

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):

Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2021, 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:** Christy Adair, Avo Babian, Levon Baronian, Michael Binkow, Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Jeffrey Hartsough, Gil Imber, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Sarah Manuel, Lisa Petrus, Hayden Ranshaw, Neal Roden, Harold Shapiro, Candy Williams, Marcus Zimmerman (17).
 - 2) **Absent:** - (0).
2. **Administrative and Board Initiated Motions**
 - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021**

Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Board Meeting.

Moved by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Hartsough.
Motion to Adopt 2.a carries (unanimous consent).
3. **Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials, and Staff**

Andy Soliman, LA City Attorney's Office Neighborhood Prosecutor.
Alexandria Naseef, LA City Council District 4.
Jose Saldana, LAPD Senior Lead Officer.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. SONC 2021 Elections
 - Thank you to all the Candidates
 - Ballots postmarked/cast at SO Library by May 11
 - Challenges - SONC By-Laws
 - b. SONC Youth Seat Appointment for FY 2022
 - c. End of 2021 Fiscal Year

d. Next SONC Board Meeting - June 14, 2021

5. Presentation: The Buckley School, Lisa Turchan, CFO

An update on The Buckley School's response to operating during the pandemic and related issues of interest to the Sherman Oaks community.

6. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair

Discussion followed.

b. Government Affairs - Gil Imber, Chair

1) **CF 21-0031. CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) urges LA City Council, in conjunction with the Department of Sanitation, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other service providers, including potential private-public partnerships, to establish a regular cleanup schedule of encampment sites and to supply trash receptacles such as but not limited to automated litter bins (ALBs) to encampment and other unhoused areas with regular collection in order to gauge the effectiveness of simply providing unhoused persons with the ability to properly dispose of waste.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.b.1 carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

2) **CF 19-1493 & Letter to LAWA. Requesting LAWA to bring in expert help to succeed in advocating for the community's request regarding task force's PPRRY waypoint recommendation at its working group with FAA.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) asks Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to request, the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) to support, the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) to fund, perhaps in the vein of CF

19-1493 relative to funding sources for FAA-related outside counsel expenses, and LA City Council to ensure the hiring of a consultant with experience and a track record of success with the FAA in moving and dispersing NextGen flight paths to assist LAWA staff in achieving the stated action from LAWA in IFP gateway request from the fall of 2020 relative to the PPRRY waypoint.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4, LAWA, VNY CAC, BOAC, and others, as appropriate.

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

Yes: Adair, Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: Binkow, Petrus

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.b.2 carries (roll call vote): 12-2-0.

3) **CF 21-0002-S22. Los Angeles District Attorney / Sentencing Enhancements / Hate Crimes.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 21-0002-S22 in opposing the District Attorney's administrative action to cease seeking sentencing enhancements in criminal cases unless amendment to exempt sentencing enhancements for hate crimes from this policy.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

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

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.b.3 carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.

4) **CF 21-0002-S106. AB 1401 (Friedman) / Minimum Parking Requirements Prohibition / Major Transit Stops / High-Quality Transit Corridor.**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 21- 0002-S106 in opposing AB 1401 (Friedman), which would prohibit a city or county from imposing minimum parking requirements on all developments located within one-half mile walking distance of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.b.4 carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.

c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair

1) **CF 18-0131. Zero Emissions Maintenance Equipment Pilot / City Parks and Golf Courses.**

The SONC board is in support of the council motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on a strategy and timeline for a pilot program to evaluate the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment at parks and golf courses.

SONC recommends that American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA), be the organization that helps the City of Los Angeles with their zero emissions maintenance equipment pilot project, in order to avoid common problems that may arise in transitioning untrained staff. AGZA is the certification organization that helped the City of South Pasadena achieve their groundbreaking zero emission operations for all city properties, and is the most qualified and experienced consultancy to ensure the City's program success. The SONC supports the City's pilot program and urges to implement AGZA's Green Zone certification throughout its parks and golf courses.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Green and Sustainability Committee

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.c.1 carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.

2) **CF 16-0243-S1. Research Partnership / Los Angeles 100 Percent Renewable Energy Study / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.**

The SONC board is in support of the council motion #16-0423-S1 directing the LADWP to reach 100% renewable energy for the grid by 2030, as recommended in the study LADWP 100% Renewable Study release in Feb of 2021.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Green and Sustainability Committee

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.c.2 carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.

d. Outreach Committee - Sarah Manuel, Chair

Hartsough presented the Chair's report on Manuel's behalf.

Discussion followed.

SONC website will be converted to the new site on June 21, 2021.

e. Planning & Land Use Committee - Jeff Kalban, Chair

Discussion followed.

1) **Request of LA City Council / LA Planning Department Amendment to Ventura Cahuenga Specific Plan.**

A motion to endorse and approve the SONC Planning and Land Use Committee motion, passed on April 15, 2021, requesting the Los Angeles City Council re-evaluate their June 2019 action and require the LA Planning Department to do a comprehensive amendment of the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan.

Moved by: Planning and Land Use Committee
Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.e.1 carries (roll call vote): 13-0-0.

f. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs

g. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair

1) **Noise Cameras.**

Letter: A motion to support the implementation of “Noise Cameras” to automatically measure exhaust sounds of vehicles and issue citations to the owners of offending vehicles.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Traffic & Transportation Committee
Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro

No: Ranshaw

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Binkow, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.g.1 carries (roll call vote): 11-1-0.

2) **Letter to Metro opposing the widening of freeways and supporting the proposed underground subway solution in the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.**

Letter: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) urges Los Angeles County Metro Transportation Authority to prioritize equitable capital public transportation expenditures—such as but not limited to the proposed underground ‘subway’ solution in the Sepulveda Transit Corridor—over freeway widening.

Widening freeways and adding lanes often result in negative consequences. Decades of research on the concept of induced demand show that freeway expansions do not alleviate congestion,

do not speed up traffic, and do not decrease travel times. Instead, extra lanes draw in more drivers, who shift away from other modes like public transit.

These consequences run contrary to Metro's climate and equity goals. Freeway widening, in fact, does the opposite of Metro's own stated goals - they further pollute our air, warm our planet, and make our society more unequal. These projects force long-time residents from their homes and demolish houses near freeways. These communities deserve recompense, not more bulldozing.

SONC requests Metro select this equitable fully-underground heavy rail proposal in the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and to refrain from accepting or supporting any project that will evict residents from their homes.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Traffic & Transportation Committee

Discussion followed.

Motion to Commit by: Jeffrey Hartsough. **Seconded by:** Gil Imber.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Baronian, Binkow, Manuel, Williams, Zimmerman

Motion to Commit 6.g.2 to T&T Cmte carries (roll call vote): 12-0-0.

h. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate

7. **Treasurer's Report** - Candy Williams, Treasurer

a. Treasurer's Report

b. **Consent Calendar**

i. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending March 31, 2021.

ii. A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) of \$3000 to the Kester Avenue Elementary PTA to support the school's mural projects.

- iii. A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) of \$2762.50 to the Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation to graffiti proof the painted utility boxes in Sherman Oaks.
- iv. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC)'s expenditure of \$750 to sponsor the painting of a Utility Box at the corner of Ventura Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard as part of SONC's outreach and beautification of our Sherman Oaks community and support of the Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation.
- v. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) donation of up to \$4000 to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.
- vi. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) donation of up to \$4000 to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry.
- vii. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) donation of \$1000 to LA Family Housing in recognition of Marsha Hunt's waiver of licensing fees for the movie "Marsha Hunt's Sweet Adversity" to be shown at the initial SONC virtual movie series event.

Moved by: Finance Committee

Imber requested to remove 7.b.ii (NPG: Kester Ave Elementary PTA) from the consent calendar. Shapiro requested to remove 7.b.iii (NPG: Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation) from the consent calendar. J Cappelletti requested to remove 7.b.vii (Donation to LA Family Housing) from the consent calendar.

7.b.i, iv-vi.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.b.i, iv-vi carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

7.b.ii: Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend 7.b.ii by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Lisa Petrus.

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) of ~~\$3000~~
\$2700.90 to the Kester Avenue Elementary PTA to support the school's
mural projects.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Amend 7.b.ii carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.b.ii as Amended carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

7.b.iii: Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.b.iii carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

7.b.vii: Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.b.vii carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

c. **NPG: Loaves & Fishes II.**

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) of \$2000 to the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. – Loaves & Fishes II to support unhoused individuals and families in poverty.

Moved by: Finance Committee

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian

Motion to Adopt 7.c carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

d. **Outreach: Movies in the Park for June/July Approval.**

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) outreach Movies in the Park in June/July as public health guidelines allow and the expenditure of 2020 encumbered funds of up to \$1885 (Swank Movies \$685 and Pro Outdoor Movies Inc \$1200) for the screening and related expenses.

Moved by: Harold Shapiro. **Seconded by:** Neal Roden.

Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.d carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

e. **Outreach: The Web Corner / SONC website.**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1300 to The Web Corner for the maintenance and email account support for the period August 2020 through July 2021.

Moved by: Harold Shapiro. **Seconded by:** Jeff Kalban.
Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.e carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

f. **Outreach: Election Outreach.**

A motion to approve and provide to the City Clerk details regarding vendors and funds expended under the approved Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) March 8, 2021 motion to expend up to \$4000 funding for election outreach, that information being: Flyer Company, \$1325.00; Got Print, \$497.20; Signs On The Cheap, \$952.84.

Moved by: Harold Shapiro. **Seconded by:** Neal Roden.
Discussion followed.

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

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Zimmerman

Absent: Baronian, Ranshaw

Motion to Adopt 7.f carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.

8. **Public Comment**

Public comment followed.

9. **Announcements by SONC Board members**

Discussion followed.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, **10:24 pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gil Imber