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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:30 PM
In-Person Meeting
Sherman Oaks Public Library – Community Room**

I. Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Hartsough at 6:33 PM

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:

III. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

V. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Item V.b., The next SONC Finance Committee scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Item V.c., Based on. the approaching year end to FY25, there may be a need to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee prior to the regular meeting on May 28, 2025. The special meeting will be to discuss the planning of the upcoming budget for FY26.

Item V.d., The current concerns about the LA City budget put the routine rollover of NC FY25 into FY26 into question. The new budget for FY26 will be \$32,000 plus if there is any rollover from FY25 available and allowable.

Item V.e., A number of recently received NPG applications will not be further considered due to various concerns and funding issues. Jeffrey Hartsough is emailing them to let them know that their applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants were not approved.

VI. FUNDING MOTIONS ACTED UPON:

There was a discussion of agenda item VI. a., the monthly expense report (MER) for the period ending March 31, 2025. A motion to approve as submitted was brought by Howard Katchen and seconded by Lisa Petrus. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro). There were no public comments.

Item VI. b., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application by North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry (NHIFP), in the amount of \$2,500 submitted and presented by Barbara Javitz, Secretary. The funds would be utilized to purchase refrigeration units to safely store produce. Funds will also be used to purchase produce from local farmers' markets. Approximately 25% of the individuals that utilize the services of the NHIFP reside in Sherman Oaks. A motion to approve as submitted was brought by Lisa Petrus Katchen and seconded by Howard Katchen. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro). There were no public comments.

Item VI. c., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) in the amount of \$2,000 in support of the VIC's Project Golden and other programs that serve Sherman Oaks seniors experiencing food insecurity and social isolation. We are presently not proceeding with this NPG for it had many deficiencies that were not met in a timely manner.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE BUSINESS: The following items were discussed.

Item VII. a., SONC NC Election expenditures

Item VII b., FY25-FY26 rollover of funds

Item VII c., End of FY25, FY26 Admin Packet

Item VII d., Other – Due to the City's cuts, there will be a \$7,000 cut to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's budget in 2026.

VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no new committee member announcements.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.