for consideration 17-0-0-3-1**

*The Community supports the motions with the following modifications and requirements*

**RE: CF 22-1127**

**THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE ABOVE MOTION WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. **ADD** Van Nuys Airport (VNY) to host a community informational session on the current state of operations at the airport and future strategy for growth, expansion, air-traffic at the airport at a location in the Valley. This session must be communicated to SONC and widely advertised to all residents in impacted areas in the Valley to ensure fair notice. Impacted areas include but are not limited to: SHERMAN OAKS, Van Nuys, Chatsworth Reservoir area, Cango Park, Northridge, Sherwood Forest, Winnetka, Resenda, Lake Balboa, Valley Glen, North Hollywood, Valley Village, Studio City, Bel Air/Beverly Crest, Encino, Tarzana, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Woodland Hills, West Hills, and Bell Canyon.

2. **ADD** Can Nuys airport management solicity community input to update the 2006 Master Plan and present the findings to impacted communities, including all Sherman Oaks residents in advance to solicit feedback and modify the strategy to accommodate reasonable community requests. Furthermore, all meetings held by the airport sponsor, BOAC, or city council on discussion of the Master Plan must be public either by means of live virtual meetings, or in-person meetings hosted at a central Valley local. The public shall have commitment of 100% access to all conversations surrounding this Master Plan.

3. As part of above #2, develop a VNY Containment Plan that considers regulating private and charter jet activity.

4. **DELETE** the mention of 'additional hangar space' at VNY. [Building additional hangar space is NOT what the community wants given it will increase air-traffic capacity. Hangar space should be capped at exiting space and

alternative uses may include community recreational open space, affordable housing, public/private sport facilities, technology park, entertainment film stages, and many other opportunities to support urgent and high-priority needs that meet the majority of the surrounding population. Rezoning opportunities for these purposes can be explored where applicable.]

5. While the motion states that the plan “explore how land covered by the plan can continue to be an economic generator by luring new commercial activity”, it should be **MODIFIED** to require that commercial activities do not increase the aviation burden on the surrounding communities, including but not limited to activities that do not increase flight operations, noise, or pollution for residents.
6. **ADD** that the community does not support any expansion of Helicopter or any other air-traffic at VNY, including Helinet operations and its current footprint at VNY. The City of Los Angeles is expected to protect its citizens constitutional rights of “pursuit of happiness” in their homes and on their property. **NO CONTRACTS** should exceed 5-year terms.
7. **SPECIFY** Building a tall and aesthetically pleasing noise barrier walls like freeway sound walls between the airport and homes in the immediate vicinity of the VNY airport.
8. **SPECIFY** Increase the setback of jets by 200 ft
9. **SPECIFY** Establish a tree planting and environmental protection program for flora and fauna. Areas to consider (among many) include the immediate vicinity of the airport, the Sepulveda Basin, VNY/Sherman Oaks Recreation Park and those areas also significantly impacted by the vastly expanded footprint of VNY air-traffic, including Tree People and the Santa Monica Mountains MRCA. Community Programs should consider hosting school children in impacted neighborhoods and include VNY sponsored trips to Tree People and other educational programs targeted towards preservation of green space.
10. **ADD** New Protocols and mandates should be set in how LAWA notifies impacted stakeholders. Such protocols could include submitting all aviation aircraft related proposal for leaseholds for consideration 90 days before any contract is placed on BOAC’s agenda for potential action. Notification list to be defined but should include Neighborhood Councils, HOAs, Aviation Ad-Hocs and the like. LAWA could also establish a “mailing list” where residents may sign up, via email address, to receive these types of notifications 90 days prior to contract proposals being added to BOAC’s agenda for consideration and vote.

**RE: CF 22-1125**

**THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE MOTION AND SPECIFICALLY SEEKS THE FOLLOWING**

1. A cap or limit on the number of Charter Operators and volume of traffic to be operated in any given day, week and month.
2. Implement incentives for Charter Operators to operate between the hours of 10am-5pm and to avoid noise sensitive areas (e.g., Sherman Oaks) and low altitudes to limit the adverse impact on surrounding communities.
3. Cap/limit the number of large jets, including Boeing 737’s, MD-87 and other jets capable of holding 25 or more seats per aircraft (if not currently configured, but able to be configured due to size). Request VNY airport exercise any legal authority to prohibit large jets (B737’s or equivalent) from landing and being stored on VNY property.
4. Prohibit the sale of individual seats on charter aircraft at VNY. Selling a seta on a scheduled flight is considered a commercial airline activity and should not occur at a general aviation airport such as VNY.
5. Review legal options for VNY to impose on FBOs or otherwise, fuel taxes and/or landing fees for non-emergency services air traffic to generate a special purpose fund to be utilized solely for the mitigation of noise, other adverse impacts on the surrounding communities and enhancing the societal environmental impacts.

Requested Amendment: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council is in support of Los Angeles City Council File CF 22-1489 - Motion Submitted by Council District 4 member Nithya Raman,*

*Council District 3 member Bob Blumenfeld, Council District 2 member Paul Krekorian and seconded by Council member Mike Bonin on 11-30-2022 to have the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) report back within 90 days on the following topics: List of all projects and awards, community engagement, Compliance with the 2005 Van Nuys Airport Master Plan, Environmental impacts, Proposal for Future Community Engagement and to ensure that all future VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings are recorded and available for the public on LAWA's website within 60 days.*

**Amendment/Addition**

**Moved:** Shapiro      **Second:** Petrus

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

**18-0-0-2-1**

**Motion with Amendment**

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

**Moved:** Traffic&Transportation      **Seconded:** n/a

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

**Item 5a carries 18-0-0-2-1**

**b.** For Antisemitism Definition Adoption, DEI Inclusion. Originally Presented from Committee: Government Affairs. CF 22-1241.

*Draft Motion: 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.*

**Moved (from table):** Collins      **Second:** Materna

**Yes:** Mericle, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough (13) / **No:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) / **Abstain:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Tertsaguian (3) / **Absent:** Babian, Kang, Manuel (3) **Ineligible:** May (1)

**Item 5a removed from table for consideration 13-1-3-3-1**

**Amendment** [to remove “*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.*”]

**Moved:** Imber            **Seconded:** Hartsough

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (18) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Kang, Manuel (2) **Ineligible:** May (1)

**motion to amend item 5b carries 18-0-0-2-1**

**Amendment** [to include “*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council vehemently opposes anti-semitism in any form whatsoever*”]

**Moved:** Shapiro            **Seconded:** Baronian

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (18) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Kang, Manuel (2) **Ineligible:** May (1)

**motion to amend item 5b carries 18-0-0-2-1**

Final Motion: *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. 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. Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council vehemently opposes anti-semitism in any form whatsoever.*

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

**Moved:** Gov’t Affairs            **Seconded:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough (16) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) / **Absent:** Babian, Kang, Manuel (3) **Ineligible:** May (1)

**Item 5b carries 16-0-1-3-1**

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

**7. President's Report**

- Creation of SONC Airport Committee. Email Lindsay if interested.
- EVG / Virtual Meetings => In-Person & Hybrid Options. Pilot.
- SONC Social Media: > Digital Media Policy & SONC internal policy on external comm. > “One-way” communication on official SONC accounts.
- Civility, Conduct, ABLE training.

**8. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**

- a. *SONC Board Meeting Minutes, November 2022.***

**Moved:** Katchen      **Seconded:** Roden

**Item 8a approved without objection by unanimous consent**

**9. Committee Reports**

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

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: December 19.

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

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: December 27.

Government Affairs. CF 22-1070. Neighborhood Council Meetings - Draft Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1070 to assess if individual Neighborhood Councils may be granted the flexibility to select a preferred meeting option going forward (virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or a hybrid meeting option). SONC recommends City Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment authorize Neighborhood Councils to continue virtual meetings, whether through exclusively virtual meetings or a hybrid in-person & virtual meeting option.*

**CONTINUED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

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

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: TBD.

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

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: January 2.

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

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: January 17

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

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: December 15.

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: January 5.

**i. Against Unless Amended Shelter Zoning File**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the right to shelter, but we oppose unless amended, Council File 22-0158 proposed by Council Members Bonin, Raman, and Harris-Dawson which allows “shelters for the homeless” to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, RS, C2, C4, CS, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones.*

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

**Moved by:** PLUM cmtc      **Seconded by:** n/a

**yes:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough (14) / **No:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) / **Absent:** Baronian, Babian, Tertsaguian, Kang, Manuel (5) **abstain:** (0) **ineligible:** May (1)

**Item 9f.i 14-1-5-0-1**

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

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: December 13

SLOs to appear at next meeting, “porch pirates” continued concern

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

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month: December 14.

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

**10. Additional Motions Presented By Individuals From the Floor**

**a. Sherman Oaks Transportation Priority Project List.**

From Floor: Avo Babian. Requires a second. *Motion to present to CD 4 office, the list below of the top projects on the LADOT project list that SONC would like to be prioritized and would most benefit Sherman Oaks.*

**CONTINUED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

**b. For LA City Biodiversity Index File.**

From Floor: Harold Shapiro. Requires a second. CF 22-1469. LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery.

Draft Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is in support of CF-22-1469 LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery. There has been a tremendous loss of native habitat, open space and desert/drought*

*tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment and urban sprawl. When plantings and new landscapes are implemented in developed areas, they typically consist of non-native plants that require greater amounts of a scarce resource in this region - water. Several years of continued drought have created a severe high fire danger and risk to property and lives. Native plants do not require as much water, and will grow naturally, resulting in a natural landscape that will also protect the environment and the inhabitants*

**CONTINUED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

**11. 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 funds confirmed

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report**

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

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

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

**yes:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Materna, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(15)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Baronian, Babian, Tertsaguian, Kang, Manuel **(5)** **abstain:** **(0)** **ineligible:** May **(1)**

**Item 9b carries 15-0-5-0-1**

**12. Announcements by SONC Board members - none**

**13. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at **10:54pm**

Respectfully submitted

