

**Sherman Oaks  
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**Regular Board Meeting Agenda:**  
Monday, July 10, 2023, 6:30 pm

**In-Person Meeting - NEW LOCATION!!!**

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center  
at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park  
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

**Virtual Meeting - For Public Participation Only**

If you are unable to join us in-person, follow along on Zoom!\*

Access Information, via Zoom Webinar ID: **851 4054 3942**.

Via URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85140543942> or dial-in 1-833-548-0282. Enter the above webinar ID.

*\*As this is our first meeting at the Adult Center location, we cannot guarantee the streaming connection's reliability but we will certainly try!*

**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 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, the issue raised by a member of 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, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**Agenda Note:** All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

- 1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
  - a. Welcome and Call to Order.
  - b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

2. **Election of Officers for the 2023-2025 Session**
  - a. Nominations and election of the President for the 2023-2025 Session.
  - b. Nominations and election of the 1st Vice President for 2023-2025.
  - c. Nominations and election of the 2nd Vice President for 2023-2025.
  - d. Nominations and election of the Treasurer for 2023-2025.
  - e. Nominations and election of the Secretary for 2023-2025.
3. **Recognition of New & Retiring Board Members**
4. **Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.
5. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
6. **President's Report**
  - Welcome to New Board Members
    - Setting up your SONC e-mail; website board member profiles.
    - Reminder to new and returning board members on mandatory DONE training requirements, including requirements to vote.
  - Movies in the Park Series: *Mamma Mia!*, July 22 at VNSO Park.
  - In-Person Meetings Update: Board meeting locations for rest of 2023.
    - Limited hybrid encouraged. Contact Lindsay Imber for assistance with limited hybrid meetings.
  - Search for a new Outreach Chair.
    - Lindsay is the new SONC newsletter editor.
7. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
  - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, June 2023.**

**From Floor:** [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.  
A motion to approve the minutes of June 2023.
  - b. **Approval of Rules Committee's Amendment to the SONC Bylaws.**

**From Committee:** Ad Hoc Rules Committee.  
A motion to approve the Rules Committee's proposed amendments to the SONC Bylaws document. This is one of two required Board Meetings during which amendments to the bylaws must be heard prior to final approval.  
[\[Click here to view the Draft Amended Bylaws\]](#)
8. **Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]**
  - a. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.

**Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Alternates with Traffic)**

- b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.  
**Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month**

1. **Attendance/Quorum/Public Comment at City Council - Letter**

**From Committee:** Government Affairs.

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully petitions the Office of Council District 4 (Nithya Raman) to file a motion amending the following numbered points related to the City Council's administration of its scheduled public meetings under the California Brown Act and its rules, with an emphasis on agenda and non-agenda vocalization and communications during public comment periods, and to develop and define Councilmembers duties and participation of its instant proceedings.

[\[Click here for full letter and recommendations, Agenda Item 8b1\]](#)

2. **Against Unless Amended Wildlife Ordinance**

[CF 14-0518](#). Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) / Zone Change (ZC).

**From Committee:** Government Affairs.

*Presentation from Neighbors for Hillside Safety not to exceed 10 minutes.*

*Draft Motion:* Whereas the ordinance affects 23,000 acres, ~~38,000 lots~~ approximately 28,000 parcels, an Environmental Impact Report is Needed before this ordinance is passed. SONC supports the EIR prior to passage of the ordinance.

- c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.  
**Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month**

- d. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.  
**Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month**

- e. Outreach Committee - *Vacant*.  
**Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month**

- f. 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**

1. **For if Amended LA Outdoor Dining Ordinance Amendment**

[CF 20-1074-S4](#). Outdoor Dining / L.A. Al Fresco / Zoning Code Regulations / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment.

**From Committee:** Planning & Land Use (PLUM).

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the Al Fresco Ordinance if amended to address:

- The inequitable disparity between the restaurants that must still pay in lieu of parking fees and the restaurants that have turned their parking

lots into outdoor dining areas without having to pay in lieu of fees for their resulting deficient parking capacity.

- The use of both public and private property for outdoor dining use (currently, the ordinance only addresses private property).

## 2. **Update (Against) to Metro Outdoor Advertising File**

[CF 22-0392](#). Digital Off-Site Signs / Outdoor Advertising / Transportation Communication Network Program Structures / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

*History: SONC submitted a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for this file with the position Against Unless Amended on August 9, 2022.*

**From Committee:** Vision.

*Draft Motion:* The proposed Transportation Communication Network (TCN) (Council File 22-0392) ordinance will allow Metro to erect up to 86 digital billboards on Metro owned property, approximately 50-foot long electronic, moving image billboards with up to 51,000 square feet of display area with an estimated income of \$15 million to \$25 million per year that will be split evenly with Metro and the City of Los Angeles (Metro's annual budget is \$9 billion dollars, LA City's budget is \$43 billion). These billboards will be along freeways and surface streets. For little financial gain from the TNC, the citizens will suffer unnecessary visual blight and unsafe driver distraction. Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the LA City Planning Department's ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow Metro to implement a Transportation Communication Network (TCN) (CF 22-0392).

## 3. **Vesper Ave North of Ventura Blvd / People's Street Study**

**From Committee:** Vision.

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the Vision Committee's proposal to study the conversion of the southern half of Vesper Avenue, between the alley and Ventura Blvd., to become a People Street project. This project will enhance the walkability and quality of life within our commercial center while increasing pedestrian and vehicular safety. We look forward to sharing this opportunity to improve our neighborhood with community feedback as the project is reviewed and developed.

- g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.  
**Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month (starting in August)**
- h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.  
**Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Alternates with Airport)**
- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

**9. Finance Committee - Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.  
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month**

a. Treasurer's Report

b. **Consent Calendar: May MER, July/August Movies**

*[Click here to view the Finance consent calendar Item 9b]*

**From Floor:** Jeffrey Hartsough. Requires a second.

**> SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), May 2023.**

Motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending May 30, 2023.

**> SONC Movie in the Park, July 22, 2023.**

Motion to approve up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Movie Series Movies in the Park screening on July 22, 2023, 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 used for promotion of the SONC Movies in the Park and SONC branded promotional items.

**> SONC Movie in the Park, August 26, 2023.**

Motion to approve up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Movie Series Movies in the Park screening on August 26, 2023, 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 used for promotion of the SONC Movies in the Park and SONC branded promotional items.

**10. Board Member and Committee Chair Announcements**

*Closing announcements from Board Members or Committee Chairs.*

**11. Adjournment**

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