

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:  
Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:30 pm**

**In-Person Meeting**

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center  
5056 Van Nuys Blvd



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council  
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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.*

**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. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

**2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items**

- a. A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of June 8, 2026.

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

4. **Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office**  
Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.  
*Pursuant to Brown Act, there will be no discussion/back-and-forth while in session.*
5. **Presentations of Certificates of Recognition to El-Bethel Debela, SONC Youth Representative and Devon Jasiukonis, Alternate Youth Representative -**  
  
**Scheduled Recess - *The Council will stand in Recess.***
6. **Presentation Guest Speaker – City Council District 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman**  
  
**-Councilmember Raman administers Neighborhood Council Oath of Office – Devon Jasiukonis, Youth Representative Board Member and Ian Nachenberg, Alternate Youth Representative**
7. **President’s Report**
  - Immediate Need SONC Secretary
  - Board member resignation Sybil Azur, Area 5 Residential Representative
  - Green & Sustainability Committee – new Beautification Sub-Committee
  - SONC approved By Laws changes – At Large Business and Community Interest seats effective June 29, 2026
  - New Board Member Funding Training Complete by August 31, 2026
  - 2027 SONC hybrid election day May 6, 2027. Candidate filing December 22, 2026 to February 20, 2027. Vote by mail March 7, 2027 to April 17, 2027. Election worksheet by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Board Retreat – proposed dates Saturday, August 8th or August 15th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Student Committee Devon Jasiukonis will serve as Chair and Ian Nachenberg will serve as Vice Chair
  - Vacant SONC Board Seats: Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business & Community Interest, Area 5 Residential, Business & Community Interest.
  - Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.
  - Joy P. Atkinson Neighborhood Council Awards (formerly Empower LA Awards) – Nominations due by July 31st
8. **Green & Sustainability – Elizabeth Meshes, Co-Chair. Meets on** **the**  
**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**Motions from committee:**

**AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry) — Groundwater Recharge and Flood Flow Diversion**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 2026, which would help streamline groundwater recharge projects, support the beneficial use of flood flows, and improve permitting processes while maintaining existing water-right protections. California continues to face increasing climate variability, including periods of severe drought followed by intense storm events. Expanding opportunities to capture and recharge floodwaters can strengthen long-term water resilience, improve groundwater sustainability, reduce stormwater runoff impacts, and support more efficient use of existing water resources. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports policies that advance sustainable water management, climate adaptation, and infrastructure resilience while balancing environmental protections and existing water rights.

**AB 2218 (Kalra) — Water-Related Inequities Affecting Indigenous Peoples**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 2218, which would establish a state policy recognizing water-related inequities committed against Indigenous Peoples of California through state-sanctioned actions and seeks to address those harms through legal recognition, restoration efforts, and replacement of lost benefits. Water access, stewardship, and environmental protection are deeply connected to the cultural, historical, and ecological well-being of Indigenous communities throughout California. Recognizing historical inequities and supporting restorative approaches aligns with broader goals of environmental justice, equity, and sustainable resource management. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports efforts that promote equitable access to natural resources, acknowledge historical harms, and encourage inclusive and just environmental policies throughout California.

**AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan) — Data Center Accountability and Transparency**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports AB 1577, which would require data centers to report information regarding facility locations and size, energy efficiency metrics, and fuel consumption associated with onsite generators and fuel-based energy systems. As California experiences rapid growth in digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence technologies, increased transparency regarding energy and resource use is essential for effective infrastructure planning, environmental review, and climate resilience efforts. Data centers may place substantial demands on electricity, water, and backup fuel systems, making accurate reporting important for local governments, utilities, and communities. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports policies that improve transparency, support informed planning decisions, and advance responsible environmental stewardship while California continues to expand its technological infrastructure.

9. **Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer & Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month**

**Motions from committee**

- a. **SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) May 31, 2026**

**A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending May 31, 2026.**

**[SONC MER for period ending May 31, 2026](#)**

**b. SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) July 25, 2026 Event**

*[This motion was previously approved at the April 13, 2026 SONC Board Meeting]*

**A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900.00 for SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.**

**Funding motions from the Floor – each requires a second**

**c. SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) August 22, 2026**

**A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900.00 for SONC’s Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.**

**d. Reimbursement of SONC Board Member Expenses**

**A motion to reimburse SONC Board Member Jeffrey Hartsough \$29.97 for the purchase of refreshments for volunteers at the SONC Movie in the Park on June 27, 2026. The SONC credit card was not available for use on June 27, 2026.**

**[Pavilions Receipt 27Jun26 \\$29.97 – Refreshment SONC MITP 27Jun26](#)**

**e. The Web Corner Agreement for SONC Web Services**

**A motion to approve the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and The Web Corner to provide the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) with web services for FY 2026-2027.**

**f. SONC Board Retreat**

**A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000.00 in support of a SONC Board Retreat. (Replaces SONC April 13, 2026, motion – new FY2027.)**

**g. SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) June 30, 2026**

**A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending June 30, 2026.**

**[SONC MER for period ending June 30, 2026](#)**

**10. By Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Recommended Additions and Changes to SONC Standing Rules and Procedures**

**Motion from committee to accept recommendations**

**a. Alternate Seats for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.d) Committee Chairs, with concurrence from the President and approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a SONC stakeholder(s) to serve as an alternate member of their committee.**

- b. **General Public Comment (New Standing Rule)** To the extent practicable, the General Public Comment period shall be placed toward the start of the agenda and shall precede Comments by Elected Officials, Staff, etc. The Outreach Committee shall be charged with establishing a form on the SONC website through which to receive electronic public comment prior to each meeting of the full council. Where cumulative public comment for a particular item is no more than 10 speakers per item, public comment time offered to each speaker shall be at least one minute in length.
- c. **Limit Presentations (New Standing Rule)** As a guideline when crafting agendas for each regular monthly meeting of the full council, guest speakers or presentations should be limited to one per meeting. This provision shall not be applicable to board member presentations relating to motions appearing on the agenda.
- d. **Vice and Co-Chairs for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.c)** Committees are encouraged to have appointments for no fewer than: One Chair and One Vice Chair; or Two Co-Chairs.
- e. **Outreach Committee appointments for: (Standing Rule) Newsletter Editor, Website Admin, Social Media, Photographer** Standing Rule C.1.d: The Outreach Committee shall appoint from its membership an editor for the monthly newsletter, administrator for the SONC website, manager for SONC social media, and photographer/videographer or archivist to work in concert with the social media manager. The same person may serve in more than one role.

**11. Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]**

- a. **Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month**
- b. **Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month**
- b. **Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month**
- c. **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**
- d. **Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month**
- e. **Traffic Transportation Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month**
- f. **Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, Budget Advocate & SONC Representative.**

**12. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.**

**13. Adjournment**

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