

**Sherman Oaks
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Special Board Meeting:
Sherman Oaks/East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Minutes

Monday, November 18, 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 **6:35pm**

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

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)**

ii. Absent: Mericle [tardy], Zadeh **(2)**

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

David Nguyen, Field Deputy, Office of L.A. Mayor (Bass)

New Police Chief

request to send confirmation text with emails

Rosalba Gonzalez, Representative, L.A. Metro

G-Line community relations
bridge/station over Van Nuys, Sepulveda
signal prioritization
construction begins “early winter” 2025
details regarding route, bike path
map circulated
gonzalezR10@metro.net
metro.net/metrogline

Point of Information: New DONE Representative, Lorenzo Briceño [not in attendance]

3. Presentation: LA County Assessor Jeff Prang

*introduction by Howard Katchen
presentation with brief Q&A followed*

4. General Public Comment

brief discussion followed

5. President’s Report

Election Results for area
Assemblymember Shultz
State Senator Stern
December Board meeting will be in-person

6. Administrative motions

a. *A motion to approve the minutes of October 2024 SONC board meeting
motion postponed until December meeting*

7. Motions from Floor [with committee reports]

a. Finance Committee- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) ’s Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending September 30, 2024.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) 's Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending October 31, 2024.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Katchen

YES: Baronian, Adair, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** Roden, Mericle (2)

INELIGIBLE: Ranshaw, Shea, Debela (3) **ABSENT:** Zadeh (1)

item 7a carries unanimously 12-0-2-3-1

**b. Airport Committee- Bob Bramen, Chair. Update from Tom Materna, Vice Chair.
Meets as Called by the Chair**

CF 24-0125

Position: FOR [Update]

This update clarifies SONC seeks a rejection of the Bonseph-Helinet lease at Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and thus takes a position for City Council's motion to reject such lease. Whereas, in June 2023 the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) recommended in its CIS relative to CF 24-0125 that the City Council reject the Bonseph-Helinet lease at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). And, On March 1, 2024, the City Council voted to adopt the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee's recommendation to disapprove the lease based in part on the Councilmembers' assessment of the bidding process being improper due to noncompetitive concerns and violation of the City Charter Section 10.15(d) that granted Bonseph-Helinet LLC unfair advantages. However, because of a FAA Part 13 Complaint initiated by Curt Castagna, a partner of the proposed lessee and President of the VNAA and on behalf of the VNAA, the proposed lease has been brought back to City Council for reconsideration. In light of the proposed lease being considered again, on November 6, 2024 the VNY Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) recommended, for a second time, that the proposed Bonseph-Helinet Lease at VNY be rejected by the City Council. SONC is in support of the VNY CACs November 6th motion to reject the Bonseph-Helinet lease for reasons stated in the CAC motion that include the bidding process leading up to the proposed lease being non-competitive, and as confirmed by a City Attorney letter dated October 29, 2024. We further recommend that, moving forward, the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) respect the City Councils' discretion and work to ensure that bidding processes are fair, open, transparent and with preferential treatment for none.

MOVED: Materna **SECOND:** Collins

YES: Baronian, Mericle, Adair, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber (13) / **NO:** (0)

INELIGIBLE: Ranshaw, Shea, Debela (3)

ABSTAIN: Segarra-Bohlinger (1) **ABSENT:** Zadeh (1)

item 6b carries unanimously 13-0-3-1-1

c. To Support the LAFD Cert Program:

Letter To Fire Commission and other offices/departments as appropriate

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly supports the successful LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also routinely support the LAFD's responses to their routine duties. SONC requests that CERT training courses scheduled for Jan-Mar 2025 be fully supported. SONC recommends and encourages the Fire Commission and the City Council to fund and support the continuation of the CERT Program.

MOVED: Adair

SECOND: Materna

YES: Baronian, Mericle, Adair, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(14)** / **NO:** **(0)**

INELIGIBLE: Ranshaw, Shea, Debela **(3)** / **ABSTAIN:** **(0)** / **ABSENT:** Zadeh **(1)**

item 6c carries unanimously 14-0-3-0-1

7. Committee Reports

a. 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

Community Plan, Next Steps at Vision meeting 12/5/24

City Council PLUM cmte is hearing new CHIP ordinance

draft 3 up for consideration tomorrow (11/19)

b. Public Safety Committee- Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month (unless otherwise posted)

meetings normally occur on ZOOM

CERT report (Adair)- general information and registration: www.cert-la.com

2 classes available, classes begin at 6:30pm and end at approx. 8:30pm

Tuesday Nights in Valley Village, beginning January 7th

Thursday Nights at the Sherman Oaks Galleria, beginning January 9th

c. Human Services Committee- Pamela Harris and Sarah Adamski, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
Kylee Peña provides update
Dec 2nd meeting in-person at the library
Senior Hygiene Drive for December
seeking new committee members
seeking new organizations / nonprofits for collaboration and events

d. Outreach Committee- Kylee Peña, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
David Silverman new Co-chair of outreach (pending exec cmte. approval)
meeting in-person tomorrow (11/19) at the library
Mid-Winter Movie, TBD
Elections will be focus post holiday

e. Government Affairs Committee- Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month
vacancy on the committee
was dark in October

f. Budget Advocates- Howard Katchen, SONC Representative - budgetadvocates.org

“The budget is in trouble, the city is in trouble”
liabilities have exceeded budget, reserve funds used
discussing operations in upcoming meeting
efficiency / better use of funding
advocate on behalf of critical departments
meets on the 1st Monday (evening 7pm), 3rd Saturday (morning, 9:30am)

8. Board Member Announcements

Materna: Mayor Bass to attend Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association:
Wednesday 11/20/24, 6:15 refreshments, 7:15 meeting
Hartsough: Thanks For Voting

9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted

