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Officers

Howard Katchen, President, 3-R
Lindsay Imber, 1st VP, 6-R
Liet Endashaw, 2nd VP, 1-R
Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer,
2-CI

Board Members

Levon Baronian, 1-B
Christy Adair, 1-CI
Kira Durbin, 2-R
Ryan Ahari, 4-B
David Silverman 4-CI
Tom Materna, 6-B
Devon Jasiukonis, Y
Harold Shapiro 6-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Martin Stahl, 7-R
Kesavan Korand 4-R
Lance Khazei 7-B

Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2026, 6:30 pm

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

a. Call to Order: Howard Katchen, President, called the meeting to order at **6:46 pm**

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call: **EL-Bethel Debela**, called the roll

i.Present: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(12)**

ii. Absent: Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

a. From Floor:

A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of July 13, 2026.

MOVED: *Adair*

SECOND: *Ahari*

YES:Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(12)** **NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**

Item 2.a. carries unanimously /14-0-1-0-1

3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction

Agenda Item 13 was referenced/spoken about in public comment, as allowed by president/board.

Public Comment from Attendees

4. Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.

John Darnell - NEA

- Funding training is due by August 31st
- Reach out to him or the city clerk funding rep for questions
- Legislative reports will resume tomorrow
- Next homeless liaison meeting is August 31st

Taleen Keuroghlian - Field Deputy for CD-4

- Rise in homelessness along the LA river as of late, office is aware and working closely with the county
- Uptick of outreach due to rv's in residential areas around sylmar, sepulveda, by vnso etc.
- Email a picture, license plate and area of rv for outreach to be provided
- Working with overgrown vegetation on vacant lots and homes, to prevent fires and hazards
- Final summer pool party at VNSO on Sept 5 from 1-5pm. Free water activities and burgers
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Emily Aaronson, Branch Manager of Sherman Oaks library

- Air conditioning repair is happening from August 10 to September 9

- Reopening on September 10
- Return books to other branches, and holds will be moved as well
- Look at newsletters for updates

Reses suspended till after agenda item 5

Scheduled Recess - Meeting called into Recess at—7:28

Meeting reconvened at — 8:43

EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll

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5. Guest Speaker – 32nd District Congressmember – Brad Sherman

- **Q&A with Congressmen**

6. Presentation Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) – homeless count results

Postponed to next meeting

7. President Appointments:

- Finance Committee – Lara Alameh, committee member**
- A motion from the floor to approve Alternate Signer – Harold Shapiro**

MOVED: Adair **SECOND:** Ahari

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(12)** **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** /

ABSENT:Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**

Item 7.b. carries unanimously /12-0-0-0-4

8. President's Report

- **Immediate Need SONC Secretary**
- Reach out to Howard if Interested
- **Resignation Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair and Government Affairs Committee member**
- **Board Retreat Saturday, August 15th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sherman Oaks Galleria Community Room**
- Please take the time to attend, please respond to emails pertaining to the board retreat.
- **Board Member Funding Training Complete by August 31, 2026**

- **2027 SONC hybrid election day Thursday, May 6, 2027 at Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **SONC, SOHA, Chamber of Commerce Mayoral Debate Wednesday, August 19th 7:00 p.m. at Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center**
- **Six Vacant SONC Board Seats: Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business & Community Interest, Area 5 Residential, Business & Community Interest.**
- Any interest please contact Howard
- **Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100th Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.**
- **SONC sponsored utility box artwork renovation**
- Do we wish to assume the renovation work for the designated utility box.
- **SONC Board and Committee Chair Roster**
- Create an updated board and committee roster at the upcoming board retreat

9. Floor motion – requires a second

- a. **A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) 2027 Election Worksheet**

MOVED: Katchen **SECOND:** Shapiro

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (11) **NO:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw (4)

Item 9.a. carries /11-1-0-0-4

10. Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer & Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Motion from committee

- a. **2026 Sherman Oaks Street Fair – October 18, 2026 A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) participation in the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce 2026 Street Fair on October 18, 2026, and the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for booth fees and SONC outreach materials.**

MOVED: Finance Committee **SECOND:** Does Not Require Second

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (10) **NO:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw (4)

Item 10.a. carries unanimously /10-1-1-0-4

Motion from the Floor – requires a second

- b. **SONC Outstanding Project Award** A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 to support the inaugural presentation of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Outstanding Project Award, venue, recognition, refreshments, and related expenses.

MOVED: Hartsough

SECOND: Kalban

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei

(10) NO: Hartsough **(1) / ABSTAIN:** **(0) / INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis **(1) / ABSENT:**

Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**

Item 10.b. carries unanimously /10-1-1-0-4

11. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees Motions & Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair. PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

Motion revised following committee meeting – requires a second

a. Missing Middle Ordinance Motion -The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests that if the LA City's Missing Middle Ordinance provides additional incentives for greater density beyond those provided by CA State law, those incentives should encourage gentle density that promotes additional naturally affordable housing, better quality of life, and the development of neighborhoods rather than bulky, high-mass unfriendly development currently proposed in the ordinance. Additional City density incentives should be based on at least the following elements: 1) minimum 15-foot front and rear setbacks, 2) at least 25% deep-soil open space, 3) compliance with the Open Space Element and Landscape Ordinance, and 4) objective design standards that ensure new development is thoughtfully integrated with the existing neighborhood. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Vision Committee has put together drawings that demonstrate that the Missing Middle goal of bungalow courts and townhomes can be achieved while meeting all the current zoning setbacks (which we support) and the open space requirements we request. See the rendering below. The Missing Middle Ordinance should also ensure that CA State incentives are implemented in a manner that supports the City's objectives of gentle density.

MOVED: Kalban **SECOND:** Imber

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(12) NO:** **(0) / ABSTAIN:** **(0) / INELIGIBLE:** **(0) /**

ABSENT:Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**

Item 11.a. carries unanimously /12-0-0-0-4

12. a. Traffic Transportation Committee Motions & Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.

Motion from committee

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the City of Los Angeles (City Council and the Department of Transportation) undertake a study of the potential wide-ranging benefits of adoption by the state of California of a comprehensive telematics-based, ultimately universal pay-how-you drive automobile liability insurance requirement on all vehicles registered in the state, and their drivers. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council approved a similar motion in October, 2019. The city of L.A. should undertake this study in coordination with the State of California because it is the state that will need to write and adopt the legislation to enable a state-wide ultimately universal pay-how-you-drive automobile insurance program.

The multiple benefits of universal pay how you drive automobile insurance include: greater road-way safety; insurance cost equity between moderate and good drivers versus immoderate, aggressive, and more dangerous drivers; automobile climate emissions and local air-pollution reduction; a reduction in the growing, outrageous sonic assault of deliberate recreational automobile noise and vibration emissions; an ability to detect, after the fact, street take-over criminality; and a reduction in sometimes problematic motorist-law enforcement interactions as drivers become their own “traffic cops” to reduce their automobile insurance rates and costs. We ask the city to engage, initially, with members of the State Assembly known to be interested in and/or sympathetic to telematics-based driving insurance, including

Assemblymembers Tina McKinnor and Nick Shultz; and to report back to SONC, and other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, regarding progress toward making pay-how-you-drive automobile insurance universal in California, in order to deliver the full range of benefits from this innovation for all Californians: Drivers, non-drivers, pedestrians, transit-users, everyone who lives on an arterial, and who breathes, walks, and lives in Los Angeles.

Amendment

Add the word voluntary in this motion

of a **VOLUNTARY** comprehensive telematics-based.....

Moved: Imber

Second: Materna

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough,

Katchen, Korand, Khazei (11) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** Shapiro (1) / **INELIGIBLE:**

(0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw (4)

Amendment Carries unanimously / 11-0-1-0-4

Amendment to the Amendment

Add the word voluntary in this motion

of a **VOLUNTARY** comprehensive telematics-based,

AND ADD Potential benefits and drawbacks in the first paragraph

Moved: Khazei

Second: Adair

YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Shapiro, Katchen, Korand, Khazei **(11)** / **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** Hartsough **(1)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**
Amendment Carries unanimously / 11-0-1-0-4

MOVED: Traffic and Transportation Committee **SECOND:** Does not Require Second
YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Katchen, Korand, Khazei **(10)** **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** Shapiro, Hartsough **(2)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**
Item 12.a. carries unanimously / 10-0-2-0-4

13. Public Safety Committee Motions & Committee Report- Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Motion from committee

a. CF 26-0906-S4 Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 South Los Palos Street / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

POSITION: Given the existing CERT program and the important role Neighborhood Councils play in supporting their communities during emergencies, the City should evaluate the feasibility of establishing a standardized CERT certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members. "I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely"

MOVED: Public Safety Committee **SECOND:** Does Not Require a Second
YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Korand, Khazei **(11)** / **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** Shapiro **(1)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**
Item 13.a. carries unanimously / 11-0-1-0-4

Motion to Amend, to STRIKE requirement in this sentence.

Excerpt: *"The City should evaluate the feasibility of establishing a standardized CERT certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members."*

Moved: Lindsay **Second: Adair**
YES: Adair, Ahari, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hartsough, Katchen, Korand, Khazei **(11)** / **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** Shapiro **(1)** / **INELIGIBLE:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Silverman, Endashaw **(4)**
Amendment Carries unanimously / 11-0-1-0-4

15. Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]

a. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

- Backpack drive
- September meeting postponed due to it being on labor day

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Next free movie in the park August 22nd

c . Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair. PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

d. Public Safety Motions & Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

e. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative

F. Green and Sustainability Committee

- No meeting in July but will meet this Wednesday August 12th at 6:30 online.

g. Gov Affairs

h. Traffic and transportation

I. Student Committee- Devon

- In the works, currently being created.

16. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

17. Adjournment

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

EL-Bethel Debela