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Green & Sustainability Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GREEN & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. If you are on Zoom, you will see a timer graphic indicating your time remaining to speak. If you are on a telephone, you will be told when 10 seconds remain in your allotted time. Public comment for this meeting will be heard during each eligible agenda item.

SB 411 Updates:

If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption

within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order by Co-Chair
- b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a. Motion to approve Green and Sustainability Committee meeting minutes for June 18, 2025

III. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community member request regarding clean-up & beautification project
 - i. Relevant resources:
 1. <https://mayor.lacity.gov/ShineLA>
 2. <https://plan.mayor.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph2176/files/2023-07/Final-CommunityCleanUpToolkit-v2.pdf>
 3. <https://www.facebook.com/LACityOCB/>
 4. <https://laocb.org/>
 - b. Appointment recommendation
 - i. Hana Zoe Weinstein
 - ii. Barbara Lewis
 - c. Motion: Green & Sustainability Committee request that when SONC purchases and obtains logoed merchandise to be used as giveaways to the public at events such as the Movies in the Park, the Spring Tree Giveaway, and the Sherman Oaks Street Fair that these items be made of biodegradable or recycled materials whenever possible, and also be chemical free and free of

harmful materials to living organisms. The items should always include labels that indicate whether they are made of recycled materials, whether they are safe, or present potential hazards. We prefer that plastic items such as beachballs and glow sticks only be acquired if they meet these simple requirements and so that they will not wind up in landfills for the rest of eternity, or present a hazard to sea life should they wind up in our oceans.

- d. Motion: The Green & Sustainability Committee requests Finance Committee approval for funding not to exceed the amount of \$300 to cover the costs of the following items: A stencil to be created that will facilitate the painting of the SONC brand and logo on planters/liners. The acquisition of planters/liners. The acquisition of potting soil. These supplies will be utilized to begin plantings of seedlings and cuttings and for provision of free plants by the Green & Sustainability Committee at any future SONC Events, including the Movies in the Park, the Spring Tree Giveaway, the Sherman Oaks Street Fair and any SONC Committee or Council meetings.
- e. Motion: It is hereby moved that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is in favor of [Council File 25-0962](#) ShadeLA / Shade Expansion / Heat Action and Resilience Plan and the Sustainability Plan. The planting of additional shade trees and implementation of shade structures by the City of LA is an important and crucial undertaking for several reasons:
 - 1. Temperature Regulation: Shade trees lower surrounding temperatures by blocking direct sunlight and releasing moisture through transpiration, which helps to cool the environment.
 - 2. Energy Savings: Strategically placed shade trees can reduce cooling costs by shielding homes and businesses from the sun, leading to lower utility bills.
 - 3. Wildlife Habitat: Trees provide shelter and food for birds, insects, and other wildlife, contributing to local biodiversity.
 - 4. Air Quality Improvement: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and pollutants while releasing oxygen, improving air quality.
 - 5. Soil Conservation: Roots of shade trees stabilize soil and reduce erosion, benefiting the overall ecosystem.
 - 6. Aesthetic Appeal: Mature trees add beauty, structure, and a sense of permanence to gardens and landscapes
 - 7. By planting shade trees, you contribute to the environmental health of your community and enhance the quality of life for residents.
- f. City council file **CF 24-0602** Titled - Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping
 - i. Relevant resources
 - 1. [CEMO 24-0602 Artificial Turf/Synthetic Grass Report back-final02192025](#)
- g. **CF 25-0002-S89**, United States Department of the Interior / Oil and Gas Exploration and Expansion / Leasing and Drilling / California Coastline and Atlantic Coastline (McOsker - Nazarian - Park - Hutt) Introduced November 4, 2025 and referred to the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
 - i. The Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any action by the United States Department of the Interior to open or expand oil and gas exploration, leasing, or drilling in federal waters off the California coastline, and the Atlantic coastline.
 - ii. Relevant resources:
 - 1. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cnumber=25-0002-S89>
- h. Recommendations for invited speakers for the SONC Board & Committee Meetings
- i. Garden (e.g., Cactus/Plant) Request for Stern & Ventura Intersection
- j. Studio City Neighborhood Council Sustainability & Beautification Committee
 - i. Relevant resources:
 - 1. <https://www.studiocitync.org/assets/documents/15/meeting69097220a4b78.pdf>

k. Discussion on priorities

VI. ADJOURNMENT (End time is approximately 7:45 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

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