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Neighborhood Council**

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*Alexandria Naseef, 5-R**
Avo Babian, 5-B
Harold Shapiro, 6-CI
Vacant, 6-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Michael Binkow, 7-R
Neal Roden, 7-B
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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):

Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:30 pm

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

- a. Jeffrey Hartsough, President, called the meeting to order at **6:31 pm**.
- b. Gil Imber, Secretary, called the roll.

1) Present: Avo Babian, Levon Baronian, Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Jeffrey Hartsough, Gil Imber, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Fran Kerzner, Sarah Manuel, Lisa Petrus, Hayden Ranshaw, Neal Roden, Harold Shapiro, Candy Williams, Marcus Zimmerman (16).

1. Michael Binkow joined the meeting in progress (1).

2) Absent: Christy Adair (1).

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, July 13, 2020, Board Meeting.
Moved by: Howard Katchen. Seconded by Neal Roden.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Adair, Binkow

Motion to Adopt 2.a carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

- b. Approval of the appointment of Alexandria Naseef as the Area 5 - Residential representative board member.

Moved by: Gil Imber. Seconded by Howard Katchen.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Adair, Binkow

Motion to Adopt 2.b carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

**Alexandria Naseef was sworn in as the SONC Area 5 - Residential board member representative by Betty Wong-Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment.*

3. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials, and Staff

Brad Fingard, Los Angeles City Council District 4.

Tanaz Golshan, Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles.

Emma Taylor, California Assembly District 46.

Betty Wong-Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment.

Hannah Kelley, California Senate District 18.

4. President's Report

- COVID-19 pandemic.
- Preparing for November: 2020 Census.
- Vote November 3
 - Register to vote. California will be using mail-in ballots.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Animal Welfare Committee - Valarie Ianniello, Chair

Valerie was absent and Howard Katchen spoke regarding the Committee: The chair has not been responsive to the SONC 1st VP's communications.

- b. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair

1) **SONC Education Committee Public Outreach Events.**

A motion to approve a series of Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Education Committee public outreach events, which would comprise speakers and discussions on topics of current interest, to be held during the period August 2020 through June 2021. Events will be hosted by the SONC Education Committee, held virtually, and promoted through SONC's digital communication channels. Further, funds not to exceed \$500 are

approved to support these series of events.

Moved by: Joe Cappelletti. **Seconded by:** Lisa Petrus.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef, Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.b.1 carries (roll call vote): 15-0-0.

c. Government Affairs - Gil Imber, Chair

1) **CF 20-0930; CF 20-0944; CF 20-0945 - Face Coverings/Mask Wearing.**

Given the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC)'s previous support of related mask/face covering ordinance [CF 20-0429](#), be it resolved that SONC similarly stands in favor of face covering/mask wearing requirement City Council Files [CF 20-0930](#), [CF 20-0944](#), and [CF 20-0945](#).

Letters: CIS to City Council Files; Letter to David Ryu (CD4).

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.c.1 carries (roll call vote): 17-0-0.

2) **CF 20-0002-S101 and CF 20-0002-S107 - City Council Files Regarding SB 1120 (State Housing Bill / Lot Splits).**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File [CF 20-0002-S101](#), which is in opposition to SB 1120.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes City Council File [CF 20-0002-S107](#) which is in support of SB 1120, unless SB 1120 is amended to eliminate the provisions which reduce existing setback requirements.

CIS for CF 20-0002-S101; CIS against CF 20-0002-S107; Letter to CD4/Ryu.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend by: Jeffrey Hartsough. **Seconded by:** Lisa Petrus.
The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File [CF 20-0002-S101](#), which is in opposition to SB 1120.

CIS for CF 20-0002-S101; Letter to CD4/Ryu.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Jeff Kalban.
The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File [CF 20-0002-S101](#), which is in opposition to SB 1120, and opposes City Council File [CF 20-0002-S107](#) which is in support of SB 1120.

CIS for CF 20-0002-S101; CIS against CF 20-0002-S107; Letter to CD4/Ryu.

To Amend the Amendment:

Yes: Babian, Baronian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: Binkow

Abstain: Ranshaw

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion to Amend 5.c.2 Amendment carries (roll call vote): 15-1-1.

On the Amendment as Amended:

Yes: Babian, Baronian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: Binkow

Abstain: Ranshaw

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion on 5.c.2 Amendment carries (roll call vote): 15-1-1.

On the Motion as Amended:

Yes: Babian, Baronian, J Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: Binkow

Abstain: Ranshaw

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair, L Cappelletti

Motion to Adopt 5.c.2 as Amended carries (roll call vote): 14-1-1.

3) **[CF 20-002-S81](#) Denouncing Bigotry, Hateful Speech, Violent Actions.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File [CF 20-0002-S81](#) and denounces anti-Asian bigotry, Anti-Semitism, hateful speech, and violent actions, and affirms our commitment to the safety and well-being of all community members, including the Asian and Jewish communities, including but not limited to enhanced prosecutions to curb hate acts.

CIS for CF 20-0002-S81, Letter to CD4/Ryu.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, LA Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.c.3 carries (roll call vote): 17-0-0.

4) **[CF 20-0002-S94](#) California State Millionaire's Tax.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File [CF 20-0002-S94](#) in support of a statewide millionaire tax to ensure safety net programs are not cut due to an unprecedented deficit, and presently proposed as an increase of 2% on taxable personal income for Californians whose take-home salary is over one million dollars per year, and only applicable pursuant to the marginal tax model, on that income which exceeds one million dollars.

CIS for CF 20-0002-S94, Letter to CD4/Ryu.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Kerzner, Manuel, Roden, Shapiro,

No: Binkow, Katchen, Petrus, Ranshaw

Abstain: Williams, Zimmerman

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair, Baronian

Motion to Adopt 5.c.4 carries (roll call vote): 10-4-2.

5) **[CF 20-0866](#) Los Angeles Police Foundation Donation to LAPD.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes City Council [CF 20-0866](#), thus opposing acceptance of the proposed \$350,000 donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the LAPD.

CIS against CF 20-0866, Letter to CD4/Ryu.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Motion to Amend by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Fran Kerzner.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes City Council [CF 20-0866](#), thus opposing acceptance of the proposed \$350,000 donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the LAPD. SONC further notes that City Council scheduled and approved CF 20-0866 in such short order as to prevent adequate time for Neighborhood Councils to review this item, and expresses its disapproval of such tactics to bypass local review.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

On the Amendment:

Yes: Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: Baronian, Binkow, Petrus, Ranshaw

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion to Amend 5.c.5 carries (roll call vote): 13-4-0.

Public Comment followed.

On the Motion as Amended:

Yes: Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: Baronian, Binkow, Petrus, Ranshaw

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.c.5 as Amended carries (roll call vote): 13-4-0.

- d. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
- e. Homeless Outreach Committee - Michael Binkow, Co-Chair
- f. Outreach Committee - Sarah Manuel, Chair

1) **SONC Council District 4 Candidate Forum.**

A motion to approve a Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) CD4 Candidate Forum event to be held during the last week of September 2020 (09/22, 09/23, 09/25, 09/27, 09/29). The event will be held virtually and promoted through SONC's digital communication channels. Further, funds not to exceed \$100 are approved to support this event.

Moved by: Sarah Manuel. **Seconded by:** Lisa Petrus.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef, Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.f.1 carries (roll call vote): 15-0-0.

2) **SONC Co-Sponsor LA Works Mask Giveaway and COVID-19 Public Health Guidelines Event.**

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) co-sponsorship of several LA Works Mask Giveaway Events to be held beginning in August 2020 through November 2020. SONC will provide face masks and flyers to encourage compliance with coronavirus public health guidelines. SONC will promote the event through SONC's digital communications channels. Further, funds not to exceed \$400 are approved to support this event.

Moved by: Sarah Manuel. **Seconded by:** Gil Imber.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef, Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 5.f.2 carries (roll call vote): 15-0-0.

- g. Planning & Land Use Committee - Jeff Kalban, Chair
- h. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs
Christy Adair was absent.
- i. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
- j. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate

6. Treasurer's Report - Candy Williams, Treasurer

a. Treasurer's Report

b. **Consent Calendar.**

1) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), June 2020.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending June 30, 2020. The MER for June 2020, is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website.

2) FY 2020-2021 Vendor Payments - AT&T Messaging

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 for AT&T Messaging billings for voicemail services during FY 2020-2021.

3) FY 2020-2021 Vendor Payments - Web Corner, Inc. Web Hosting

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,320 for Web Corner billings for web hosting during FY 2020-2021.

4) FY 2020-2021 Vendor Payments - US Postal Service PO Box

A motion to approve the expenditure of \$134 to renew the SONC US Postal Service Post Office Box (PO Box 5721) for the period August 31, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

5) FY 2020-2021 Vendor Payments - Software Licensing

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 to renew software licenses for SONC equipment and use during FY 20-21.

Moved by: Finance Committee.

Yes: Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Naseef, Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Adair

Motion to Adopt 6.b carries (roll call vote): 15-0-0.

7. **Public Comment**
Public Comment followed.
8. **Announcements on Items within SONC's Jurisdiction**
 - a. LA City Early Notification System (ENS) to receive agendas.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, **9:46 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Gil Imber