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**Regular Vision Committee Meeting
Sherman Oaks Library**

14245 Moorpark Street

Agenda

Thursday, May 7, 2026
6:30 pm

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Jeff Kalban, Chair
2. Roll Call
3. Review and approval of minutes
4. Introduction of elected officials and staff
- Questions and answers.
- 5) Chair's Report
- 6a) Discussion: Review of the Low-Rise Ordinance.
 - i) Discussion:
 - ii) Public comment
 - iii) Committee discussion, possible motion, and vote

Motion: Revision to Yard Setback Standards in the Los Angeles Low-Rise Ordinance CPC-2026-1797-CA

Our analysis demonstrates that the density targets established by the Low-Rise Ordinance can be achieved while preserving the prevailing zoning setback standards of a 15-foot front and rear yard and 5-foot side yards.

Maintaining a minimum 15-foot rear yard setback provides critical environmental and community benefits, including space for tree canopy, landscaping, and permeable surfaces that support stormwater retention, carbon sequestration, and reduction of the urban heat island effect. These features also contribute to improved energy efficiency and overall neighborhood livability.

Additionally, a minimum 5-foot side yard setback is consistent with the fire separation requirements for unprotected openings (e.g., windows and doors) as outlined in the International Building Code, thereby supporting life safety standards without compromising development feasibility.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Low-Rise Ordinance be amended as follows:

- Paragraph (iii) Yards b. shall be revised to read: *"Side yard setbacks shall be a minimum of 5 feet."*
- Paragraph (iii) Yards d. shall be revised to read: *"Rear yard setback shall be a minimum of 15 feet from the rear lot line."*

In addition, we request the following:

- That all properties impacted by this proposed rezoning be provided mailed notice of the pending changes.
- That this SB 79 implementation ordinance be expressly tied to, and automatically updated to reflect, any future revisions to, postponement of, or repeal of SB 79.

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7) Public forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction

8) Committee Business

9) Adjourn

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