

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):

Minutes

Monday, April 10, 6:30pm

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, comprised 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: Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:43pm**

b. Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)**

ii. Absent: Mericle, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(6)**

2. Comments by Public Officials

Anne-Marie Holeman, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment
filling in for Joel Gonzolez

-Congress of Neighborhoods returning in-person Sat. Sept. 23rd @ LA city hall
SB411 would allow Neighborhood Councils to continue virtual meetings
hearing: Wednesday, April at 9am

SONC election Thurs June 22nd, ballot request deadline: June 3rd

Sebastian Lozano, State Assembly (Laura Friedman's office)
updates on redistrict maps
concerns regarding senate representation
full-time field rep position open for Sherman Oaks/Toluca Lake
bills being considered in State Assembly:
 event ticket regulations (Ticketmaster concerns)
 sustainability in transportation
 restriction of rodenticide use
 AB645 - automated ticketing for speed-safety

Ryan Ahari, City Council District 4 (Nithya Raman's office)
compost bucket distribution
strategies to move RVs off of street-sides, get owners into permanent housing
neighborhood support day at Silverlake Church, April 12 10am-1pm
 ID cards, case work, resource networking, etc
LADWD, measures to improve lighting districts for safety
Councilmember Raman to attend upcoming Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Meeting

3. CA Climate Action Corps Fellowship Participants w/CD4: Composting Presentation

SB1383 - State organics recycling bill, called "ambitious"
 requires restaurants and grocers to donate unsold food
 composting is last resort for food "waste"
Compost pails available for pick-up at:
 upcoming Earth Day Tree Adoption Event, April 22nd 10am-1pm
 or Studio City Library during regular operating hours
April 29th volunteer/outreach event to promote composting, location TBD
Free compost and mulch available through L.A. Sanitation composting sites

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - *brief discussion followed*

5. President's Report

Airport Committee is finalized and has met
Return to In-Person Meetings: Brown Act prevents further virtual meetings for the time being
 no hybrid tech or guidance provided by DONE in the month of March
Elections - several applicants in some areas but none in others
Youth Member appointment search for 2023-24.

6. Action Item: *A motion to approve, by unanimous consent, the minutes of March, 2023.*

Moved: Kalban **Seconded:** Materna
Minutes approved without objection by unanimous consent

7. Committee Reports

a. Airport Cmte. Bob Bramen, Chair. Next meeting date TBD

i. Motion to oppose the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) formally asks the City Council to reject the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal in the best interests of the thousands of residents, schools and businesses impacted by Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and the City's long-term environmental and environmental justice goals, and to send the following letter to CF22-1125 (as a CIS update), CD4, LAWA and other relevant parties:

Whereas,

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supported CF 22-1489 with a Community Impact Statement (CIS), because of our concern over LAWA's land use decisions at VNY and the substantial increase in jet operations that has occurred in recent years. Part of the concern and controversy pertains to major increases in both ramp and hangar accommodations at the landlocked city airport that has effectively facilitated and contributed to hosting larger aircraft sizes and volumes, and what constituents see as an unsustainable influx of non-essential helicopter and jet charters. The latter being of priority concern and the motivation behind City Council's recent adoption of CF 22-1127.

The presentation by LAWA staff to the BOAC regarding the Bonseph Helinet lease failed to disclose that the Bonseph Helinet proposal includes accommodating jets for charter. Additionally, the Bonseph Helinet project is yet another example of the piecemeal approach to redevelopment that LAWA has been doing at VNY for the past decade or more without a comprehensive, detailed plan that quantified the cumulative impact of these projects before they were allowed to proceed as required by CEQA. Considering the City and LAWA have not yet taken steps to dedicate time and resources into a critically needed and updated Airport Plan and CEQA required program level EIR, it seems premature - if not irresponsible - for the City to approve any more redevelopment projects at VNY until proper research has gone into:

-how the airport has transformed to date,

-the best use of remaining parcels and/or the airport's redevelopment opportunities,

-LAWA's current policies, protocols and practices, and

-a thorough environmental review, including the health and quality of life for existing communities both adjacent to the airport and in the low-altitude flight paths of the airport.

We request that you reject the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal for the following reasons:

1. City Council is on record citing the disproportionate detriment felt by the major influx of jet charters at VNY airport. To approve any development that would exacerbate jet charter activity would be a contradiction to council members' expressed concerns and efforts to date to explore how to reduce said detriment on their constituents and our shared natural environments.
2. The gradual reduction in the of diversity in aircraft, namely prop planes, on VNY parcels is what is facilitating the commercial corporate jet activity. The proposal suggests that the helicopter usage and operations would remain the same however, the proposal would again remove occasional use prop plane activity from a property in order to replace them with jets for charter. Communities impacted by the non-essential activity are opposed to introducing more jets for charter to a premises that does not currently house them.

3. Helinet stated to the BOAC that in 2022 they reduced their fleet of helicopters by 30 %. That suggests that status quo is more than sufficient for the societal benefitting medical flights, news reporting and filming activities they serve. The need for a modernized hangar/maintenance facility for helicopters is not in question. However the major expansion of hangar space being proposed in the Bonseph Helinet proposal goes well beyond that needed for helicopters and as indicated in the proposal would allow for an increase in charter jet hangar space.
4. It is within the City's authority and responsibility to reject proposals that do not fit the City's long-term goals, or that are not in the best interest of the city and its citizens. Rejecting the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal would allow the City to consider more options that are better suited for the subject lease parcel, and more compatible with existing communities and our local environment.
5. In addition to the reasons stated above, LAWA has only begun a "VNY Vision Study" touted as a guide for VNY development, so we feel it is premature for LAWA to push any new development proposals, let alone one that would increase the capacity for charter jets under any name or guise.

Therefore, The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) formally asks the City Council to reject the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal in the best interests of the thousands of residents, schools and businesses impacted by Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and the City's long-term environmental and environmental justice goals.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Airport Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **No: (0)** / **Abstain: (0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(6)**

item 7a.i carries unanimously 13-0-0-6

b. Education Cmte. Joe Cappelletti, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: April meeting date TBD

Kester Elementary garden program Successful, Riverside Elementary next garden site

c. Government Affairs Cmte. Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: Next meeting date April 25

i. For CF 23-0002-S38/Same-Sex Marriage Protection

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 23-0002-S38 and Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 to overturn Proposition 8 and protect same-sex marriage in California.

Moved: Imber **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger

Yes: Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **No: (0)** / **Abstain: (0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(6)**

item 7c.i carries unanimously 13-0-0-6

d. Green & Sustainability Cmte. Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: Next meeting date TBD
“Green Business” certifications to curb carbon emissions
Earth Day upcoming, Tree Adoption
Ernie’s Walk

e. Human Services Cmte. Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: next meeting May 1st
upcoming presentation on domestic violence and intimate partner abuse
hygiene products needed for seniors

i. Hygiene Product Drive

A motion to approve a co-sponsorship event with CD4 and a Sherman Oaks school to be determined. Together, we will collect and assemble Care-kits for Sherman Oaks Senior community members who are experiencing economic vulnerability. The Care-Kits will include various items including Laundry Soap, Body Wash, Dish Soap, Lotion. The Care-kits will be distributed to those in need by various non-profits serving our Sherman Oaks community. The event will be held at a publicly accessed location and on either Saturday, June 17th or 24th, 2023.

Moved: Segarra-Bohlinger **Seconded:** Kapukchyan

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(7)**

item 7e.i carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

f. Outreach Cmte. Harold Shapiro, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: next meeting April 18

i. SONC Street Banners

A motion requesting City Council approve SONC’s street banner program for the period of October 14, 2023 - October 14, 2024.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Outreach Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Babian, Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(6)**

item 7e.i carries unanimously 13-0-0-6

g. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Cmte. Jeff Kalban, Chair.

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: April 20, Sherman Oaks Library

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: May 4, Sherman Oaks Library

revised alfresco ordinance, usage of space “near Topsy Cow”

i. Motion to Oppose SB4 Unless Amended.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes Senate Bill 4 (SB4) unless amended to exclude properties that are not contiguous to the main campus of religious institutions or independent institutions of higher learning.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: PLUM Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough (11) / **No:** Segarra-Bohlinger (1) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro (7)

item 7g.i carries 11-1-0-7

ii. Motion to Oppose SB423.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes Senate Bill 423 (SB423).

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: PLUM Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro (7)

item 7g.ii carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

iii. Motion to Support Landscaped Medians on Van Nuys Blvd.

A motion to support the Sherman Oaks Van Nuys Blvd Landscaped Median project, as presented, because it will enhance the beauty of our community, have safety benefits, traffic calming benefits, carbon capture benefits, and stormwater retention benefits. Letter to BID, CD4, PRB, and other relevant parties.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Vision Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro (7)

item 7g.iii carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

h. Public Safety Cmte. Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: next meeting TBD
disaster preparedness, CERT courses, "stop-the-bleed" and hands-only CPR may 2nd 6:30 PM

i. Traffic & Transportation Cmte. Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month: next meeting April 19

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

budget presentations before city council upcoming:

Sat April 15th 9:30am on Zoom, budgetadvocates.org

8. Finance Committee- Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair.

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month:

a. Treasurer's Report - several items in voting for Finance, NPGs

b. Monthly Expenditure Report

A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for period ending February, 2023

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Finance Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro (7)

item 8b carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

c. 2023 SONC Movies in the Park

It is hereby moved to approve up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Movie Series at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park. Funds will go towards film rental / licensing fees, projection services, children's activities possibly including bubble blowing services, face painting, and other family friendly activities. Funding will also be applied to acquiring SONC branded promotional materials.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Finance Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(7)**
item 8c carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

d. Kester Elementary NPG

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,500 to the Kester Ave Elementary PTA in support of the school's Kester Farms gardening program.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Finance Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(7)**
item 8d carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

e. Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation NPG

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$1,300 to the Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation in support of the Foundation's graffiti control program of painted utility boxes in Sherman Oaks.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Finance Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(7)**
item 8e carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

f. Los Angeles Responsible Pitbull Owners (LARPBO) NPG

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,200 to the Los Angeles Responsible Pitbull Owners (LARPBO) in support of LARPBO's dog owner training program at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks park.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

Moved: Finance Cmte. **Seconded:** n/a

Yes: Kapukchyan, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Mericle, Babian, Baronian, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Kang, Shapiro **(7)**

item 8f carries unanimously 12-0-0-7

9. Adjournment- Motion to Adjourn approved by unanimous consent at **9:26pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".