

**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, 4-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

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**



Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council P.O.
Box 5721
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Website:
www.ShermanOaksNC.or

Vacant

2-B

2-R

3-B

5-B

5-CI

Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, March 10, 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: Howard Katchen, First Vice President, called the meeting to order at **6:41pm**

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

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger

ii. Absent: Peña, Ahari, Imber

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

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

crosswalk installation at Magnolia / Tyrone near VNSO park

no date, “very soon”

ceremony has taken place

tree adoption event co-host
rain barrels, humidifiers for give-away
last Friday Council meetings will take place at Van Nuys City Hall
question regarding Chief Crowley removal/reinstatement
data unavailable on website for LAPD crime tracking

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

Free income tax prep / filing at Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Valley Plaza locations
available for individuals earning 67k/year or less
All Ages Programing, consult online events calendar
Movie Series first Saturday each month
April 5th, 2pm, *Past Lives*

3. Guest Speaker: Peggy Lobnitz, Chief Scientist, Elders Climate Action
- How to Protect Yourself from Health Effects During Wildfires
[brief presentation]

4. General Public Comment

remarks from public

5. President's Report *[Imber absent, report provided by Katchen]*

Imber absent
accepting honor as "Woman of the Year" from Assemblymember Nick Shultz
SONC's Hello Spring Tree Adoption Event - March 22 @ VNSO Park 2025
NC Elections / Ad Hoc Committee (Hartsough)
Candidate Filing for SONC is Now Open thru March 24
mailers distributed, will be mailed along specified postal routes
discussion regarding marketing, equity
Revival of the Traffic & Transportation and Green & Sustainability Committees

6. Administrative motions

a. *A motion to approve the minutes of February 2025 SONC regular board meeting*

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden, Kalban, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: Materna, Collins **(2)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Peña, Ahari, Imber **(3)**

item 6a carries by unanimous consent 13-0-2-0-3

7. Motions from Floor [Committee Reports where Applicable]

a. Government Affairs - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

**MOTION: Olympic and Paralympic Planning Approval Regulation Sidestep
CF 15-0989-S47**

Position: AGAINST

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File 15-0989-S47.

The 2028 Olympics was initially pitched as a “no build” Olympics, meaning it would be facilitated in existing venues.

Considering that Los Angeles was formally awarded the Games by the International Olympic Commission (IOC) on September 13, 2017, The City of Los Angeles has had ample opportunity in recent years to begin construction planning with adequate permitting, zoning, and public input processes in place.

Removing the requirement to follow existing regulatory standards for permitting and environmental safety is likely to result in projects being expedited that are only tangentially related to the games; and puts residents at risk of hazards and disenfranchisement.

We urge the Los Angeles City Council to oppose this item; and require any new building relating to the 2028 Olympics undergo standard permitting and regulatory processes.

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

MOVED: Gov’t Affairs **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (14) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Peña, Ahari, Imber (4)

item 7a carries by unanimous consent 14-0-0-0-4

b. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

March meeting tomorrow evening

distribution of CERT graduate backpacks

(former) Chief Crowley hand-signed CERT grad certificates

MOTION: Request for Council District 4 to Support LAFD CERT Program

The January 2025 Wildfire and Windstorm Disaster created an unprecedented crisis for the City of Los Angeles, threatening communities, displacing residents, destroying thousands of homes and structures, and tragically leading to multiple fatalities. During a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services and having the community trained and prepared is critical to

survival. These events are tragic reminders of the importance of community disaster preparedness training to fortify and protect neighborhoods in case of large-scale emergencies.

On January 28, 2025, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a motion brought forward by Council Member Hernandez from CD 1 to utilize \$50,000. from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P account # 281201 to fund an expansion of the LAFD C.E.R.T. program to ensure it has the resources needed to be presented in a multilingual in-person and virtual format, provided by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation.

LAFD staffing and available resources are experiencing critical shortages. The LAFD C.E.R.T. program trains community members how to respond to all forms of hazards, including medical emergencies and natural disasters. The LAFD C.E.R.T. program reduces 911 calls and saves lives by training residents to be a first responder until help arrives.

Council District 4 is currently at risk of losing access to the LAFD C.E.R.T. program due to lack of funding.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council recognizes the importance of the LAFD C.E.R.T. program particularly given the recent wildfire disaster and requests Council Member Nithya Raman to provide funding from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P account # 281204 (CD 4 Redevelopment Projects – Services) in the amount of \$50,000. to provide the necessary resources to ensure CD 4 residents have access to the lifesaving LAFD C.E.R.T. course.

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

MOVED: Public Safety **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (14) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Peña, Ahari, Imber (4)
item 7b carries by unanimous consent 14-0-0-0-4

c. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

no quorum for Feb. Finance committee meeting
committee seeking members

January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending January 31, 2025.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Roden

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela (2) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Peña, Ahari, Imber (4)
item 7c carries unanimously 12-0-0-2-4

9. Committee Reports

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

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month - March 20th

library, 6:30

Apartment Building Hearing

Pending state legislation

bills impact planning

SB677 - grants leeway to developers / subdivisions

SB79 - 75 ft high apartment buildings .5 mile radius from transit

including projected stops not yet built

overrule existing zoning, housing element

AB306 - Building Code moratorium, proposed by Shultz of District 44

prevents cities/counties from creating local codes

AB357- open coastal zone to faculty/student housing

United Neighbors meeting with elected officials to advocate on bills

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month - April 6th

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

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

March 18th, virtual

tree giveaway, March 22nd at VNSO

filing period for elections open until March 24th

SONCElections@gmail.com

clerk.lacity.gov

summer movie suggestions open

c. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair

Newly revived committee

members confirmed

will hold standing meetings 1st wednesday of the month

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

meets 1st Monday at 7pm, 3rd Saturday at 9:30 am, ZOOM

Advocates elected by Neighborhood Councils

“city budget watchdog”

“white paper” approved,

includes budget reports created through meeting with GMs and departments

meetings are open to the public

“follow the money”

question regarding audit of Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

money not accounted for under LAHSA, exact dollar amount yet to be determined

e. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair (*Materna Provides Update*)

Meets as called by chair

flight paths returned to “historical” paths in February

FAA received waiver to allow a faster/higher climb

less noise pollution for Sherman Oaks

Van Nuys Airport promoting that they’re transitioning to electric equipment

providing funding for that purpose

supposedly saves 5% on emissions

leaded fuel remains ongoing issue, unleaded fuel available

question regarding “curfew”

“quieter nights program”

national increase in jet activity, Airport Reps cite no new jets

>5 “night flights”

Councilmember voted in favor of allowing new development / lease

question regarding tracking flight patterns

LAWA website allows “webtrack” goes back 3 months

loads slowly

Fume Fighters Van Nuys

“fly over waypoint” - cannot turn until past way point

“fly by waypoint” can turn

took 5 years for implementation

SOS LA, other websites available for tracking data

f. Green & Sustainability Committee- Drew Johnstone, Chair

newly reinstated, no update from chair

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

Harris provides update

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

Feb 18th, participated in “homeless count”

good turnout

official results not yet released

Ahari, Collins, Adamski, and Harris represented Sherman Oaks

Thanks to Jodi Francisco, Taleen Keuroghlian

DONE liaison program dormant

seeking committee members

9. Board Member Announcements

Adair: mention of hybrid access

Silverman: question regarding added participation

Katchen: participation generally “issue based”

Katchen: Discussion, youth rep selection committee
to seek recruits from area high schools

Hartsough: youth to present regarding action items
likely to happen next month

10. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.