

Committee Members:

Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair,
CI-2
Howard Katchen, R-3
Lisa Petrus, Stakeholder
Cheryl Shapiro, Stakeholder

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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Minutes of the Finance Committee

I. Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Hartsough at 6:36 PM

SONC Committee Members Present – Jeffrey Hartsough, Cheryl Shapiro, Lisa Petrus, Howard Katchen (tardy), - 4 present. Quorum achieved.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:

Item II. a., A motion to approve SONC Finance Committee draft minutes for June 24, 2026, as submitted, was brought by Lisa Petrus and 2nd by Cheryl Shapiro. Motion was unanimously approved with 3 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Cheryl Shapiro, Lisa Petrus).

III. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

There were no public officials in attendance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

There were no public comments.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Item V.a., We are still looking for community members to join the Finance Committee. Individuals interested in becoming a member of the SONC Finance Committee should contact the Chairperson, Jeffrey Hartsough, email: jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com.

Item V.b., The SONC FY27 Admin Packet/Budget was submitted on July 1, 2026. It is anticipated that the unspent FY26 funds will be confirmed in August 2026. It will be available in SONC's FY27 budget sometime thereafter.

Item V.c., Harold Shapiro has been appointed as the Alternate signer for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council.

Item V.d., The next regular SONC Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

VI. APPOINTMENT of NEW FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER:

After a lengthy discussion of Lara Alameh's qualifications, Lara has been appointed to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Finance Committee.

VII. FUNDING MOTIONS:

Item V.a., A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) participation in the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce 2026 Street Fair to be held on October 8, 2026 and the expenditure of \$2,000 for booth fees and SONC outreach materials was brought by Howard Katchen and 2nd Cheryl Shapiro. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Cheryl Shapiro, Lisa Petrus, Howard Katchen).

VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Howard Katchen was contacted by Matt Epstein from the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association regarding holding another Los Angeles Mayoral debate between Karen Bass and Nithya Raman. Nithya Raman has not yet responded.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's retreat will be held August 15th.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.