

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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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  
Arezu Diarian, 4-B  
David Silverman 4-CI  
Kylee Peña, 5-R  
Tom Materna, 6-B  
Row Zadeh, 6-CI  
Neal Roden, 7-B  
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI  
Susan Collins, 7-R  
Elias Fenig, Y

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**Regular Board Meeting:**

**Minutes**

Monday, March 11, 2024 - 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 **6:34pm**

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

**i. Present:** Baronian, Mericle, Silverman, Peña, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)**

**ii. Absent:** Adair, Diarian, Zadeh, Roden, Katchen, Hartsough **(6)**

**2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

**Diane Rana, Field Deputy, 44th state Assembly District (Friendman)**

Rules cmte. referring bills to policy committee

bill re tenancy security deposits

“members” requests would normally be solicited, budget restraints withstanding

EDD webinars, assistance available, state agency communications

Fri April 19th, CalTrans partnership, trash pickup on/off ramp

volunteers needed

DMV has testing modules online

818-558-3043

**Mirna Ezquivel, Field Deputy, Board of Supervisors (Horvath)**

Feb 27th submitted for fiscal audit re LAHSA / 41.18  
updates on residents experiencing homelessness moved into interim / permanent housing  
Women's Day / Women in Military Month  
Feb 28th Regional Technical Experts discussion re coastal resiliency initiative  
Beginning June 1st, unleaded aviation fuel available at Pacoima airport  
Light Rail project meetings, March 14th (in-person), March 21st (ZOOM)  
unhoused resident population, climate change, gender equity among priorities

**Meredith McGowan, Senior Librarian, Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library**

Adult literacy tutors Tuesday 4-6, Wednesday 2-4, no appointment needed  
March 22nd mindful meditation  
April 5th 11am knitting  
April 20th 2pm Sourdough Class

**Sean Regan, Field Deputy, Office of 32nd Congressional District (Sherman)**

Telephone Town Hall April 11th  
help with Medicare, Social Security, IRS, Passport, etc.  
funding secured for  
LAUSD fields, Traffic & Pedestrian Safety, Fire renovations, "affordable" housing  
funding requests upcoming

**3. Board Member Appointment**

- a. *A motion to approve the President's appointment of Harry Kapukchyan as a SONC Board Member to fill vacancy, Area 3 Business*

**moved:** Imber      **second:** Kalban

**Yes:** Baronian, Collier, Diarian Adair, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Imber, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)** / **No:** **(0)**

**Absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Katchen, Hartsough **(6)** / **Abstain:** **(0)**

**Appointment approved unanimously by voice vote 11-0-6-0**

**4. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items - expedited ahead of items 2 and 3**

*brief discussion followed*

*Speakers:*

*caller ending in 4610*

*James Miller*

*Lionel Mares*

**5. President's Report**

Updates to training per DONE

“Gender Identity” module  
complete / update all trainings by June 3rd 2024  
Spring Tree giveaway, Saturday March 23rd  
fruit and shade trees are free for residents of Los Angeles  
trees come in 5 gallon buckets  
specifics of tree varieties not known until day-of

**6. Administrative / Executive motions:**

- a. *A motion to approve the SONC Board Meeting Minutes for February, 2024*

**Moved:** Baronian     **Seconded:** Kapukchyan

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Fenig, Katchen, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **no:** **(0)** / **absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Hartsough **(5)**

**ineligible:** Kapukchyan **(1)**

**minutes approved unanimously by voice vote 12-0-5-0-1**

**7. RI . CF23-0623. Executive Directive No. 1(ED1)**

update to a prior CIS submitted 8/15/23 in which SONC maintained a neutral position and requested more time from City Council before voting on pending motions until Neighborhood Councils have had at least 60 days to consider the items.

POSITION: *For if Amended*

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the ED 1 Ordinance only if amendments are added to the draft ordinance file CF23-0623. We support the guidelines sent by United Neighbors to the PLUM committee, with a particular focus on the importance of the following amendments:*

- 1. Limit the number of waivers and off menu incentives to a total of 6;*
- 2. Requiring rear 15' setbacks to allow for trees to grow and storm water to be captured;*
- 3. Preventing post-development conversion of nonresidential spaces to market rate units;*
- 4. Protecting R 1, HPOZs and Historic Districts in their entirety;*
- 5. Ensuring that substandard streets/ high-fire zones do not qualify for ED-1 fast track approval;*
- 6. Requiring ED 1 projects to meet minimum Tier 2 TOC qualifications. Projects that don't qualify under ED 1 would need to go through discretionary approval.*

**Moved:** Kalban     **Seconded:** Materna

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Katchen, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Fenig, Hartsough **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**ineligible:** Kapukchyan **(1)**

**item 7 carries unanimously 11-0-6-0-1**

## 8. Committee Reports

### a. Finance Cmte. Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair *(absent)*

meets 4th wednesday of the month, next meeting 3/27/24

#### i. Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) - Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library

*[Reconsideration due to potential conflict of interest at prior meeting.]*

*A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library (SOFOTL) in support of their community outreach efforts to provide information and services to the unhoused and others through the distribution of hygiene kits.*

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

**moved:** Finance      **second:** N/A

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Katchen, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(10)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Fenig, Hartsough **(6)** / **abstain:** Collins **(1)**

**ineligible:** Kapukchyan **(1)**

**item 8a.i carries unanimously 10-0-6-1-1**

#### ii. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

*A motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2024.*

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

**moved:** Finance      **second:** N/A

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Katchen, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Fenig, Hartsough **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**ineligible:** Kapukchyan **(1)**

**item 8a.ii carries unanimously 11-0-6-0-1**

### b. Gov't Affairs Cmte.

meets every 4th Tuesday or Thursday, next meeting 3/26/24

#### i. Lease with Bonseph Helinet - CF-0125

POSITION: *Against*

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes CF 24-0125 pertaining to the proposal for Van Nuys Airport to approve a long-term lease with Bonseph Helinet of up to 25 years while determining the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SONC thus supports the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee's report and concurs*

*with this committee's recommendation to disapprove the Board of Airport Commissioners report while the future of this site is reassessed. Therefore, SONC joins our neighbors to the west, Encino Neighborhood Council, in asking that the City Council reject the Bonseph Helinet lease proposal in the best interests of thousands of residents, schools, and businesses impacted, as well as the City's long-term environmental and environmental justice goals.*

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

**moved:** Gov't Affairs                    **second:** N/A

**yes:** Baronian, Mericle, Peña, Zadeh, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Katchen, Collier, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)** / **no:** **(0)**

**absent:** Adair, Diarian, Silverman, Roden, Fenig, Hartsough **(6)** / **abstain:** **(0)**

**ineligible:** Kapukchyan **(1)**

**item 8b.i carries unanimously 11-0-6-0-1**

**c. Outreach Cmte. Kylee Peña, Brett Collier, Co-Chairs**

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month, next meeting 3/19/24

Tree Adoption 3/23/24 starting at 10am

succulents being given away

Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park upcoming

over 30 new SONC street banners

updated resource guide

CIRCLE program for nonviolent incident dispatch

**d. Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) and Vision Committees, Jeff Kalban, Chair**

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month, next meeting 3/21/24

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month, next meeting 4/4/24

Trader Joe's / Sunkist complex discussion

orange line proposal analysis, "community plan"

**e. Human Services Committee, Pamela Harris, Sarah Adamski, co-chairs**

meets 1st monday of the month, next meeting April 1st

chairs unavailable, Pena provided update

upcoming drive with State Assembly's Office

"Meet Your Neighbor" event

**f. Public Safety Committee, Susan Collins, Chair**

meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, next meeting 3/12/24

LAPD division captain Vargas to attend

**g. Budget Advocates, Howard Katchen**

Saturday June 15th 8am / 8:30am - Annual Budget Day

first in-person since 2019

meal provided

\$250,000,000 directed towards “homeless” services in the coming fiscal year

April 22nd, formal presentation by Mayor’s office for upcoming fiscal year

**h. Airport Committee, Bob Bramen, Chair**

meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (alternates with traffic)

no update

**i. Green & Sustainability / Traffic & Transportation**

no update

**7. Board Member Announcements**

remarks on Metro outreach efforts re rail connection

help putting chairs away

acknowledging Collins and Baronian

**8.. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 7:57pm**

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".