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**SHERMAN OAKS
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Green & Sustainability Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2025 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GREEN & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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A 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 paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A),**

A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(B).**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- a. a. Call to Order by Co-Chair

b. b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

i. Present: Elizabeth Meshes, Amanda Martin, Harold Shapiro, Martin Stahl, Hana Weinstein, Miran Kalaydijan (joined around 7:40)

ii. Absent: Mihran Kalaydjian and Sarina Klemes

iii. Drew Johnstone officially resigned

- II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS
- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2025.

i. Motion by Harold, Second Martin

ii. Approved Unanimously

- III. CO-CHAIR’S REPORT
- a. Finance committee approved

Proposed Budget	
Item Description	Projected Price (\$)
Labeling Branding: • Reusable stencil(s) or stamp (logo/text) • Outdoor-safe paint or ink (weather-resistant) • Application supplies (brushes, rollers, drop cloths, gloves):	60
Planters Liners: • Mix of small to medium planters or biodegradable liners (estimated 25–40 units depending on size and supplier)	110
Bulk potting soil for seedlings and cuttings. • 2–3 large bags of quality potting mix suitable for native and drought-tolerant plants	80
Contingency / Price Variability Buffer • To accommodate price fluctuations, tax, or unanticipated supply needs while remaining under the approved cap.	50
Total	300

i.

- ii. Coordinate with David Silverman on the Outreach committee for the Spring Festival or tree give away

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Barbara Lewis - wants to join the committee and help with planting, has large clay pots available. Are there planting activities available in the area? (Harold informed Barbara about our budget and past attempts of Beautification)
 - i. The BID - Business Improvement District - is a separate organization that has control of the median strip on Ventura Blvd
 - ii. Retired teacher of 40 years from Hart High in Santa Clarita, recently redid backyard with grass and some plants, not sure if they were native
 - 1. Very concerned about the ocean and tries to recycle and use less plastic, wants to see less pollution runoff into the ocean
 - 2. Drives a Tesla and built an ADU in place of the garage
 - 3. Like apartment building that fits the look in the neighborhood/environment - can reuse department stores to develop for low income housing, they should be efficient and have solar panels
 - 4. Like to see things cleaned up in Sherman Oaks and concerned about unhoused people and the trash left behind and beautify and environmentally sound
 - 5. Recommended that Barbara start A Beautification Committee - Elizabeth will send the link for the process of creating a new committee
- b. Martin motioned to vote for her to join, Harold seconded
- c. Votes: Elizabeth - nah, Amanda - nah, Harold - Yes, Martin - Yes, Hana - Yes
 - i. So Passed

V. FUNDING MOTIONS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendations for invited speakers for the SONC Board & Committee Meetings
 - i. Nythia Ramon (will not attend) or Budget Chair
 - ii. Daniel Gold - Green Water and Power to speak about sustainability
 - iii. LADWP - programs for landscaping and electric appliances, lawn swap out program or gas blowers swap out program
 - iv. Theodor Payne - Jeffrey Jameson
 - v. Everyone will send their recommendations independently
- b. Establish an outreach member to attend events if there are concerns about Brown Act violations
- c. Council file 25-0002-S90 H.R. 3874 (Friedman) / S. 1870(Schiff)
 - i. Relevant resources:
 - 1. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnum=25-0002-S90>
- d. Garden (e.g., Cactus/Plant) Request for Stern & Ventura Intersection
- e. Studio City Neighborhood Council Sustainability & Beautification Committee
 - i. Relevant resources:
 - 1. <https://www.studiocitync.org/assets/documents/15/meeting69097220a4b78.pdf>
- f. Discussion on priorities
 - i. Suggestions: organizing a clothing or book swap, getting recycling bins on the corners that have trash bins, partnering with other orgs about tree planting, etc.
 - ii. Set annual budget
- g. Next meeting will occur at the same Zoom link of March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT** (End time is approximately 7:45 p.m. or shortly thereafter) Amanda submitted motion to Adjourn and Miran seconded at 7:56

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