

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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**Government Affairs
&
Bylaws Committee
Joint Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 24, 2025, 6:30 pm.
VIRTUAL - ZOOM

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. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lindsay Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:49pm**.
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger called the roll.

Government Affairs Committee:

- i. **Present:** Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (2)
- ii. **Absent:** Katchen, Materna, Durbin (3)

No quorum, Gov't Affairs not convened

Bylaws committee:

- i. **Present:** Imber, Shapiro, Endashaw (3)
- ii. **Absent:** Silverman, Durbin (2)

**2. Motion to approve Gov't Affairs & Bylaws Joint Committee Meeting minutes for
Prior Meetings - *continued to next meeting***

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - *none*

**4. Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction
*Remarks from Public***

5. Chair's Report

Bylaws committee will likely be dissolved after next board meeting
If committee remains intact, can continue work on standing rules
Could potentially work through Gov't Affairs cmte. Or executive cmte.

Next month's meeting will be virtual, community room in Library unavailable

6. Committee Business and Discussion

a. Government Affairs Committee: ED-17 re: City Policy / No ICE. CF 26-0204. Executive Directive 17 / Ensure Protection for City Residents / Federal Immigration Enforcement Operations / Ordinance.

Position: FOR

Draft Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 26-0204 to establish an ordinance instructing City law enforcement to use body-worn cameras to record immigration enforcement incidents, identify supervisory immigration officers, ensure proper reporting and evidence collection, to de-escalate potential conflicts as well as render aid and emergency medical assistance to injured individuals at scene, and to potentially impose impact fees on property owners within the City who provide site control for immigration enforcement operations, further restricting the use of City property for immigration enforcement staging, processing, and operations.*

Item not considered, lack of quorum for Gov't Affairs Cmte.

Will be moved from floor at board meeting

b. Bylaws Committee: Amendments (Follow-Up). Discussion & motion(s):

1. Business & Community Interest At Large Seats (Bylaw V.1.c)

Bylaw V.1.c: ~~One (1) CISBM may be elected in each of the seven (7) designated areas.~~ Unlike RSBMs, BSMs and CISMBs are elected at large from within the entirety of SONC's geographic boundaries such that three BSM and three CISBM seats are elected every four years and the remaining four BSM and four CISBM seats are elected every four years in staggered fashion.

Bylaw V.4: Four BSM and four CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM seats in Areas #1, 3, 5, and 7, while the remaining BSM and CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM Areas #2, 4, and 6.

Bylaw X.2: Stakeholders shall select one of the seven (7) geographic areas, based on stakeholder status, as stated in Article V, in which they will cast their vote for a RSBM to represent that geographic area, as well as three or four BSMs and three or four CISBMs (depending on election year) for at-large representation. Stakeholders may register for one particular geographic area for

each election. They may not vote for candidates in any other geographic area during the election, with the exception of the at-large BSM and CISBM seats.

Feedback Received: Community Interest is a difficult condition and At-Large is a good replacement. However, I recommend the at-large seat be per area, not community wide [e.g., Area 1 At Large, Area 2 At Large, etc. as opposed to At Large Community Interest]. I have witnessed other neighborhood councils where the community wide at-large seats become manipulated power plays with a disproportionate number of members from the same geographic area with the same grievances. This created dysfunctional neighborhood councils.

> I recommend against staggering the votes. Keep Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7 voting for residential, business and at-large representatives in the same year; the same for Areas 2, 4, and 6. It is tough enough to get folks interested in voting every four years.

> It would be nice to simplify the voting process, including registering to vote. 2. Outreach Committee appointments for: (Standing Rule) [from prior mtg] Newsletter Editor, Website Admin, Social Media, Photographer Standing Rule C.1.d: The Outreach Committee shall appoint from its membership an editor for the monthly newsletter, administrator for the SONC website, manager for SONC social media, and photographer/videographer or archivist to work in concert with the social media manager. The same person may serve in more than one role.

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Discussion points:

Concern regarding “excused absence” provision

Notification requirements

“In advance”

Cumbersome verification process for elections / voters

“Self attestation”

Election facilitation / budget

Potential fraud / abuse

Being unhoused is the only “loophole” re: self-attestation

DONE potentially disposing of elections

May need to administer alternative selection process

2-year terms would allow all stakeholders to vote in every election

*Whether SONC has an election manual
Vote by mail / in-person*

Motion to adopt language for bylaws as presented

MOVED: Imber **SECOND:** Shapiro

YES: Shapiro, Endashaw, Imber

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: Silverman, Durbin (2)

Item 6b carries unanimously 3-0-0-2

7. Closing Announcements

Hartsough: Thanks for scheduling meeting

State of the Union Address

“Practice kindness, pray for Ukraine”

Segarra-Bohlinger: Charter Reform Commission Meeting Thursday at 4pm

City Council Meeting in Van Nuys Friday at 10am

Shapiro: Question regarding Charter’s assessment of DONE and NCs

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted

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