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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 6:30 PM  
In-Person Meeting  
Sherman Oaks Public Library – Community Room**

**Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**I. Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Hartsough at 6:40 PM**

SONC Committee Members Present – Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro 4 present. Quorum achieved.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:**

Item II. a., A motion to approve SONC Finance Committee draft minutes dated October 23, 2024 and January 29, 2025 as submitted, was brought by Howard Katchen and seconded by Lisa Petrus. Motion was approved by SONC Finance Committee members: Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus and Cheryl Shapiro. 4 yes – 0 no. Motion was unanimously approved.

**III. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger (SONC Secretary, Transportation Committee Chairperson) commented regarding the lack of Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) follow-through on outfitting NC's with technology to provide Hybrid meetings.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)**

Chris Segarra commented that the City of Los Angeles is cutting many programs due to a \$1 Billion deficit in the current fiscal year and was concerned that the Neighborhood Councils would be losing their budget funding as a result.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Item V.a., We are still looking for community members to join the Finance Committee. Individuals interested in becoming a member of the SONC Finance Committee should contact the Chairperson, Jeffrey Hartsough, email: [jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com).

Item V.b., The next SONC Finance Committee scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Item V.c., There will be a need to budget for technology to facilitate conducting hybrid SONC meetings at the Community Center. This includes repairs to their existing audio system and expenses for a projection screen.

**VI. FUNDING MOTIONS:  
ACTED UPON:**

There was a discussion of agenda item VI. a., the monthly expense report (MER) for the period ending February 28, 2025. A motion to approve as submitted was brought by Howard Katchen and seconded by Cheryl Shapiro. Motion was unanimously approved with 4 yes, 0 no votes, (Jeffrey Hartsough, Howard Katchen, Lisa Petrus, Cheryl Shapiro). There were no public comments.

**VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

VII. a., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for Beautify LA, by Mark Ragan, Founder. The requester, Mark Ragan, was not present, newly formed 501c3 (no history). Additionally, the NPG had deficiencies. Request was not viable.

Item II. b., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for 818 Consultants LLC, Monique Johnson. The requester, Monique Johnson, was not present, newly formed 501c3 (no history) and NPG had deficiencies. Request was not viable.

Item II. c., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for Valley Intercommunity Council (VIC), by Steve Gincig, Director of Development. The requester, Steve Gincig, was not present. NPG was not legible. Requestor needs to resubmit.

Item II. d., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application that was submitted for Village of Sherman Oaks, Inc., by Kathleen Wood, Executive Director. The requestor, Kathleen Woods, was not present. The request was not viable.

Item II. e., There was a discussion regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application by North Hollywood Food Pantry, by Barbara Javitz, Secretary. Barbara Javitz was not present. Request is under further review.

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no new committee member announcements.

**IX.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.