

**Sherman Oaks
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Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026 - 6:30pm

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. 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 on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction 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, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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, composed of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

a. Call to Order: Howard Katchen, President, called the meeting to order at **6:44 pm**

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call: **EL-Bethel Debela**, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro, Azur **(15)**

ii. Absent: Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez **(4)**

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

a. From Floor:

A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of February 9, 2026.

MOVED: Adair **SECOND:** Stahl

YES: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN:(0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiuokonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (4)

Item 2a carries unanimously /13-0-0-2-4

3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction

Public Comment from Attendees

4. Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.

-Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no discussion/back-and-forth while in session.

Emily Arison Martin Pollard Branch Manager

- 100th anniversary of central library, look out for events and perks
- Coloring/reading challenge, adults and kids welcome
- Friends of the library book sale sat 9:30 to 1:00
- Friday is members of the library sale
- Leisurely walks, walking book clubs soon
- Music bingo for adults women of the 50's and 80 Saturday Monday the 16th at 6:30

Anthony Thornton Field Deputy for Assembly Member Nick Shultz

- Bill introduction deadline passed, all bills have been introduced
- Budget is still being discussed
- State deficit numbers are constantly going up and down.

Katie Abrams Lindsey Horvath Field Deputy

- This Round of LA county rent relief program will be closing this Wednesday
- Anyone looking for rent assistance can apply directly
- Ongoing payment failures at LAHSA, want to embed county staff there to ensure providers are payed for their contracts
- Supervisor Horvath called for a comprehensive review

Taleen Kreugolian Field Deputy CD4

- Office will be having event this Saturday at Hyperian Theater in Silverlake, conversing with staff and community

Jesus De La Cruz Battalion Chief

- Increase in fire activity recently
- No significant incidents in the Sepulveda Basin
- The GOAT Program for clearing brush is working well in the Sepulveda Basin

Jose Galdamez Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate

- Community assigned NEA will be taking some of the neighborhood council Lorenzo had
- Been with the department since 2012
- Bylaw Amendments due April 1st
- Empower LA Youth conference, any youth interested in being involved with the city sign up for it
- 2026 congress of neighborhoods taking place in September
- If interested visit nconference.la

5. Scheduled Recess - Meeting called into Recess at—7:18

Meeting reconvened at —7:38

EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Adair, Durbin, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro, Azur **(14)**

ii. Absent: Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez, Baronian **(5)**

6. Presentation – Ron Galperin, Former Los Angeles Controller and current Budget & Finance Advisory Committee Chair

- Presentation can be found by contacting Ron Galperin.

7. President's Report.

- **Green & Sustainability Committee Resignation Co-Chair Drew Johnstone Resigned**
- **Ad Hoc Committees status: Planning Board Retreat**

No Updates

- **Ad Hoc Committees status: By Laws**

Cannot discuss today, due to agenda issues.

- **Student Committee status**

No updates, continuously looking for candidates to be apart of committee

- **Vacant SONC Board Seats: Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business, Area 5 Business Area 5 Community Interest.**

Martin Hernandez business area 7 and Hunter Laplante community interest seat 3 will be removed after tonight for having 4 meeting absences.

- **2026 – 2027 SONC Youth Representative Board Search – April Call For Applicants**

Many applicants are interested.

- **Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100th Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.**

Multiple events and Venues around Sherman Oaks

If interested in joining the planning please let Howard know

- **SONC Board Meeting Speaker: April 13th City Attorney Hydee Feldstein-Soto**

8. Approval of President & Chair’s Board or Committee and liaison Appointments

- **Board Member Area 5 Residential – Sybil Azur**

- **Green & Sustainability – Barbara Lewis**

- **Green & Sustainability – Elizabeth Meshes – Chair**

- **Human Services Committee – Leslie Overman • Human Services Committee - Mercedes Bankston and Kylee Pena – Alternates**

MOVED: *Katchen* **SECOND:** *Silverman*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (11)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiukonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)

Item 8.a. carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

9. President swears in new Board Member Sybil Azur and previously appointed Board Member Kira Durbin

- Both were sworn in!

10. Traffic Transportation motions & Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

- a. **motion Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests that the office of Council District 4, in conjunction with LADOT, work with SONC to review the current status and efficacy of existing mitigation efforts to address gaps in implementation and enforcement; and to explore solutions to reduce traffic in residential areas and redirect motorists to arterial streets.**

MOVED: *Traffic & Transportation Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*
YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (11)
NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiukonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)
Item 10.a. carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

11. Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, 2023- 25 Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

- **a. Motion: a. Motion: Approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending January 31, 2026. (SONC website meeting supporting documents)**

MOVED: *Hartsough* **SECOND:** *Silverman*
YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro (10)
NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Debela, Azur, Jasiukonis (3) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)
Item 11.a. carries unanimously /10-0-0-3-5

- **b. Motion from the floor, requires a second: SONC Summer Series Movies in the Park A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900.00 for SONC’s Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, June 27, 2026. F**

MOVED: *Hartsough* **SECOND:** *Silverman*
YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro (10)
NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Debela, Azur, Jasiukonis (3) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)
Item 11.b. carries unanimously /10-0-0-3-5

12. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair. PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

- a. Motion: Council File 25-1083 The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the Citywide Implementation Option C1, which would delay implementation of SB 79 in low-resource areas,**

high fire severity zones, HPOZs, and low sea level areas until 2030. Option C1 also proactively incentivizes qualifying single-family and low-density neighborhoods to allow three-story apartment buildings with 4–16 units.

MOVED: *Planning and Land Use Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (11)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiukonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)

Item 12.a. carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

13. Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

a. Motion from the floor, requires a second: Support CF 26-0204. Executive Directive 17 / Ensure Protection for City Residents / Federal Immigration Enforcement Operations / Ordinance

MOVED: *Imber* **SECOND:** *Silverman*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (11)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiukonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)

Item 13.a. carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

14. Motion from the floor, requires a second: Support Council File 26-0002-S8, AB 1633 (Haney)/Private Detention Facility Tax Law/ Corporate Profiteering /ICE Funded Immigration Detention Centers (Hernandez - Blumenfeld - Jurado - Padilla - Rodriguez - Soto-Martinez)

MOVED: *Shapiro* **SECOND:** *Imber*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Shapiro (11)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Azur, Jasiukonis (2) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Ahari, Laplante, Koran, Hernandez (5)

Item 14.a. carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

15 . Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]

a. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

- Tree giveaway on the 14th with Resources and Hygiene Kits.
- Congratulate Kira and Devon for being moved up from alternates
- Lisa Overman, Mercades, and Kylie have been moved to alternates

- Blow your whistles when ICE is around

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Tree giveaway Saturday March 14th
- Suggest movies for the summer movies in the park
- 100 trees + Cacti
- Sign Up for Giveaway

c. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair. PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

- No updates

d. Public Safety Motions & Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

- March 12th Crackers and Cheese with a cop at wholefoods on Riverside drive
- March 28th neighborhood pop up drill, supplies go out into the neighborhood hour after disaster and run a drill
- April 26th City is doing a Cert Refresher at station 88
- May 6th 6:30-8:30 at sherman oaks galleria for CERT
- Will be at tree giveaway with supplies

e. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative

- Picking a theme for this white paper, Merry Go Round because nobody knows where it stops and tends to be repetitive
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F. Green and Sustainibility committe

- Will meet soon look at website for more details

16. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

- Supports No Kings Rally on March 28th
- All amendments to be sent to lindsey by friday

17. Adjournment

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

EL-Bethel Debela