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Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:30 pm

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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, composed 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: Howard Katchen, President, called the meeting to order at **6:45 pm**

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call: EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(15)**

ii. Absent: Baronian, **(1)**

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

a. From Floor:

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

MOVED: Adair SECOND: Ahari

YES: Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(14)**

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: Stahl (1) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian (1)

Item 2.a. carries unanimously /14-0-1-0-1

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

Public Comment from Attendees

4. Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.

Jayson Buckley Executive Director of Local American Red Cross

- Today the American Red Cross declared a national shortage of blood.
- Donors are in need
- Everyday barriers have contributed to the decline.
- Help us close the gap and consider making an appointment to donate blood, by calling or going online.
- Offers CPR, first aid, and disaster preparedness training.
- Supports military families and veterans with a variety of services.
- Provides assistance after home fires, including emergency lodging, financial aid, and clothing.

Jay Handal Co-chair for Budget Advocates

- Budget day had 407 registrants
- 89 out of 99 of the neighborhood councils were present at the event
- 222 people were added to the mailing list

Anthony Thornton - Field Deputy for Assembly Member Nick Shultz

- Updates in Sacramento
- AB 1546 bill increases the punishment for a driving under the influence (DUI) conviction with two priors from a misdemeanor to a wobbler and increases the punishment for a DUI with four or more priors from a wobbler to a jail felony.
- AB 2319 Enacts the California Postproduction Tax Credit program, authorizing a credit under the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for qualified expenses relating to the postproduction of a qualified motion picture in California.

- This bill is currently in Senate Appropriations. If you would like to support this bill, please contact the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Governor!

Taleen Keuroghlian - Field Deputy for CD-4

- FIFA world cup watchparty, Sunday July 19 at 10:30 am at the Autry Museum
- Summer pool party at VNSO September 5 at 1-5 pm
- Pool party at reseday park on August 1st

Paige Hajiloo Field - Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's

- Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Horvath to strengthen support, resources, and services for existing restaurants navigating the County's permitting and plan check processes, and helping business owners more easily bring new restaurants and food establishments to communities
- met with officials from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to advocate for stronger safety measures and oversight at Whiteman Airport following the two recent crashes.
- The Public Financing Authority (PFA) for the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains Disaster Recovery Financing District (DRD) selected Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath to serve as Chair, adopted its bylaws, held a public hearing, and approved the Infrastructure Financing Plan (IFP), which will guide future investments in recovery and resilience.

Mike Perez- Senior lead officer

- Coffee with a cop on Wednesday 11 am at Steves Coffee Roaster

Scott Abrams- Office of congressman Brad Sherman

- Need help with a Federal Agency reach out to their office
- Come see for Social Security, IRS, and Medicare Issues, anything to do with federal agencies.
- Major federal housing bipartisan legislation became law
- Congressman Sherman wrote a provision of the law, helping homeless veterans qualify for housing.
- In the middle of a federal appropriations process, community project funding grants work with the community to fund community projects, usually only governmental projects.

Emily Aaronson, Branch Manager of sherman oaks library

- Summer reading for all ages, all ages welcome to sign up for the challenge,
- Tote bags for the prize for finishing summer reading challenge
- Still closing the library at some point for repairs on the HVAC system

5. Presentations of Certificates of Recognition to SONC Youth Representative and Alternate Youth Representative

Scheduled Recess - Meeting called into Recess at—7:28

Meeting reconvened at — 8:43

EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll

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ii. Absent: Baronian (1)

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 31st.**
- **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) 100th 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 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Motions from committee:

- a. **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.

b. 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.

c. 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.

Motion to move all motions into one consent calendar motion

MOVED: Shapiro

SECOND: Kalban

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(14)**

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin **(2)**

Item 8.a. carries unanimously /14-0-0-0-2

Motions from Committee

MOVED: Shapiro

SECOND: Kalban

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei **(14)**

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin **(2)**

Item 8.b carries unanimously /14-0-0-0-2

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

Motion from Finance 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

MOVED: Finance Committee

SECOND: Does Not Require

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.a carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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.**

MOVED: Finance Committee

SECOND: Does Not Require

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1)

/ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.b carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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.

MOVED: Hartsough

SECOND: Silverman

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.c carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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

MOVED: Hartsough

SECOND: David

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.d carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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.

MOVED: Hartsough

SECOND: Silverman

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.e carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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.)

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Imber

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.f carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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

MOVED: Hartsough

SECOND: Silverman

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen,

Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 9.g carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-2

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.

MOVED: Ad Hoc Committee

SECOND: From Committee No Second Required

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (14)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 10.a carries unanimously /14-0-0-0-2

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.

MOVED: Ad Hoc Committee

SECOND: From Committee No Second Required

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (11)

NO: Kalban, Katchen (2) / ABSTAIN: Hartsough (1) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 10.b passes /11-2-1-0-2

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.

MOVED: Ad Hoc Committee

SECOND: From Committee No Second Required

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13) NO: Katchen (1) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) / ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)

Item 10.c passes /13-1-0-0-2

d. Vice and Co-Chairs for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.c) encouraged to have appointments for no fewer than: One Chair and Chair; or Two Co-Chairs. Committees are One Vice

MOVED: Ad Hoc Committee **SECOND:** From Committee No Second Required
YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (11) **NO:** Kalban, Katchen (2) / **ABSTAIN:** Hartsough (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) /
ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)
Item 10.d passes /11-2-1-0-2

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.

Motion to Amend

MOVED: Silverman **SECOND:** Imber
YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Shapiro, Korand, Khazei (13) **NO:** Katchen (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) /
ABSENT: Baronian, Durbin (2)
Amendment 10.e carries/ 13-1-0-0-2

Motion to Amend the Amendment: Change to a recommendation, not an appointment.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Imber
YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Korand, Khazei (12) **NO:** Shapiro (1) / **ABSTAIN:** Katchen (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)
Amendment to Amend 10.e carries /12-1-1-0-2

Vote on Motion As Amended

MOVED: Ad Hoc Committee **SECOND:** From Committee No Second Required
YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Endashaw, Hartsough, Katchen, Korand, Khazei (13)
NO: (0) / **ABSTAIN:** Shapiro (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin (2)
Item 10.e. carries unanimously /13-0-1-0-2

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

a. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

- Backpack Drive, and movies are upcoming

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Movie had over 300 people in attendance
- Even bigger movie “BIG” Saturday July 25th
- Shero Con Convention soon, support on August 1st from 12-6, at the Valley Relics Museum
- Contact if interested in tabling there for SONC

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

- Plum meeting is this Thursday July 16th
- Discussing ordinance, and gentle density.
- Demonstrate how stated goals can be met
- Next Meeting is on September 17th, no meeting in August

d. Public Safety Motions & Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

- Public Safety meets tomorrow night at 6:30pm on zoom.

e. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative

- No updates

F. Green and Sustainability Committee

- No updates

g. Gov Affairs

- No updates

h. Traffic and transportation

- No updates

12. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

13. Adjournment

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

EL-Bethel Debela