

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Government Affairs Committee

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Minutes

Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:30 pm.



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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. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:30pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
 - i. **Present:** Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (**3**)
 - ii. **Absent:** Katchen, Garris (**2**)

2. Administrative Motions -

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the July, 2023 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*
moved: Materna **seconded:** Imber
[typographical error noted and corrected]
motion approved without objection by unanimous consent

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none

4. Public Comment - brief discussion followed

5. Chairs Report -

board meeting date:
second monday of the month falls (Oct. 9) on a holiday
Oct. 17th tentative date for SONC board meeting

6. Action Items

- a. **CF23-0835.5511, 5501 North Ethel Avenue / Determination of Incomplete Application / Appeal.**
MOTION: *As stated in our CIS to CF21-1230, 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 EDI 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.

Moved: Imber **Seconded:** Materna
yes: Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)
no: (0) absent: Katchen, Garris (2) **abstain: (0)**
item 6a carries unanimously

b. CF12-1824-S2. Party House Violation Enforcement / Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance / Home-Sharing Ordinance /Cost Recovery.

MOTION: 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 increasing 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.

Moved: Imber **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger
yes: Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)
no: (0) absent: Katchen, Garris (2) **abstain: (0)**
item 6b carries unanimously

c. Announcements from committee members -

Materna: next airport committee meeting, Thursday, October 5th
Imber: clarification on Ethel project timeline

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23pm

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".