

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Vision Committee
May 7, 2026
Library @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order: 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Kalban, Chair; Jeffrey Hartsough, Maria Pavlou Kalban, Mikie Maloney, Sue Steinberg
3. Minutes: Motion to approve by Jeffrey Hartsough, seconded by Maria Kalban. Passed unanimously.
4. Elected Officials: none
5. PRB: none
6. Chair's Report: The library will not be closed in June. It will be likely in August. Next Vision meeting June 4. Next PLUM June 18.
7. Committee meeting: Discussion on Implementation of SB 79.
Motion: Revision to Yard Setback Standards in the Los Angeles Low-Rise Ordinance CPC-2026- 1797-CA; #CF25-1083

A professional 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.

Motion to approve Jeff Kalban, seconded by Jeffrey Hartsough. Approved unanimously.

8. Public Forum: Noah Lang, a community member, presented a pocket park idea along the 101 in Library Square. Information was sent to the beautification committee of SOHA.

9. Committee Business: none

10. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. minutes: mpKalban