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Howard Katchen, R-3
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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

Minutes of the Finance Committee

I. Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Hartsough at 6:31 PM

SONC Committee Members Present – Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro 4 present. Quorum achieved.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:

Item II. a., A motion to approve SONC Finance Committee draft minutes for June 25, 2025, as submitted, was brought by Lisa Petrus and seconded by Howard Katchen. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro).

Item II. b., A motion to approve SONC Finance Committee draft minutes for July 30, 2025, as submitted, was brought by Lisa Petrus and seconded by Howard Katchen. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro).

III. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

There were no public officials in attendance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

There were no public comments.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Item V.a., We are still looking for community members to join the Finance Committee. Individuals interested in becoming a member of the SONC Finance Committee should contact the Chairperson, Jeffrey Hartsough, email: jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com.

Item V.b., The next SONC Finance Committee scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Meeting will be held virtually on ZOOM at 8:30PM.

**VI. FUNDING MOTIONS:
ACTED UPON:**

There was a discussion of agenda item VI. a., the monthly expense report (MER) for the period ending July 31, 2025. A motion to approve as submitted was brought by Lisa Petrus 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.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Item VII. a. (1), there was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for 818 Consultants LLC, by Monique Johnson. The requester, Monique Johnson, was not present, newly formed 501c3 (no history) and NPG had deficiencies. Dates would need to be amended.

Item VII. a. (2), there was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for Beautify LA, by Mark Ragan, Founder. The requester, Mark Ragan, was not present, newly formed 501c3 (no history). Additionally, the NPG had deficiencies. Request was not viable.

Both NPGs are to be tabled. We are working with limited funds so we are unable to make a determination at this time. It is currently unknown as to what type of funding will be available to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council for Non-Purpose Grants due to monetary cuts to the budget.

*Since the funds are limited this year, our focus will be to provide funds for the Sherman Oaks Library's hygiene kits and safety equipment for the cert program participants.

Item VII. c., there was a review of SONC SOP funding. It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Committee that were specialty services that were provided at the recent Movies in the Park that were not properly approved by the Committee. There needs to be better communication. The chairperson of each of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Committees must bring their request for funds to the Finance Committee and then to the whole Council.

Item VII. d., other items discussed by the committee:

*Emily Aronson is the new Librarian for the Sherman Oaks Library starting August 11th, 2025.

*There are free covid test kits available at the library.

VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.