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SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

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**.

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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 within SONC Jurisdiction 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, issues raised by 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. Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.

3. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**

4. **President's Report**

- Decorum and Code of Conduct
- Board member training
- Policy on Committee Membership for Board Members
- Outreach Committee planning Fall Event in the park (Sat, Nov 4)



5. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**

a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, September 2023.**

From Floor: [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the minutes of September 2023.

b. **Approval of Rules Committee's Amendment to the SONC Bylaws.**

As Amended at August's Meeting

A motion to approve the Rules Committee's proposed amendments to the SONC Bylaws document, as amended. Amendments to the bylaws may be heard prior to final approval.

[[Click here to view the Draft Amended Bylaws](#) (as amended)]

c. **Neighborhood Council Teleconferencing and Remote Meetings (SB 411).**

From Floor: President Lindsay Imber. Requires a second. *Position: **For**.*

[CF 23-1113](#). Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / Remote Meetings / SB 411 / Teleconferencing Provisions / Ralph M. Brown Act.

[CF 23-1114](#). Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / SB 411 / Teleconferencing / Remote Meetings / Brown Act Modification / California Government Code / COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the City's Resolution to authorize Neighborhood Councils to offer teleconferencing or virtual meetings. SONC requests the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) or another appropriate city agency support the Neighborhood Councils with equipment to facilitate technologically integrated in-person, hybrid, and/or virtual meetings, including ensuring the NCs are provided internet access/Wifi at their respective meeting locations if in person, audio/visual equipment if requested by the NC, and multiple licenses for virtual meeting software. The cost for this equipment should not be charged against the individual Neighborhood Councils, all of which operate on a modest budget, but borne by DONE or other city agency.

6. **Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]**

a. Outreach Committee - Brett Collier and Kylee Peña, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month (Oct Date TBD)

- b. 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

- i. **Housing Element and R1 Rezone Beyond State Law Allowance**
From Committee: PLUM. *Position: **Against.***

[CF 21-1230](#). Housing Element / General Plan / 2021-2029.

Whereas the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have sufficient zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, on public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet State housing needs mandates, there is no need to divide and destroy existing residential neighborhoods by rezoning through overlays or other zoning devices of R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU law allows.

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

- i. **5511, 5501 N Ethel Ave Apartments in R1 Zone**
From Committee: Government Affairs. *Position: **Against.***

[CF 23-0835](#). Housing Element / General Plan / 2021-2029.

As stated in our CIS to [CF 21-1230](#), The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow. As stated by the Mayor's office on July 6, 2023, "The proposed project located at 5501-5511 N. Ethel Avenue is in the R1-1 zone and is not eligible for ED1 processing." As such, SONC stands opposed to this irresponsible densification in an R1 zone.

CIS is authorized for related Files that may arise in the future

- ii. **Party House & Home-Sharing Ordinance Violation Enforcement**
From Committee: Government Affairs. *Position: **For.***

[CF 12-1824-S2](#). Party House Violation Enforcement / Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance / Home-Sharing Ordinance / Cost Recovery.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports efforts to make enforcement of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance and the Home-Sharing Ordinance more effective in order to address the scourge of unruly party house disruptions within our community's neighborhoods, including but not limited to noise disturbances until early hours of the morning, dangerous and illegal behaviors such as littering of still-smoldering cigarettes in public areas located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), and other harmful activities. SONC agrees with City Council's finding that current enforcement tools are not strong enough to make an impact and supports City Council's initiatives to explore strengthening its approach, such as increases in fines and other penalties, as well as implementing a cost recovery system that is specific to the

enforcement against party houses. When habitually violative property owners who earn a living renting their properties violative of the provisions of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings and/or Home-Sharing Ordinances consider fines and warnings simply a “cost of doing business,” it is a sign that more needs to be done to prevent further harm from befalling our community. SONC requests the City Council, City Attorney, Department of Building & Safety, Department of Housing, and Department of Planning to take these necessary steps to crack down on habitually problematic home-sharing properties and to restore order to our community.

- d. Airport Committee - Tom Materna, Acting Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Alternates with Traffic)
 - i. **Consent Calendar: VNY Vision, CAC Vacancies, AAM/Air Taxis**
[See the Supporting Documents for this meeting to read the motions]
From Committee: Airport
 - > **VNY Vision’s 6 Steps to Success** *Position: Update/For.*
[CF 22-1127](#). Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan / Zoning Ordinance 177.327 / Community Impact Mitigation.
 - > **VNY CAC Vacancies - Support of Appointment**
SONC supports Roslyn Dahl for one of the Mayor’s VNYCAC Vacancies
 - > **Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM) Proposal** *Position: Against.*
[CF 21-0865](#). Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM) / Urban Aviation / Commercial Drones / Regulatory Framework / Permitting / Fee Structure.
- e. Green&Sustainability, Traffic&Transportation Committees - Avo Babian, Chair.
Green Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month
Traffic Meets on the 3rd Wed of the Month (Alternates with Airport)
- f. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
- g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
- h. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

7. **Finance Committee** - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

a. **Consent Calendar: July MER, Board Member Reimbursement**

From Committee: Finance.

> SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), July 2023.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period ending July 31, 2023.](#)

> Reimburse SONC Board Member Howard Katchen.

A motion to reimburse out of pocket expense of \$45.06 to SONC Board Member Howard Katchen for refreshments purchased for SONC Board meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023.

b. **Consent Calendar: August MER, Storage Unit Keys**

From Floor: Treasurer Jeffrey Hartsough. Requires a second.

> SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), August 2023.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period ending August 31, 2023.](#)

> Purchase of Keys for SONC Storage Unit.

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$10.00 for the purchase of duplicate keys for the security lock on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) storage unit.

8. **Board Member Announcements**

Closing announcements from Board Members.

9. **Adjournment**

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by "**from committee**"); or by an individual board member ("**from floor**"), in which case the motion requires a second. Items initiated via **Consent Calendar** are considered and voted on as one motion; members may request to take an item out of Calendar to consider said item individually.

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