

Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council

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**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda:**

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting**

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**IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.**

**Making Public Comments During This Meeting:** Every person wishing to address this Committee must dial 1-669-900-6833, and enter Webinar ID 81168943092 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address this Committee.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting.

**General Public Comments (Non-Agenda Item):** Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items period. Under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during this General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

**Disruption to Meeting:** In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

**Comments Not Required in Advance:** The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4). public comment

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**Timed Public Comment Period:** 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),

**Public Comment Heard Per Item (non-timed):** 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).

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.

**Agenda Note:** All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Howard M. Katchen, President and Chair
  - a. (If applicable) Chair’s appointment of SONC Board Members (max two) to Executive Committee panel for the balance of this meeting pursuant to the Standing Rules.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report**  
Finance Committee items and updates.
5. **Executive Committee Items**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes for Prior Meeting(s)**. March 3, 2026
  - b. **Board and/or Committee Resignations**  
Board Member Area 5 Residential – Sybil Azul
  - c. **Items For Information, Discussion and/or Possible Actions or motions**
    - 1) Ad Hoc Board Retreat Committee Status
    - 2) Ad Hoc Student Committee
    - 3) SONC approved By Laws changes – At Large Business and Community Interest seats
    - 4) Green & Sustainability – Beautification sub-committee
    - 5) 2026 – 2027 SONC Board Youth Representative – Devon Jasiukonis  
Alternate Youth Representative – Ian Nachenberg
    - 6) New Board Member Funding Training Complete by August 31, 2026

- 7) Empower LA Awards (Joyce P. Atkinson) Entries by July 31, 2026
- 8) Role of alternate committee member? Count as required committee service for Board member?
- 9) LAHSA update: transition to county, Sherman Oaks unhoused count
- 10) Board meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> guest speaker: CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman

**6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting**

- Agenda motions to date

**Motions from the Finance Committee/Floor for the SONC Board Meeting**

**I. FUNDING MOTIONS from the Finance Committee**

**a. SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) May 31, 2026**

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending May 31, 2026.

[SONC MER for period ending May 31, 2026](#)

**b. SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) July 25, 2026 Event**

*[This motion was previously approved at the April 13, 2026 SONC Board Meeting]*

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, July 25, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

**Funding Motions from the Floor**

**c. SONC Movie in the Par (MITP) August 22, 2026**

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, August 22, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

**d. Reimbursement of SONC Board Member Expenses**

A motion to reimburse SONC Board Member Jeffrey Hartsough \$29.97 for the purchase of refreshments for volunteers at the SONC Movie in the Park on June 27, 2026. The SONC credit card was not available for use on June 27, 2026.

[Pavilions Receipt 27Jun26 \\$29.97 – Refreshment SONC MITP 27Jun26](#)

**e. The Web Corner Agreement for SONC Web Services**

A motion to approve the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and The Web Corner to provide the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) with web services for FY 2026-2027.

7. **Green & Sustainability motions:**

**[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.**

**[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.**

**8. By Laws Ad Hoc Committee –**

**Motion to accept recommended additions and changes to SONC Standing Rules and Procedures**

**a. Alternate Seats for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.d) Committee Chairs, with concurrence from the President and approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a SONC stakeholder(s) to serve as an alternate member of their committee.**

**b. General Public Comment (New Standing Rule) To the extent practicable, the General Public Comment period shall be placed toward the start of the agenda and shall precede Comments by Elected Officials, Staff, etc. The Outreach Committee shall be charged with establishing a form on the SONC website through which to receive electronic public comment prior to each meeting of the full council. Where cumulative public comment for a particular item is no more than 10 speakers per item, public comment time offered to each speaker shall be at least one minute in length.**

**c. Limit Presentations (New Standing Rule) As a guideline when crafting agendas for each regular monthly meeting of the full council, guest speakers or presentations should be limited to one per meeting. This provision shall not be applicable to board member presentations relating to motions appearing on the agenda.**

**d. Vice and Co-Chairs for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.c) Committees are encouraged to have appointments for no fewer than: One Chair and One Vice Chair; or Two Co-Chairs.**

**e. Outreach Committee appointments for: (Standing Rule) 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.**

**9. Executive Committee member announcements.**

**10. Adjournment**

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