

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Officers

Lindsay Imber, President 6-R
Howard Katchen, 1st VP 3-R
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
Carter Ranshaw, 3-CI
David Silverman 4-CI
Ryan Ahari, 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
Dylan Shea, Y
El-Bethel Debela, Y-alternate

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Board Meeting: VIRTUAL / ZOOM

Minutes

Monday, January 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, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Roden, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger, Baronian, Mericle, Zadeh, Kalban **(17)**
 - ii. Absent:** Materna **(1)**

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

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

Library is open, was closed on Wednesday 1/8/25
N-95 masks available, 2 per person per day
meeting room schedule filling up
committee chairs, reach out to schedule
puzzle “swap”, donations accepted

Taleen Keuroghlian, Field Deputy, Council District 4 (Raman)

remarks regarding current emergency
power outages, approx 10k constituents in Sherman Oaks lost power last week
all outages restored
ongoing communication with LADWP
evacuation center at VNSO set up last week
still open, accepting evacuees
Sherman Oaks was placed under evacuation “warning”
high-winds still active, warning until Thursday
mistake in past meeting, Bonseph-Helinet lease
statement read from Councilmember Raman regarding ‘yes’ vote
remarks regarding availability of remote/telephone comment
legislative proposal from SONC re: quorum during public comment
question about fire hazards in public parks, combustible vegetation, etc.

Mirna Ezquival, Field Deputy, L.A. County Supervisors, 3rd District (Horvath)

emergency.lacounty.gov for updates/resources
staff/resources deployed
“proceeding with great caution and vigilance”
red-flag warnings still active
Dept. of Mental Health Helpline: 800-854-7771
resources.lacounty.gov
Pacific Palisades Post Office moved to Rancho Park location: 11270 Exposition Blvd. Floor 1
health advisory, air quality, wear masks, use air purifiers
mandatory water boil *only* for Pacific Palisades area
Malibu Point and Malibu Tower closures

3. General Public Comment

remarks from public

4. President’s Report

- Wildfire Update - Gov Declared Emergency, President Declared Major Disaster
mention of funding to be made available, fire map and evacuation statuses
Sherman Oaks Area 6 under active warning
lacounty.gov/emergency
- 2025 NC Elections / Ad Hoc Committee
Jeffrey Hartsough to serve on committee (not chair)
last “region” scheduled for election cycle
areas 1,3,5,7 up for election
need volunteers to facilitate election preparation

- Revival of the Traffic & Transportation and Green & Sustainability Committees not mentioned in most recent newsletter, will be included in upcoming Ziff flyer reach out to President Imber if interested
- SONC Guest Speaker Working Group spearheaded by Ryan Ahari and Howard Katchen goal to have more consistent attendance / speakership from gov't officials

5. Administrative motions

- a. *A motion to approve the minutes of December 2024 SONC board meeting*

MOVED: Katchen **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Collins, Shea, Zadeh, Kalban, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (14) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: Roden, Hartsough (2) / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (1) / **ABSENT:** Materna (1)
item 5a carries unanimously 14-0-2-1-1

6. Motions from Floor [Committee Reports where Applicable]

- a. **Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.**
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Consent Calendar / Treasurer-Initiated Motions:

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending November 30, 2024.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Katchen

Approval of Funds for SONC Election Outreach A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000 to provide print materials and other promotional efforts in support of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) board elections being held in 2025.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Katchen

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Collins, Shea, Zadeh, Kalban, Katchen, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (15) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0)

INELIGIBLE: Shea, Debela (2) **ABSENT:** Materna (1)
item 6a carries 15-0-0-2-1

- b. **Motion Renewal -**

Renewal History: 1) Failed at Government Affairs Committee (9/24/24)

2) Invalid Vote on 10/14/24 (Ineligible Members Improperly Voted w Conseq).

CF-24-0910 “Buffer Zone”

Position: AGAINST

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 24-0910

Protest has long been a tool to advocate for accountability and responsibility from our government, institutions, and individuals. It has a long history in winning better wages and better working conditions, and in bringing about expanded civil rights for minority groups.

If passed, this law would mean that the right to protest would be fundamentally restricted across wide swaths of the city and would enjoin labor, victims, and students and parents from exercising their fundamental rights at locations aligned with their grievances.

Some examples of how this ordinance could harm legitimate union activities include:

- 1. Teachers unions being unable to picket outside schools during contract negotiations or strikes.*
- 2. Healthcare workers being barred from protesting unsafe working conditions outside hospitals or clinics.*
- 3. City workers being prevented from demonstrating outside government buildings like City Hall, which could be deemed a "community/public facility."*
- 4. Service workers at stadiums, theaters, or other "public assembly" locations being restricted from engaging in labor actions at their workplaces.*

The proposed 100-foot buffer zone is especially problematic, as it could effectively push union activities so far from relevant sites as to render them ineffective. The 8-foot "bubble" around individuals could also criminalize basic union outreach activities like handing out leaflets or engaging passersby in conversation about labor issues

Additionally, this motion may open the City to future liability claims as the law would likely be challenged in court and subject the City to a long legal battle regarding protected first amendment rights. We are currently on pace to exceed our budgeted legal liabilities this fiscal year and additional expenditures will have to come from our limited reserves.

The right to protest and organize is fundamental to a functioning democracy and has been crucial in securing better conditions for countless workers throughout Los Angeles' history. This ordinance poses too great a threat to those essential rights due to its vague definitions and overly broad scope. We strongly oppose its passage.

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Baronian, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** Zadeh, Collins (2) / **ABSTAIN:** Adair, Mericle (2)

INELIGIBLE: Debela (1) **ABSENT:** Materna (1)

item 6b carries 12-2-2-1-1

7. Committee Reports

a. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Virtual meetings standard, no meeting tomorrow (1/14)

SONC website includes available resources for fire victims

CERT report, Adair

Class was supposed to start last Thursday, ended abruptly
firefighters had to tend to

Class Continues Thursday nights at Sherman Oaks Galleria

6:30-approx 8:30

Tuesday evenings at 1st Prespetryain church in Valley Village

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

Jan 16th at Library, Community Plan Update

finalizing response to present to planning dept. in Feb
90-page document

next vision (Feb 6th) meeting also covering Community Plan Update

maintain pressure on city officials for “smart development”

parking a significant concern, exacerbated during crises

proposing ways to create new, affordable single-family housing

c. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair. Update from Tom Materna, Vice Chair.

Meets as Called by the Chair - *no update*

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

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

Recent Monday, “year in review” and upcoming projections

Jan 21st “homeless count” postponed due to fires

more committee members needed

question regarding resources being posted on the website

resources needed for evacuees / fire victims

gift cards needed more than clothes, water, etc.

Feb 3. next meeting

e. Outreach Committee - Kylee Peña and David Silverman, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Jan. 30th next meeting, moved from regularly scheduled meeting
email with suggested actions for responding to active crises
price gouging on rent / housing,
report via 311

f. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month
“dark” in December (no meeting), upcoming meeting Jan 28th

g. Budget Advocates- Howard Katchen, SONC Representative - budgetadvocates.org

meets on the 1st Monday (evening, 7pm), 3rd Saturday (morning, 9:30am) on ZOOM
committees active with respective departments
compiling preliminary reports for “white paper”
Dept. of Building and Safety included
“white paper” to be completed within the next month
to be considered by CAO and Mayor’s office
recent “kerfuffle” between fire chief and mayor regarding budget allocations
“follow the money”

8. Board Member Announcements

Kylee -Red Flag Warning

VNSO rec center does not need donations, available for evacuee intake

Ahari - Shout Out to Christy Adair, CERT, thanks for training and efforts

Segarra-Bohlinger - xing guard program

Hartsough - New Presidential Administration incoming

be kind, pray for peace

Imber - Next month in person, may alternate between virtual/in-person

to be discussed by Executive committee

necessity of remote public comment in City Council meetings

9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted

