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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2008, 6:00pm
at

CBS Studio Center, Edit. Bldg. 2, Rm 6,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.
Barbara Monahan Burke - Present
Rita Villa - Excused
Ben Neumann - Excused
Michael Klausman - Present
Michael McCue - Excused
Todd Royal - Present
Ann-Marie Whitman - Present
2. Approval of June 25, 2008 SCNC Government Affairs Committee meeting minutes. Ann-Marie Whitman **motion to approve**, Michael Klausman – **second**; **unanimous**.
3. Comments by the Committee Co-Chair Barbara Monahan Burke. **None**.
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction. **None**.
5. Response(s) to comments by Committee Members. **None**.
6. Report on informational special activity concerning LED digital billboards by Michael Klausman. **Michael Klausman** advised the committee that he will arrange for a representative of CBS Outdoor to explain the sales, construction, size and scope of electronic billboard projects. This educational special activity will take place before the South Valley Area Planning Commission hearing that is scheduled for August 28, 2008, if possible. Scheduling of this activity will be coordinated with John Walker. **Barry Johnson** stated that he believes the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan calls for only static signs with no moving parts or changing images. **Connie Elliot** asked "What is the current law?" **Barbara Monahan Burke** will see if there is any information to hand out. There are many questions about compliance in the agreement the City Attorney made with Billboard Companies. **Michael Klausman** suggests there be typical questions prepared ahead of time for the presenter as well as questions from the audience.
7. Report regarding Gangs and Special Order 40 by Todd Royal. **Todd Royal** advised the committee that Special Order 40 is still in committee. The Mayor's Task Force is to keep parks and gyms open late through summer months for at-risk youth and adults.

8. Update regarding billboards and signs by Ann-Marie Whitman. **Ann-Marie Whitman** is monitoring Billboards actively. She checks the listing of proposed signs and billboards weekly. She and Barbara Monahan Burke review sign/billboard exception applications and related information by appointment at City Hall and they write personal letters commenting on such proposals. A City-wide Sign District Proposal would restrict districts to a minimum of three blocks rather than having billboards randomly appear here and there as is the case now
9. Report on LA City Draft Housing Element and Framework EIR by Barbara Monahan Burke. The Report Presentation by Co-Chairs Rita Villa and Barbara Monahan Burke was received enthusiastically by many Neighborhood Councils, Home Owners Associations, Stakeholders, and City Councilmembers and their Staff. Some Task Force members on the other hand expressed disdain. The comments we submitted were a line by line response to many of the items in the draft Housing Element, Initial Study and Checklist related to the Framework EIR and to all of the amendments proposed and to the staff report. Major points made in the presentation were:
 - SB1818 and Draft Housing Element together are the equivalent of Inclusionary Zoning.
 - Requires mixed-income housing.
 - Mandates allowing mixed-use housing.
 - Places emphasis on urban areas of the City at the expense of areas with suburban and rural character and style.

Barry Johnson indicated that he believes that developers will not like the proposed Overlay.

10.Motion:

The Government Affairs Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the reimbursement of \$655.68 to Rita Villa for the 30 full color copies of the PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Housing Element delivered to the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Affordable Housing Commission. **Moved** by Michael Klausman. **Second** by Todd Royal. **Unanimous.**

11. Update of SB1818 at a State and LA City Level by Barbara Monahan Burke. The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (the "VANC") is using a multipronged approach to defeating/reshaping SB1818 at the State and City level. SB2080 has been gutted in Committee. Assemblyman Feuer is trying to influence legislation to change SB1818. Council member Tom La Bonge will speak on SB1818 at the next VANC meeting. **Connie Elliot** questioned what the VANC is, where it meets, and if stakeholders can be part of it. **Barbara Monahan Burke** responded that representatives from San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils meet on issues, take straw votes, and bring issues back to their own neighborhood council boards to have them voted upon. They meet at the Sherman Oaks Hospital on Van Nuys Boulevard north of the 101 Freeway at 6:30 PM the second Thursday of the month. Stakeholders are welcome but they do not vote.
12. Comments from Committee Members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. **None.**
13. Adjournment **Motion** by Todd Royal. **Second** by Ann-Marie Whitman. **Unanimous.**