

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Officers**

Lindsay Imber, President 6-R  
Howard Katchen, 1st VP 3-R  
Brett Collier, 2nd VP 2-R  
Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI  
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

**Board Members**

Levon Baronian, 1-B  
Christy Adair, 1-CI  
Thelma Mericle, 1-R  
Arutyun Kapukchyan, 3-B  
Avo Babian, 3-CI  
Arezu Diarian, 4-B  
Brian Patton, 4-CI  
Norayr Tertsaguian, 5-B  
Kylee Pena, 5-R  
Tom Materna, 6-B  
Row Zadeh, 6-CI  
Neal Roden, 7-B  
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI  
Susan Collins, 7-R  
Elias Fennig, Y

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**Regular Board Meeting:**

**Minutes**

Monday, July 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 **6:35pm**

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

**i. Present:** Mericle, Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)**

**ii. Absent:** Kapukchyan(tardy), Babian, Tertsaguian (tardy), Katchen(tardy) **(4)**

**Election of Officers for the 2023-2025 Session**

**a. Nominations and election of the President for the 2023-2025 Session.**

*Materna nominates Imber, Imber accepts*

*Mericle nominates Hartsough, Hartsough declines*

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(18)**

**no: (0) / absent: Babian, Tertsaguian (2) / abstain: (0)**

***Imber approved unanimously as President by voice vote***

**b. Nominations and election of the 1st Vice President for 2023-2025.**

*Materna nominates Katchen, Katchen accepts*

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(18)**

**no: (0) / absent:** Babian, Tertsaguian **(2) / abstain: (0)**

***Katchen approved unanimously as 1st Vice President by voice vote***

**c. Nominations and election of the 2nd Vice President for 2023-2025.**

*Imber nominates Patton, Patton accepts*

*Kalban nominates Roden, Roden declines*

*Hartsough nominates Collier, Collier accepts*

*brief discussion with Q&A followed*

**Patton** - Kapukchyan, Diarian, Adair, Patton, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(9)**

**Collier** - Mericle, Baronian, Collier, Pena, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Hartsough **(9)**

**(absent)** - Babian, Tertsaguian **(2)**

*coin toss to break tie- Patton calls "heads"*

*coin lands on tails*

***Brett Collier approved as 2nd Vice President by coin-toss***

**e. Nominations and election of the Secretary for 2023-2025.**

*Roden nominates Segarra-Bohlinger - Segarra-Bohlinger accepts*

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(18)**

**no: (0) / absent:** Babian, Tertsaguian **(2) / abstain: (0)**

***Segarra-Bohlinger approved unanimously as Secretary by voice vote***

**d. Nominations and election of the Treasurer for 2023-2025.**

*Materna nominates Hartsough, Hartsough accepts*

*Katchen nominates Patton - Patton accepts*

*brief discussion with Q&A followed*

**Hartsough** - Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Adair, Pena, Zadeh, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Hartsough **(14)**

**Patton** - Patton, Materna, Katchen **(3)**

**(abstain)** - Segarra-Bohlinger **(1)**

**(absent)** - Babian, Tertsaguian **(2)**

***Jeffrey Hartsough approved as Treasurer by roll-call vote: 14-3-1-2***

**3. Recognition of incoming/outgoing/continuing board members**

certificates not yet printed

certifications re: voting

#### 4. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

**Diana Rana, Field Deputy** - office of State Assembly District 44 (Laura Friedman)  
Glendale Press Conf. AB648 Speed Safety Systems Pilot Program  
upcoming: July 25th at Laurel Canyon and Fryman (tentative)  
Dist. Office: 818-558-3043

**Meredith McGowan, Senior Librarian** - Los Angeles Public Library, Sherman Oaks  
meeting rooms, resources available  
Wednesday, kids' events - 4pm, sand art, rock art, legos, etc.  
Tuesdays, 2pm Teen resources, tutoring  
Saturday, 2pm Family Food Memories Story Telling

**Los Angeles Fire Department - Chris Riley, Logan Fields**

Battalion 10, Oxnard and Van Nuys  
weather related fire incidents increasing, vegetation dryer than average  
grass "crop" 700% more than healthy level  
low-cost retrofit vis a vis fire safety, fire codes for brush clearance  
infant and child drownings increase  
CPR awareness, swim lessons

**Ryan Ahari, field deputy** - office of City Council District 4 (Nithya Raman)  
unarmed crisis response, "circle team", alternative to LAPD  
Successful Events, Hygiene Supply drive, Movie in the Park  
4-person "homelessness" team

5 unhoused residents near L.A. river moved into housing  
bulky item removal, brush removal, etc. 226 requests in 2023  
Street Lighting upgrades, 90 outstanding requests

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

#### 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 acting SONC newsletter editor, Harold Shapiro recognized for contributions

#### 7. Administrative / Executive motions:

- a. *A motion to approve the SONC Board Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023*

**Moved:** Kapukchyan **Seconded:** Katchen

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(19)**

**no: (0) / absent: Babian (1) / abstain: (0)**

**item 7a carries unanimously by voice vote**

- b. *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.*

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

**Moved:** Rules Cmte. **Seconded:** N/A

- i. *Motion to Continue approval of proposed Amendments to August Board meeting*

**Moved:** Hartsough **Seconded:** Kalban

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger

**no: (0) / absent: Babian (1) / abstain: (0)**

**item 7b.i carries unanimously by voice vote**

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. **Airport Cmte. Bob Bramen, Chair, Tom Materna Provides Update**

Meets 3rd Wednesday of The Month alternating with Traffic & Transportation

- b. **Gov't Affairs Cmte. Lindsay Imber, Chair**

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the Month

- i. **Letter to CD4 re: Quorum / Public Comment**

*MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully petition 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.*

*The purpose of the Los Angeles City Council is to assist, convey and execute the best interests of any stakeholder and the public at large; it is imperative that Council take immediate action to*

*ensure adequate time, resources and diligence are applied in admitting public comment during Council and all other types of meetings and hearings*

*We ask that The Los Angeles City Council take into consideration the following recommendations:*

- 1. Amend Council Rule \*Chapter II. section 7 to include language that requires council to allow any and all members of the public who wish to speak time to do so; public comment period shall continue until the speaker list is exhausted*
- 2. Limit time spent during regularly scheduled meetings on demonstrations and/or presentations that aren't directly related to action items in said meeting (e.g. presentation of awards, staff and member recognition, holiday acknowledgements, etc.) to a cumulative total of fifteen minutes in a single meeting; excluding adjourning motions.*
- 3. Confirm Council Rules in \*\*Chapter IV sections 25-29 regarding quorum, affirm that they apply to all portions of Council Meetings including and especially public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. Request that the Council President enforce quorum at all times, including and especially during public comment period(s).*
- 4. Delineate the Council Chamber perimeter as to quorum and to be present.*
- 5. Maintain free public comment telephonic remote option for all public meetings and hearings.*
- 6. Members of the public shall be entitled to comment on all agenda items for which votes have not been held during public comment on agenda items in regularly scheduled City Council Meetings; regardless of whether public comment was heard during committee, public hearing, etc. [i.e. members of the public should be entitled to use the entirety of their time during general public comment on items outside of the active meeting's agenda.]*

*Lastly to request the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on a draft and annual costs associated with amending the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council, Charter or other law as stated above within 60 days.*

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

**Moved:** Gov't Affairs Cmte. **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Adair, Patton, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (8) / **no:** Diarian, Zadeh, Collins (3)

**absent:** Babian (1)

**abstain:** Mericle, Collier, Tertsaguian, Pena, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Fennig (8)  
**item 8b.i carries 8-3-1-8**

**ii. Wildlife Ordinance**

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.*

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

**Moved:** Gov't Affairs Cmte. **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Hartsough (14)

**no:** Mericle, Katchen (2) / **absent:** Babian (1)

**abstain:** Baronian, Fennig, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)

**item 8b.ii carries 14-2-1-3**

**c. Green & Sustainability Cmte. Avo Babian, Chair**

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

**d. Human Services Cmte. Pamela Harris & Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs**

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month, next meetings July 14th, August 7th

recap: successful hygiene supply drive with CD4 and East Valley Adult Center

**e. Outreach Cmte. (Chair seat vacant)**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

**f. Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) & Vision Cmte.(s) Jeff Kalban, Chair**

*[item taken out of order at approx 9:15pm]*

**i. 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).*

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

**Moved:** Planning & Land Use (PLUM) Cmte. **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (19)  
**no: (0) / absent: Babian (1) / abstain: (0)**  
**item 7f.i carries unanimously by voice vote**

**ii. 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)*

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

**Moved:** Vision Cmte.                    **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (19)  
**no: (0) / absent: Babian (1) / abstain: (0)**  
**item 7f.ii carries unanimously by voice vote**

**iii.** *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.*

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

**Moved:** Vision Cmte.                    **Seconded:** N/A

**yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Collier, Diarian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Pena, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fennig, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (18)  
**no: (0) absent: Babian (1) / abstain: Kapukchyan (1)**  
**item 7b.iii carries unanimously by voice vote**

**g. Public Safety Cmte. Susan Collins, Chair**

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning August 2023

next meeting July 12 at 7pm Sherman Oaks Library  
“National Night Out” with L.A. Chamber of Commerce and LAPD, Tues. Aug. 1

**h. Traffic & Transportation Cmte. Avo Babian, Chair**

meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month, alternating with Airport

**i. Budget Advocates, Howard Katchen**

recap of budget day, “distinguished” speakers in attendance  
recent elections, one vacant position in region 4  
\$13.1 Billion budget approved  
“adequate revenue, structural deficit”

**9. Finance Committee** *[item taken out of order at approx. 9:35pm]*

**a. President's Report:** updates on consent calendar items

**b. Consent Calendar - Finance**

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

*ii. 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.*

*iii. 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.*

*iv. Motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) NC Fiscal Year Admin Packet for FY 2024.*

**Moved:** Hartsough    **Seconded:** Katchen

**yes:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, Tertsaguian, Adair, Patton, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Babian, Baronian **(2)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**Ineligible:** Collier, Diarian, Pena, Zadeh, Fennig **(5)**

**item 9b carries 13-0-2-5**

**10. Board Member & Cmte. Chair Announcements**



help with breaking down furniture after meeting  
sign up sheet for Movie in the Park: Mamma Mia  
Introducing Elias Fennig, Youth representatives  
recycle plastic bottles

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn approved by unanimous consent at **9:48pm**

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".