

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Regular Board Meeting:

Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 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: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)**

ii. Absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)**

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

Diane Rana, field deputy 44th State Assembly District (Laura Friendman)

AB645, speed safety pilot program,

AB496 cosmetic safety, carcinogens, reproductive toxins, others

933,000 funding secured for Discovery Cube Science Center STEM project

600,000 funding for RV “buyback” program

818-558-3043

Ryan Ahari, Filed deputy Council District 4 (Nithya Raman)

upcoming movie in the park, Inside Out, Nov. 4th

successful concerts in the park series concluded
home share ordinance enforcement, report filed by planning dept.
concerns about:
 new developments
 Neighborhood Council participants
 projected advertisements

3. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items - brief discussion followed
public comment speakers:

Gail Salem
Melinda Libiratory
Caller Ending in 4610
Not Goat Puppet

agenda item speakers:

Steve Long
Amnon Charash
Cliff Lipson
Ellen Switkes
Lisa Petrus

4. President's Report

Decorum, Code of Conduct, required trainings to be completed
bylaws require board members participate on at least one committee
bylaws determine attendance and event participation requirements
upcoming movie night, Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park, Nov. 4th

5. Administrative / Executive motions:

a. *A motion to approve the SONC Board Meeting Minutes, September, 2023*

Moved: Katchen **Seconded:** Collier
yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen,
Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**
absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**
minutes approved without objection by unanimous consent

b. MOTION: [*As Amended at August Meeting*]

Approval of Rules Committee's Amendment to the SONC Bylaws.

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second
yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen,
Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**
absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

item 5b carries unanimously

- c. MOTION: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the City's Resolution to authorize Neighborhood Councils to offer teleconferencing or virtual meetings. SONC requests the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) or another appropriate city agency support the Neighborhood Councils with equipment to facilitate technologically integrated in-person, hybrid, and/or virtual meetings, including ensuring the NCs are provided internet access/Wifi at their respective meeting locations if in person, audio/visual equipment if requested by the NC, and multiple licenses for virtual meeting software. The cost for this equipment should not be charged against the individual Neighborhood Councils, all of which operate on a modest budget, but borne by DONE or other city agency.*

Moved: Imber

Seconded: Katchen

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

item 5b carries unanimously

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Outreach Cmte. Kylee Peña, Brett Collier, co-chairs.**

Next Meeting Monday Oct. 23

Kira Durbin new Committee Member

Street Fair recap

Movie in the Park upcoming

Newsletter

Concerts in the Park recap

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

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

next meeting this Thursday Oct 19, Vision Cmte. Tuesday Nov 16

- i. MOTION: *Whereas the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have sufficient zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, on public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet State housing needs mandates, there is no need to divide and destroy existing residential neighborhoods by rezoning through overlays or other zoning devices of R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU law allows.*

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

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**
absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**
item 6b carries unanimously

c. Gov't Affairs Cmte.

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month

next meeting Oct. 24th

i. MOTION: *As stated in our CIS to CF 21-1230, The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow. As stated by the Mayor's office on July 6, 2023, "The proposed project located at 5501-5511 N. Ethel Avenue is in the R1-1 zone and is not eligible for EDI processing." As such, SONC stands opposed to this irresponsible densification in an R1 zone. CIS is authorized for related Files that may arise*

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

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

item 6c.i carries unanimously

ii. MOTION: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports efforts to make enforcement of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance and the Home-Sharing Ordinance more effective in order to address the scourge of unruly party house disruptions within our community's neighborhoods, including but not limited to noise disturbances until early hours of the morning, dangerous and illegal behaviors such as littering of still-smoldering cigarettes in public areas located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), and other harmful activities. SONC agrees with City Council's finding that current enforcement tools are not strong enough to make an impact and supports City Council's initiatives to explore strengthening its approach, such as increases in fines and other penalties, as well as implementing a cost recovery system that is specific to the enforcement against party houses. When habitually violative property owners who earn a living renting their properties violative of the provisions of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings and/or Home-Sharing Ordinances consider fines and warnings simply a "cost of doing business," it is a sign that more needs to be done to prevent further harm from befalling our community. SONC requests the City Council, City Attorney, Department of Building & Safety, Department of Housing, and Department of Planning to take these necessary steps to crack down on habitually problematic home-sharing properties and to restore order to our community.*

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

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair (6) / **abstain:** (0)
item 6c.ii carries unanimously

d. Airport Cmte. [Committee suspended pending appointment of new chair]

i. Consent Calendar: [see supporting documents]

VNY Vision’s 6 Steps to Success

Position: Update/For.

CF 22-1127. Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan / Zoning Ordinance 177.327 / Community Impact Mitigation.

Whereas, on June 12, 2023 the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) approved two CISs that together (1) identified how the Vision Study process is flawed and needs to be replaced by a more robust, fact based, community driven process; (2) that LAWAs alternatives are all aimed at expanding facilities for jets, and that there are better, less community impactful alternatives; and (3) that a moratorium on any RFPs and further redevelopment at VNY is needed until a Specific Plan/Updated Airport Plan is adopted by the City Council. As contained in its June 12, 2023 CIS, SONC believes that the only way that consensus by all stakeholders can be achieved on an updated Airport Plan/Specific Plan is by pausing, and redirecting the current Vision Study to allow a sharing with the public critical information that they need for providing informed input, having key stakeholders directly involved in the plan development process from start to finish, a thorough vetting of impacts and benefits of different options, and a robust stakeholder participation process to help guide decision makers. SONC is therefore in support of the “6 Steps to Success” process diagram contained in the VNY Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) October 3, 2023 adopted motion, and recommends that the Mayor of Los Angeles, the City Council, the Board of Airport Commissioners, and Los Angeles World Airports be advised to seriously consider adopting this 6 Steps to Success process going forward for the benefit of communities impacted by Van Nuys Airport.

Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM)

Proposal Position: Against.

CF 21-0865. Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM) / Urban Aviation / Commercial Drones / Regulatory Framework / Permitting / Fee Structure.

Whereas, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently released its Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) or electric powered flying taxis Implementation Plan called “Innovate 28” where it will partner with “key locations” including the City of Los Angeles in an “all hands-on-deck approach” to put AAM in the skies by FY 2025, scaling up operations by 2028. During the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, the FAA believes “air taxis will be in high demand”. Yet the FAA and the AAM industry have not demonstrated an actual need for AAM beyond its limited role as an electric powered replacement for helicopters in emergency applications. Transporting a select few during and after the Olympics does not demonstrate need. We are hopeful that Mayor Bass and the City Council are

respectful of their constituents and will undertake the necessary due diligence before advancing this, pre-mature roll-out of AAM in the City of Los Angeles by 2025. Additionally, lost in the flurry of this excitement over unproven aviation innovation are the safety impacts from introducing a whole new overlay of aircraft into what the FAA has already said is the the most congested air space in the nation. Once the initial prototypes take flight and more are rolled out, the end result will be densely packed, rotor-driven aircraft flying in already congested airspace at very low altitudes over residential areas, schools, parks, offices, and hospitals. Unfortunately, this development will negatively impact new and already impacted communities and further intensify the plight of individuals recently affected by the implementation of NextGen. At these very low altitudes, AAM will create additional adverse impacts to health, safety, privacy, security, and quality of life onto people on the ground, resulting in a minor benefit of travel time savings for the relatively few who use AAM, in exchange for the staggering negative impacts to the many. Extensive independent research and resultant data are necessary in the near term, prior to implementation of this untested new modality. The objective of research is to thoroughly examine the potential adverse impacts of the addition of AAM to the already congested air space in Los Angeles, prior to rollout. This data will serve to guide the establishment of a Regulatory Framework for AAM, which is yet undefined. Research would include a thorough assessment of all potential adverse impacts to the public with an emphasis to people on the ground. It must also include extensive community input. The FAA and City must not assume public benefit without crucial examination of the cumulative impacts. To do so would express a willingness to retrofit regulation and delay examination of safety and adverse impacts until after implementation. Therefore, The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC), whose residents are already heavily impacted by Burbank and Van Nuys Airports, recommends that a moratorium be placed on the implementation of AAM/Flying Taxis in Los Angeles until comprehensive in-depth studies and public input are completed so that the FAA jointly with the City of Los Angeles, and other local agencies can make well-informed decisions; assess risks and benefits; draft (but not yet enact) regulations, engage stakeholders; and establish a responsible framework to determine whether AAM should be integrated into the Los Angeles Metroplex airspace.

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

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguian, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**
item 6d.i carries unanimously

ii. VNY CAC Vacancies - Support of Appointment

Whereas, there are a number of vacancies on the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), including two unfilled seats allocated to the Mayor; and recognizing that

the CAC has been unable to meet quorum on more than a few occasions, and Recognizing that the founding documents for the CAC state that the appointed members shall be community representatives of neighborhoods and businesses surrounding the airport, and Further recognizing that the aviation and non-aviation tenants at VNY have their own association (Van Nuys Airport Association) to advocate for their interests, Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) recommends that Mayor Bass appoint two non-aviation interest residents or business affiliates to fill her two vacant seats on the CAC. SONC hereby endorses Roslyn Dahl, a Sherman Oaks resident as a well qualified and excellent choice to fill one of the two vacant CAC seats. She is an executive at a major shopping center development/ management corporation, a Board member of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), member of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Airport Committee, active with Save Our Skies LA (SOSLA), and has been an attendee and advocate for residents at CAC meetings. She will bring a well balanced perspective to the CAC.

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second
yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **no:** Hartsough **(1)**
absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguan, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**
item 6d.ii carries 12-1-6-0

- e. Green & Sustainability / Traffic & Transportation Cmte(s) Avo Babian, Chair**
Green Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month Traffic Meets on the 3rd Wed of the Month
- f. Human Services Cmte. Pamela Harris, Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs**
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
next meeting Nov. 6th
“Meet Your Neighbor” day, location TBD, Sat Nov. 18 tentative date
Holiday Events
- g. Public Safety Cmte. Susan Collins, Chair**
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
next meeting Nov. 14th
updates from Senior Lead Officers
Neighborhood Watch
Christy Adair attending CERT “graduation” ceremony
next CERT group upcoming: Monday evenings in March
- h. Budget Advocates, Howard Katchen**
meets on the 1st Monday, 3rd Saturday of the Month
“independent watchdog group”

vacancies, including in our region

7. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

a. Consent Calendar:

- i. *Motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending July, 2023*
- ii. *A motion to reimburse out of pocket expense of \$45.06 to SONC Board Member Howard Katchen for refreshments purchased for SONC Board meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023.*

NOTE: this consent calendar motion is presented by committee and does not require a second
yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguan, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)** /

Ineligible: Fenig **(1)**

item 7a carries unanimously

b. Consent Calendar:

i. *A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending August 31, 2023.*

ii. *Purchase of Keys for SONC Storage Unit. A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$10.00 for the purchase of duplicate keys for the security lock on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) storage unit.*

Moved: Hartsough **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger

yes: Mericle, Collier, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **no:** **(0)**

absent: Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, Diarian, Tergsaguan, Adair **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)** /

Ineligible: Fenig **(1)**

item 7b carries unanimously

8. Board Member & Cmte. Chair Announcements -

recognition of Peña and Collier
take flyers for Movie Night to promote
assistance needed with equipment after meeting
storage logistics
subscribe to Ziff Flier i.e. SONC newsletter

12. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 8:40pm

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".