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SONC Board Regular Meeting Agenda:
Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Virtual Meeting - For Public Participation Only

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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.

Agenda Note: All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

- 1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
 - a. Welcome and Call to Order.
 - b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

- 2. Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.

3. Board Member Appointments to Fill Vacancies

a. **Approval of President's Appointment to Fill a Vacancy - 1R**

From Floor: President Lindsay Imber. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the President's appointment of Thelma Mericle as a SONC Board Member to fill the 1-Residential vacancy.

b. **Approval of President's Appointment to Fill a Vacancy - 3B**

From Floor: President Lindsay Imber. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the President's appointment of Arutyun "Harry" Kapukchyan as a SONC Board Member to fill the 3-Business vacancy.

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction

5. President's Report

6. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, January 2024**

From Floor: [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the minutes of January 2024.

b. **Bylaw Amendment to Allow for Certain Excused Absences (Mtg 1-of-2)**

From Committee: Executive Committee.

A motion to adopt the following language in Bylaw V.7.

To strike from V.7: ~~There are no excused absences.~~

To add to V.7: Absences due to extraordinary circumstances may be deemed as excused by the President, or the 1st Vice President if the member in question is the President. Excused absence requests are to be submitted to the SONC President for determination and approval. An absence approved as excused by the President shall not count toward the four absences for removal. Excused absences may result from illness, religious observance, or other unforeseen circumstances, all in the discretion of the President. The 1st Vice President shall act as the President for the purpose of excused absence determination if the requesting member is the President.

7. Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]

a. 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

i. **Planning Department Proposed Increase in Allowed Construction Noise.**

Summary: The Planning Department is proposing an increase in the allowable construction noise and construction vibration than what is allowed now by CEQA. The rationale is that these levels are intended to be better suited to the City's urban nature. *SONC Position: **Opposed***
A motion is attached to the appendix of this document.

- b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month
- i. **Solar-Powered Lighting and Copper Theft from Street Lights.**
[CF 23-0036](#). Solar-Powered Lighting / Copper Wire Theft / Streetlight Replacement. *Position: **For***
Summary: Support for proposed solar street lights pilot program.
A motion is attached to the appendix of this document.
- c. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month
- i. **Consent Calendar - MER, Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library NPG, Spring Tree Adoption, Summer Series Movies in the Park, SONC Branded Items, Valley Cultural Foundation Event Sponsorship.**
[Click here to read the Finance Committee's Consent Calendar motion.](#)
- d. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Alternates with Traffic)
- i. **Environmental Assessment (EA) for Burbank Airport (BUR).**
Summary: SONC opposes Alternative A and requests City Council to instruct the City Attorney to challenge this action if adopted at BUR.
[Click here to read the Airport Committee's motion.](#)
- e. Green&Sustainability, Traffic&Transportation Committees - Avo Babian, Chair.
Green Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month
Traffic Meets on the 3rd Wed of the Month (Alternates with Airport)
- i. Green: **Mandatory Residential Composting - SB 1383, Compliance.**
Summary: Authorizes SONC to help improve composting program.
As received from Committee: To work with CD4 office and LADWP Sanitation Dept to help with Sherman Oaks to comply with SB1383-mandatory residential composting. And to take steps to communicate and increase compliance.
- i. Traffic: **LADOT Promotion and Enhancement of DASH Service.**
Summary: Requests services to improve DASH public transport.
As received from Committee: Ask CD4 to ask LADOT to:
1. Enhance Promotion of DASH;
 2. Enhance DASH Service;
 3. Seek Partnership with private parties to fund operations;
 4. To study extension of DASH to Lankershim B (Red) Line Station.
- f. Outreach Committee - Brett Collier and Kylee Peña, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

- g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
- h. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

8. Board Member Announcements
Closing announcements from Board Members.

9. Adjournment

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by “**from committee**”); or by an individual board member (“**from floor**”), in which case the motion requires a second. Items initiated via **Consent Calendar** are considered and voted on as one motion; members may request to take an item out of Calendar to consider said item individually.

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Appendix of Motions

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.a.i - PLUM - Planning Department Construction Noise Proposal.

After our evaluation and review, the PLUM Committee of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed Update to the CEQA Thresholds and Methodology to allow an increase in construction noise level and construction vibrations because the new thresholds are intended to be better suited to the City's urban nature. The impacts of these reductions of CEQA protections are unknown and the reasons behind the proposed changes are unclear.

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.b.i - Gov't Affairs - Solar Street Lighting & Cooper Theft.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 24-0036 pertaining to the installation of solar-powered lights or conversion to solar when the Bureau of Street Lighting is responding to lighting outages attributed to copper wire and power theft incidents, or other maintenance issues.

SONC also supports the Bureau's solar lights pilot program as part of a potential move in the city toward solar street lighting, where available.

Appendix of Motions – Item 7.c.i - Finance - Consent Calendar
[Click here to read the Finance Committee's Consent Calendar motion.](#)

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.d.i - Airport - Burbank Airport EA
[Click here to read the Airport Committee's motion.](#)

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