



**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood  
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**SHERMAN OAKS  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL**

**Green & Sustainability Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

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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 Chair
  - 6:37 p.m.
- b. b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.
  - Elizabeth Meshes (present)
  - Amanda Martin (absent)
  - Harold Shapiro (present)
  - Mihran Kalaydjian (present 6:42 p.m.)
  - Hana Weinstein (present; left 7:23 p.m.)
  - Martin Stahl (present)
  - Barbara Lewis (present 6:42 p.m.)

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on [May 13, 2026](#).
  - Motion to Approve
    - Miran
      - Second: Harold
  - Aye
    - Harold
    - Mihran
    - Hana
    - Martin
    - Barbara
  - No
    -
  - Abstain
    -

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a. Paper shredding event: reached out to CD4 office

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Can the green committee supply succulents for the movie event?
- b. Water conservation/recharge topic
  - Request to LADWP- change barely used pools into a water collection, infiltrate water into ground
- c. Slow streets that are sponge/permeable streets

## V. FUNDING MOTIONS

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community member request for community clean-up for Girl's Scout Silver Award
  - Carrie la Ferle regarding her daughter Sophie
    - Not present at the meeting
    - Spoke with Barbara Lewis, table at the end of the meeting
- b. Revisit vote on adding sub-committee called Beautification for Sherman Oaks
  - Barbara
    - Motion to create a subcommittee, "Beautification for Sherman Oaks"
      - Motion:
      - Create a subcommittee called the, "Beautification for Sherman Oaks," with the goals to enlist community members, volunteers, to maintain and clean-up Sherman Oaks.
      - Motion brought by Barbara Lewis
      - Second on Motion: Harold
        - Vote:
          - Harold: yes
          - Mihran: yes
          - Martin: No
          - Barbara: yes
          - Beth: No
- c. Move to consent calendar:
  - Harold
  - Seconded: MihranVote:
  - Harold: Yes
  - Mihran: Yes
  - Martin: Yes
  - Barbara: Yes
  - Beth: Yes
- d. Community Impact Statements
  - [AB 2026](#) (Aguiar-Curry) — Groundwater Recharge and Flood Flow Diversion

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 2026, which would help streamline groundwater recharge projects, support the beneficial use of flood flows, and improve permitting processes while maintaining existing water-right protections.

California continues to face increasing climate variability, including periods of severe drought followed by intense storm events. Expanding opportunities to capture and recharge floodwaters can strengthen long-term water resilience, improve groundwater sustainability, reduce stormwater runoff impacts, and support more efficient use of existing water resources.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports policies that advance sustainable water management, climate adaptation, and infrastructure resilience while balancing environmental protections and existing water rights.

- e. [AB 2218](#) (Kalra) — Water-Related Inequities Affecting Indigenous Peoples

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 2218, which would establish a state policy recognizing water-related inequities committed against Indigenous Peoples of California through state-sanctioned actions and seeks

to address those harms through legal recognition, restoration efforts, and replacement of lost benefits.

Water access, stewardship, and environmental protection are deeply connected to the cultural, historical, and ecological well-being of Indigenous communities throughout California. Recognizing historical inequities and supporting restorative approaches aligns with broader goals of environmental justice, equity, and sustainable resource management.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports efforts that promote equitable access to natural resources, acknowledge historical harms, and encourage inclusive and just environmental policies throughout California.

- [AB 1577](#) (Bauer-Kahan) — Data Center Accountability and Transparency

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 1577, which would require data centers to report information regarding facility locations and size, energy efficiency metrics, and fuel consumption associated with onsite generators and fuel-based energy systems.

As California experiences rapid growth in digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence technologies, increased transparency regarding energy and resource use is essential for effective infrastructure planning, environmental review, and climate resilience efforts. Data centers may place substantial demands on electricity, water, and backup fuel systems, making accurate reporting important for local governments, utilities, and communities.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports policies that improve transparency, support informed planning decisions, and advance responsible environmental stewardship while California continues to expand its technological infrastructure.

f. TABLED

g. Plant-Based Treaty Presentation

- MOTION TO ENDORSE THE PLANT BASED TREATY

WHEREAS, food systems contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, land degradation, biodiversity loss, and water consumption; and

WHEREAS, plant-based food systems and sustainable agricultural practices can support climate resilience, environmental sustainability, public health, and resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Plant Based Treaty is an international grassroots initiative designed to complement the Paris Agreement by addressing the environmental impacts of animal agriculture and promoting a transition toward more sustainable food systems; and

WHEREAS, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee supports initiatives that promote environmental stewardship, climate action, sustainable resource use, and community education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the principles and goals of the Plant Based Treaty as a framework for encouraging sustainable, equitable, and climate-conscious food systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council encourages education, awareness, and voluntary community-based efforts that support sustainable and plant-forward food practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to appropriate elected officials, neighborhood councils, and relevant stakeholders as determined by the Board.

h. Building Decarbonization Coalition Sign-On Request

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9JkZ1JE8AMNSUJjxdcpSlynBc7i822mUZNfmsMurv2TPH8Q/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=117285538352590082402>

- Amanda
- Consider whether to recommend support, submit a letter, or pursue Neighborhood Council action

i. Updates

- Tree planting or shade mapping initiative update
  - Budget for cosponsored event for beautification & green energy with the Office of Beautification in the City of Los Angeles.
    - Mihran - Draft event proposal
  - Cosponsored event with the Forest Advisory and TreePeople's West Valley Greening Project in Sherman Oaks
    - Mihran -

j. Committee priorities

- Recognize local businesses taking meaningful sustainability actions in Sherman Oaks
  - Identify recognition criteria
  - Create nomination/application process
  - Determine recognition format (SONC newsletter, social media spotlight; recognition at SONC meeting, certificate, press release)
  - Establish review process (monthly, quarterly)
  - Build branding materials for recognition
  - Outreach strategy
- Shredding event for reuse/recycle
  - Event Scope
    - Extend to broader recycling (e.g., e-waste, textile, batteries small electronics, compost giveaway, resource table)
  - Potential partners
    - Nithya Raman
    - Bob Blumenfield (CD3)
  - Identify location
  - Determine material handling
  - Event framing (e.g., Green business table, Compost information, Water conservation resources, Native plant resources, Neighborhood cleanup sign-ups)
- Promotion planning Media/Newsletter integration Multistream Waste Bin
  - Identify candidate locations (Pick 5 locations of high traffic)
    - Near parks
    - Near transit
    - Commercial corridors
    - Areas with recurring litter
  - Identify someone to photograph/document them
  - Howard: What information is needed to formally request bins
  - Request preliminary cost/options from LA San.
- Encouraging climate-resilient parking lot improvements
  - Create a simple concept initiative: "Cool & Green Parking Lots Initiative"

- Identify 3–5 example locations
  - Research:
    - Existing incentive programs
    - LADWP programs
    - Tree planting partnerships
    - State/federal grants
  - Develop:
    - One-page concept sheet
    - Before/after visuals
    - Benefits summary
  - Start with outreach to willing businesses/property owners
- k. Next meeting will occur at the same Zoom link of July 08, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** (End time is approximately 7:45 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

- a. Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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