

**Sherman Oaks
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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) Agenda:

Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:30 pm

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AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

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 by the Presiding Officer.
 - b. Roll Call by the Secretary and the Establishment of Quorum.
 - c. Tribute to former SONC Board Member Sidonia Lax by the 1st Vice President.

2. **Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**
 Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.
[Item 2 will suspend at 7pm and resume following Item 5]

3. **Guest Speaker: NC EVG-h Workshop (Josh Nadel) [~7pm]**

4. **Guest Speaker: LA Clerk (Election Administrator Shawna Dungo) [~7:15pm]**

5. **Guest Speaker: Assembly District 44 (Asm Laura Friedman) [~7:30pm]**

[If applicable, Item 2 will resume following Item 5]

6. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

7. **President’s Report**
 - Resignation of 2nd VP & Vacancy of 2-R and 2-B seats.
 - Call for 2nd VP: E-mail Lindsay if interested.
 - Status of Election & Rules Ad Hoc Committees.
 - Creation of SONC Airport Committee.
 - Bob Bramen & Lisa Petrus were appointed co-chairs.
 - *Next step:* President & Chair will appoint committee members.
 - [2023 Homeless Count](#) - January 24, 2023 @ 14115 Magnolia Blvd.
 - **Chairs:** You must coordinate with Lindsay and/or Jeffrey *prior to* changing your meeting date.
 - SONC Rules of Debate and Decorum Issues.

8. **Motion to Adopt Rules of Debate for SONC Board Meetings**
From Committee: Executive.
 - **Draft Motion:** SONC adopts the following ground rules for Board meetings:

The following debate format shall apply to all items under Board consideration [[see attachment](#)]:

Stage	Time Limit
The Mover, if a motion from Floor, (or Committee Chair, if a motion from Committee) presents (moves) an item.	5 Minutes , Unless Otherwise Indicated on the Agenda

Public Comment is Heard <i>All public commenters wishing to speak may speak once.</i>	1 Minute per Speaker [default] <i>May be adjusted by President</i>
Board Discussion: Opening Round <i>All Board Members wishing to speak may do so.</i>	3 Minutes per Board Member (who wishes to speak)
Board Discussion: Closing Round <i>This occurs after all wanting to speak have spoken once.</i>	1 Minute per Board Member (who wishes to speak)
Voting: The ONLY acceptable responses during Roll Call will be Yes/Yea/Aye, No/Nay, Abstain/Present, Recuse. <i>No debate or explanations shall be allowed during voting, only the vote itself. Members may be cautioned if they attempt to debate during the voting process.</i>	If Roll Call: Members shall respond after called upon solely with their vote. (e.g., “Yes” or “Smith: Yes”)

*The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to adjust time limits if time becomes a factor.
 No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one issue.*

Regardless of Board action in adopting the aforementioned time limits and rules, the attached Robert’s Rules of Order provisions will be applied at all SONC Board meetings. [see attached document]

9. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

a. For Consent Calendar (EVG File & SONC Pilot). [10 Minutes]

A Consent Calendar includes multiple items considered simultaneously. Any member may request to remove an item from the calendar to be considered separately.

From Floor: President Lindsay Imber, requires a second.

> For [CF 22-1070](#). Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) System / In-Person / Emergency Declarations.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1070 to assess if individual Neighborhood Councils may be granted the flexibility to select a preferred meeting option going forward (virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or a hybrid meeting option). SONC recommends City Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment authorize Neighborhood Councils to continue virtual meetings, whether through exclusively virtual meetings or a hybrid in-person & virtual meeting option.

> For Authorizing SONC to participate in EmpowerLA’s Pilot Hybrid Meetings program.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) approves SONC’s selection in the EVG-h Pilot Program pertaining to hybrid in-person and virtual (online) meetings.

b. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, December 2022. [5 Minutes]**

From Floor: [Any Board Member], requires a second.

A motion to approve, by unanimous consent, the minutes of December 2022.

10. Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]

a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: January 16.

b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: TBD.

1) For Consent Calendar (Hate Crimes & Human Rights). [10 Minutes]

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From Committee: Government Affairs.

> For [CF 18-0720-S1](#). Hates Crimes / Reporting and Prevention / Prosecution / LA for All.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 18-0720-S1 seeking a report from LAPD relative to hate crime prevalence in Los Angeles, and from the Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department regarding its "LA for All" campaign, including a report on the scope, impact, best practices, and opportunities for the expansion of hate crime prevention and awareness in the City.

> For [CF 22-1486](#). Fair Treatment / Human Rights Codification / Female, LGBTQ+ and Workers Rights / Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) / International Olympic Committee (ICO).

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1486 to call upon FIFA, the IOC and other international sports and major event organizers to codify human rights within their bylaws, require and promote the fair treatment of workers, women, LGBTQ+ community members and all marginalized people as a condition for participating nations and cities wherever international sporting events are held.

c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: TBD.

d. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: February 6.

e. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: January 17.

- f. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.
PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: January 19.
Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: February 2.

- g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: January 10.

- h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month: January 11.

- 1) **For Presenting T&T LADOT Recommendation to CD4.** [10 Minutes]
From Committee: Traffic & Transportation.

- Motion to present to CD 4 office, the list below of the top projects on the LADOT project list that SONC would like to be prioritized and would most benefit Sherman Oaks. [[See attached document](#)]

- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

11. Additional Motions Presented By Individuals From the Floor

- a. **For LA City Biodiversity Index File.** [10 Minutes]

- From Floor:** Harold Shapiro. Requires a second.

- [CF 22-1469](#). LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery.

- Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is in support of [CF-22-1469](#) LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery. There has been a tremendous loss of native habitat, open space and desert/drought tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment and urban sprawl. When plantings and new landscapes are implemented in developed areas, they typically consist of non-native plants that require greater amounts of a scarce resource in this region - water. Several years of continued drought have created a severe high fire danger and risk to property and lives. Native plants do not require as much water, and will grow naturally, resulting in a natural landscape that will also protect the environment and the inhabitants.

12. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. **Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month:** January 25.

- a. Treasurer's Report

- b. **Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), November 2022.** [5 Minutes]

- From Floor:** Treasurer Jeffrey Hartsough. Requires a second.

- A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period of November 2022.](#)

13. **Adjournment** - Motion to Adjourn in memory of Sidonia Lax.

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by “**from committee**”); or by an individual board member (denoted by “**from floor**”), in which case the motion requires a second.

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