

**Sherman Oaks  
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Lindsay Imber, President 6-R  
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Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI  
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

**Board Members**

Levon Baronian, 1-B  
Christy Adair, 1-CI  
Thelma Mericle, 1-R  
Arutyun Kapukchyan, 3-B  
Arezu Diarian, 4-B  
David Silverman 4-CI  
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, May 13, 2024 - 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:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (**14**)

**ii. Absent:** Mericle [tardy], Kapukchyan, Collier (**3**)

**2. Board Member Reinstatement**

*Motion to reinstate Levon Baronian to SONC 1-B pursuant to Bylaw procedure.*

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

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

**yes:** Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (**15**) / **no:** (**0**)

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier (**2**) / **abstain:** (**0**)

**item 2 carries unanimously 15-0-2-0**

**3. Annual presentation by Buckley School - brief presentation followed**

remodel of building, field improvement postponed

library being updated to include student center

#### **4. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

##### **Mirna Esquivel, County Board of Supervisors, 3rd District (Horvath)**

Erni's walk improvements / updates  
from Kester to Cedros  
may 10th- June 7th, 7am-4pm Monday thru Friday, temporary closure

##### **Emma Taylor, City Council District 4 (Raman)**

interview process for new s/o field deputy, vetting ongoing  
Nicole "caseworker" assisting with s/o requests  
"EWDD Legacy Program" for business operating 20+ years  
promotion, technical assistance, grants / loans  
sign-up required  
Budget Month  
congressional appropriation requests  
April 30h, independent redistricting commission proposal adopted by council  
Concert in the Park, "rained out" and rescheduled, June 2nd Beatles Vs Stones  
4pm kids festivities begin

##### **Diane Rana, Field Deputy, 44th state Assembly District (Friedman)**

Thanks for support at Car Seat Safety installation event  
19 participants, 13 cars  
20 kits / bags distributed  
Scam Stopper Event, Studio City Library  
AI system for disability insurance claimants, voice ID  
maintenance requests for 101, caltrans customer service requests, csr.dot.ca.gov  
letters of support for congressional funding  
EDD support, other state agencies  
deadline for assembly bills, end of May  
818-558-3043

##### **Joel Gonzalez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment**

New GM confirmed  
Carmen Chiang  
"Homeless Liaison" vote this evening  
"meet and greet" upcoming at City Hall  
Zoom Licenses, two required for Sherman Oaks  
Mandatory Trainings, website might not be up to date  
question regarding technical issues, loading

By Laws should be ready by the end of the week  
Empower LA women’s leadership conference attendee recognition

**5. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items**

*brief discussion followed*

*Speakers:*

*Glenn Bailey*

*Lionel Mares*

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*Los Angeles Valley Gun Club*

**6. President’s Report**

All mandatory training is available via Cornerstone. Due date: June 3, 2024.

1) Ethics, 2) Funding, 3) Code of Conduct, 4) Anti-Bias, 5) Gender Identity  
June’s meeting will feature CD4 CM Raman.

See following Q&A procedure:

Board questions must be submitted via form. Further instructions will be sent via e-mail.

Public question submission process will be on the June agenda.

Point of Emphasis: SONC Standing Rule B)

“...It is the policy of SONC that the President is the official spokesperson of the Council...”

SONC Youth Rep- 2024-25. Howard Katchen will Chair Selection Cmte.

**7. Presentation by CD4- VNSO Park Improvements - *brief presentation followed***

new pickle-ball court confirmed

baseball field improvements

... seeking further input

**8. Presentation by CD4/BOE- LA Riverway - *brief presentation followed***

completing river-bike-path-trail system

original plan adopted in 2007

class-1 bike path proposed between Woodman and Coldwater

Whitsett to Lankershim

street / sidewalk connections to path

class-2 bike path north of Fulton / Valleyheart to Sherman way

“quiet neighborhood” bike bath along Addison

improved connection to Dixie Canyon Elementary

seeking roughly \$30million in funding for a total of \$40million budget

[bit.ly/LABRAVEmap](https://bit.ly/LABRAVEmap)

[info.lariver@lacity.org](mailto:info.lariver@lacity.org), LA BRAVE in the subject line

**9. Administrative / Executive motions:**

- a. *A motion to approve the SONC Board Meeting Minutes for April, 2024*

**Moved:** Collins      **Seconded:** Katchen

**yes:** Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier **(2)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 9a carries unanimously 16-0-2-0**

- b. *A motion to appoint Human Services Cmte Co-Chair Pamela Harris and Public Safety Cmte Chair Susan Collins as SONC's Homelessness Liaisons*

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

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

**yes:** Adair, Miracle, Kapukchyan, Diarian, Silverman, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Collier, Imber, **(14)**

**no:** Baronian, Segarra-Bohlinger **(2)** / **absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier **(2)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 9b carries 14-2-2-0**

## 10. Motions from Floor

- a. **Community Councils**

*point of information, no motion on Council File 15-0389-S2*

- b. **DONE General Manager Appointment**

*A motion to oppose CF- 24-0465*

*With Regard to CF 24-0465, DONE General Manager Appointment: the Neighborhood Councils were again excluded from submitting input, this despite explicit direction from the mayor that NCs should be involved in the selection process*

*in Aug. 2023 SONC adopted a position asking 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.*

*SONC reiterates this stance and once again reminds city council of it's duty to seek input from affected parties and affected electeds*

**Moved:** Katchen      **Seconded:** Materna

**yes:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(14)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier **(2)** / **abstain:** Baronian, Hartsough **(2)**

**item 10b carries 14-0-2-2**

**c. Affordable Housing, ED-1, Faith Based Organizations**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes the removal of the date of ownership criterion from the Faith Based Incentive Program in LA's Housing Element. Last year, Senate Bill 4 granted Faith Based Organizations and Institutions of Higher Learning the right to build 100% affordable housing on property they owned even in restricted zones, provided these properties were owned prior to January 1, 2024. This bill was a means of helping these institutions build affordable housing, but the bill also added a time restriction to prevent these organizations from becoming land speculators acquiring new properties and being granted these special waivers. Now the Planning Department has proposed adding more flexibility to SB 4 by removing the date of ownership criterion. These groups will now be the only group that can purchase new sites on an advantaged basis in single family neighborhoods. We support Faith Based Organizations being allowed to build on land they acquired prior to January 1, 2024. We oppose these organizations being allowed to build multi-family housing on land they acquired after January 1, 2024 in single-family neighborhoods. We ask that the date of ownership restriction be added to the FBO Incentive Program.*

**Moved:** Kalban

**Seconded:** Collins

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier **(2)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 10c carries unanimously 16-0-2-0**

**d. VNY Fiscal Year '24-'25 Budget**

*Whereas, LAWA is in the process of developing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget for Van Nuys Airport (VNY), And, whereas there are no funds currently listed in the budget for use on community impact mitigations. And, recognizing that the possibility of charging landing fees for additional revenue was introduced during the May 2, 2024 LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) budget presentation; And, considering that Jet fuel fees provide only 19% of LAWAs VNY revenue, and that if not increased in the FY 24-25 budget these revocable fee permits will not have been raised in over 10 years; SONC hereby supports the following VNY CAC requests to: Implement and begin charging landing fees and/or increase the Jet fuel fee to (1) provide additional revenue to use for pollution and noise impact mitigation at VNY, (2) to invest in an automated aircraft identification and billing system to maximize revenue potential; and (3) offset increases in operating and maintenance costs, general inflation, and to build reserve funds. Additionally, SONC supports the VNY CAC recommendations to the BOAC that these additional revenues generated in FY 2024-25 and beyond be reviewed for uses to include but not be limited to:*

*1. Offering GAMI unleaded fuel G100UL in tanks for sale and to reimburse part of the costs of Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs) so there is rapid adoption of this FAA approved unleaded fuel to improve the health of nearby residents.*

2. *In cooperate with LA City Council District offices, utilize airport revenue where applicable in funding reports, studies and consultant needs associated with the development of the new CF-23-1339 Specific Airport Plan, including studies of land use, economic and environmental impacts, adherence to FAA regulations, and other matters related to potential airport development land use changes.*
3. *Allocate more funds to promote the voluntary Quiet Nights Program (QNP) and to provide timely documentation to the public on which aircraft are flying during the QNP hours.*
4. *Provide and ensure working technology for the VNY CAC for presentations, and the recording, broadcasting and subsequent posting of live audio and video of all monthly meetings similar to the BOAC and other city agency meetings.*
5. *Expand the noise monitoring system to include mobile monitors that use as an example the SENEL method in areas not currently covered and outside the 65 dB DNL contour line to assess noise exposure levels for nearby communities.*
6. *Fund air pollution monitoring program for residential neighborhoods adjacent to VNY and those affected by VNY overflights. Additionally, SONC requests that the BOAC not adopt the FY 2024-25 Budget until the public has been given ample notice and opportunity to comment on the Draft Final Budget.*

**Moved:** Materna      **Seconded:** Collins

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier **(2)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**item 10d carries unanimously 16-0-2-0**

## 11. Committee Reports

### a. Youth Representative Selection Committee FY24-25- Howard Katchen, Chair.

youth rep requirements and outreach efforts

#### **Budget Advocates- Howard Katchen, SONC Representative**

Budget Day, Saturday June 15th starting at 8am

featuring Budget Cmte. Chair Bob Blumenfield

### b. Finance Committee- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair. (NPG action item expedited at approx 8:10)

*Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month*

looking at upcoming year's budget proposal at next meeting

June's board meeting will include review

*i. NoHo Home Alliance NPG: A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,500 to the No Ho Home Alliance in support of the operation of their Drop-In Center for People Experiencing Homelessness.*

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

**Moved:** Finance      **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Adair, Silverman, Peña, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber (10) / **no:** Baronian, Mericle, Diarian, Zadeh (4)

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Collier (2) / **abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) / **ineligible:** Fenig (1)  
**item 11b.i carries 10-4-2-1-1**

**ii. Consent Calendar**

> **Constant Contact Service:** *A motion to approve the expenditure of \$739.50 to pay the Constant Contact for services covering the period March 8, 2024 through March 8, 2025. Constant Contact Invoice 6OGQTLABB7524*

> **Contribution to Fund the LA Congress of Neighborhoods:** *A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) FY2024 budget to fund a contribution to the L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods.*

> **Contribution to Fund the Neighborhood Council Budget Day:** *A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) FY2024 budget to fund a contribution to the Neighborhood Council Budget Day.*

> **SONC Get Out the Vote Placards:** *A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2000 to purchase "Get Out the Vote" placards to support SONC's efforts to engage the Sherman Oaks community and increase voter awareness and participation.*

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

**Moved:** Finance      **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **no:** (0)

**absent:** Kapukchyan, Diarian, Materna, Collier (4) / **abstain:** (0) / **ineligible:** Fenig (1)  
**item 11b.ii carries unanimously 13-0-4-0-1**

**c. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair**

Tom provided update

meeting regarding budget with comment period cancelled

**d. Outreach Committee- Brett Collier and Kylee Peña, Co-Chairs.**

*Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month*

*Friday May 24th next meeting, ZOOM*

June 2nd, rescheduled concert in the park includes Brittany Spears tribute

**e. Gov't Affairs Committee- Lindsay Imber, Chair**

*Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month*

dark in April, reconvenes in May



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

*PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month*

*by-right faith-based provision updates, rezoning*

*Orange Line update at vision meeting*

*Valley Community Plan update*

**g. Human Services Committee-** Pamela Harris and Sarah Adamski, Co-Chairs.

*Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month*

update on car seat safety event, 19 people served

back-pack giveaway in August in conjunction with movie-night

**f. Public Safety Committee-** Susan Collins, Chair.

*Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month*

upcoming meeting virtual

May 7 - June 18th Studio City CERT class

June 18 Woodland Hills

CERT Drill in park on Saturday, Encino / Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce

June 29th San Fernando Valley Pride Fair

March 11am-12pm on Van Nuys, fair at City Hall 1pm-5pm

**i. 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)*

no update

**12. Board Member Announcements**

rally against leaded fuel

New Committee to be formed, Chaired by Row

Thanks to Howard for food

**13. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:27pm**

Respectfully submitted

