

**Sherman Oaks
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Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

Board Members

Levon Baronian, 1-B
Christy Adair, 1-CI
Arezu Diarian, 4-B
Kylee Peña, 5-R
Tom Materna, 6-B
Row Zadeh, 6-CI
Neal Roden, 7-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Susan Collins, 7-R
Elias Fenig, Y

Regular Board Meeting:

Minutes

Monday, January 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 **6:34pm**

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

i. Present: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (**13**)

ii. Absent: Zadeh, Fenig (**2**)

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

Kenneth Miller, West Valley Area Rep, Mayor's Office (Bass)

kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org

Meredith McGowan, Senior Librarian, Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library

presentations / events:

financial planning, Feb 20th, CSUN

HOMER's Odyssey, Jan 11th at noon

History of Chocolate, 1/22/24 6:15pm

Ryan Ahari, office of City Council District 4 (Raman)

not present, sent correspondence via email
co-sponsored holiday drive
compost pail distribution continues
“Homeless” Count Tues. Jan 23rd 7pm
571 LA311 service requests fulfilled by Ryan Ahari
344 Conservation Cort Requests
213-424-2412 ryan.ahari@lacity.org

Joel Gonzolez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

Bylaws amending window open until April 1st
informational webinar available online
Robert’s Rules made easy updated
Jan 27th, Empower LA Youth Conference, Registration closed
SB411 regarding virtual meetings
213-473-7469

3. expedited ahead of item 2 Guest Speaker: City Planning Dept.

Metro Orange “G” Line Neighborhood Plan - presentation with Q&A followed

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

speakers:

“not goat puppet”
Steve Pierson
“caller ending in 4610”

5. President’s Report

Seats declared suspended by DONE: 5B (Quorum # is now 9)
reminder to complete training
process for appointing board members to vacant positions
vacancy appointment on Executive Cmte. agenda for February
Library Unavailable in January and February
Bylaw Amendment and a proposed excused absences provision

6. Administrative / Executive motions:

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

Moved: Matnera **Seconded:** Roden
yes: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig,
Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(15)** / **no: (0)**
absent: (0) / **abstain: (0)**

minutes approved unanimously by voice vote

7. Committee Reports

a. Gov't Affairs Cmte.

meets every 4th wednesday, next meeting 1/30/24

i. Helicopter Audit:

Although the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) makes no comment on what the Controller's Office in its report defines as "high priority crime" nor Air Support's \$46.6 million annual cost, SONC notes the Controller's finding that "helicopters can have a negative quality of life impact on the lives of residents who live in communities with frequent helicopter activity." SONC's concern with the large scope of LAPD Air Support is thus borne from our long-standing concern for our constituents' well being relative to air traffic, namely low-flying air traffic in the skies over Sherman Oaks, which our Council is intimately familiar with due to our experiences with Van Nuys (VNY) and Burbank (BUR) airports. This concern includes LAPD air operations. Helicopters regularly fly at altitudes lower than jet aircraft and according to the Controller's audit, burn nearly 50 gallons of fuel per hour. Atmospheric dispersion modeling indicates this low altitude—often less than 1,000 feet above ground level, especially in elevated portions of Sherman Oaks — simply isn't high enough for significant dispersion of fuel, aircraft, and other flight-related toxins, which in turn rain down in harmful, undiluted quantities on communities below. Therefore, SONC supports, in part, the Controller's QOL findings but offers no opinion on the issue of only 39% of flight time dedicated to "high priority crime". SONC urges City Council, LAPD, or any other relative agency, to modify standard procedures for LAPD Air Support, such as assigning helicopters take established aerial corridors (e.g., I-405 and US-101 freeways) to traverse Sherman Oaks when not involved in priority incidents, and to decrease unneeded operations of less than 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL), which should be noted is more than 2,500 above mean sea level (MSL) in the Sherman Oaks hills.

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

moved: Gov't Affairs **seconded:** N/A

yes: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **no:** Roden (1)

absent: Collins (1) / **abstain:** (0)

item 7a.i carries 13-1-1-0

7a.ii - General Public Comment

Whereas rule 7 in Chapter II of Rules of The Los Angeles City Council states: During each regular meeting, the council shall provide a member of the public the opportunity to address the Council on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. This shall be referred to as “General Public Comment,” which generally shall be taken up at or near the beginning of each regular meeting.

And whereas members of the public often comment on agenda items during General Public Comment period; in particular, those who are unable to attend meetings in-person and use remote telephonic comment offered exclusively during regular council meetings,

And whereas members of the public generally have limited available free time during regular business hours,

And whereas members of the public have vocalized a general consensus opposing new meeting schedules placing general public comment after all agenda items have been considered,

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully asks Council Member Nithya Raman (District 4) and Council President Paul Krekorian (District 2) to acknowledge and affirm rule 7 in Chapter II, and rules 76 & 77 in Chapter XII of The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council, which state that General Public Comment shall be heard at or near the beginning of meetings, and that an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members of the Council is required to suspend or amend council rules, respectively;

And henceforth maintain stringent adherence to The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council as adopted December 1986, as amended January 2019.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second
moved: Gov’t Affairs **seconded:** N/A

motion to refer back to gov’t affairs committee for further consideration

Moved: Hartsough **Seconded:** Collier

yes: Collier, Hartsough

no: Baronian, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **absent:** Collins **(1)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

motion to refer to committee fails 2-12-1-0

motion as presented

yes: Baronian, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **no:** (0)
absent: Collins (1) / **abstain:** Collier (1)
item 7a.ii carries 13-0-1-1

7a.iii - Flight Paths

Whereas the Sherman Oaks community has been confronted with a change in Burbank airport flight paths that moved the departing flight over a substantial portion of Sherman Oaks’s families dumping harmful chemicals, toxic pollution and unhealthy noise. This has been called the Southerly Shift. After confronting the FAA, the Task Force was convened and recommendations were made to unwind this harm. Early on the FAA said they needed to do an Environmental Assessment EA report;

Whereas the FAA dragged this process out over 5 years, this long overdue EA was held until the beginning of the holiday season on December 11th when it was released with no announcements to the affected communities and families;

Whereas the FAA stated that the Sherman Oaks community and others would only have until January 24th to make comments on this 529 page report that the FAA took over 5 years to write. This is unfair and very rude to the communities to only allow such a short period of time especially over this the busiest time of the year;

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council “SONC” is requesting at a minimum an additional 60 days to study and comment on this huge report and its impact on the community.

SONC's position is that flight paths should follow the historic paths and be as dispersed as possible and that the FAA needs to incorporate that dispersion in their final Action.

NOTE: this motions is presented by a committee and does not require a second
moved: Gov’t Affairs **seconded:** N/A
yes: Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Fenig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (14) / **no:** (0)
absent: Collins (1) / **abstain:** (0)
item 7a.iii carries 14-1-0-0

b. Outreach Cmte. Kylee Pena, Brett Collier, Co-Chairs

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month, next meeting TBD, likely virtual
email Kylee for social media submissions

c. Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) and Vision Committees, Jeff Kalban, Chair

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month
6:30pm, Sherman Oaks Library
Liquor and Beer/Wine License application reviews
Orange Line Neighborhood Plan

d. Public Safety Cmte. Susan Collins, Chair

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, dark in January, February TBD
Jan 11th CERT Classes Begin, 6:30pm at The Sherman Oaks Galleria
Go-Bag workshop, 1-3pm January 21st, East Valley Adult Center “SOS Products”

e. Human Services Cmte. Pamela Harris, Co-Chair

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month, next meeting Feb. 5th, virtual
4th Annual Clothing Drive benefiting NoHo Home Alliance recap
Holiday Caroling recap
“Homeless” count volunteers needed
CIRCLE program available for dispatch in Sherman Oaks
877-ASK-LAPD [877-275-5273]

f. Finance Cmte. Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair

no Monthly Expenditure Report for approval
committee members needed

g. Airport Cmte. Bob Bramen, Chair

Tom Materna Provided update, next meeting date TBD

h. Traffic & Transportation / Green & Sustainability

no update

i. Budget Advocates, Howard Katchen

meets on the 1st Monday at 7pm, 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:30am
virtual
teams meeting with city departments
Howard met with Housing Department to review operations budget
“structural” deficit predicted in city budget
infrastructure– sidewalks/streets “big ticket item”

7. Board Member Announcements

Hartsough: thanks to participants
Happy New Year
Listen Generously, Speak Empathetically
encourage voting

be nice

Roden: Recycle bottles

Materna: "homeless" count reminder

12. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 7:59pm

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".