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**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017  
at 7:00 PM**

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Studio City, CA 91604  
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Committee Members: Lisa Cahan Davis (Chair), Lee Davis (Stakeholder), Carolyn Casavan (Stakeholder), Richard Adams (Stakeholder), Jan Ross (Stakeholder), Ron Meyer (Stakeholder), Heidi MacKay (Board member), Denise Welvang (President, ex-officio)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Update by the Committee Chair (5 min).
3. Approval of March 8 and April 3, 2017 meeting minutes (1 min).
3. Public comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
4. Presentation and discussion of key initiatives from Lisa Hart - Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (10 min).
5. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to: (1.5+ hours).
  - Update on SCNC board motion passed (April Meeting) for review of ban on synthetic pesticide (15 min).
  - Creating "Shade Treescapes" throughout Studio City (streets, parking lots, medians) and replacing dead trees throughout Studio City (15 min).

- Evaluating and assessing how trees are taken out and replaced (what type of tree it replaces, where and when trees get replaced) when dealing with residential and commercial properties (20 min).
  - Status of the sidewalk repair program -- we should know how sustainability is being built into this citywide initiative. Who's in charge? What is the plant replacement and order of repair and tree replacement? (10 min).
  - Funding a Sustainable Gardening Certification program to hold at the library or location to be determined (10 min).
  - Funding a Digital/Social Media Certification program to aid in outreach efforts for community engagement to be held at the library (10 min).
  - Assigned Caltrans' Deputy Director for Environmental Planning to coordinate the plan to plant shade trees along the Ventura 101/Lankershim corridor to improve air/sound pollution (10 min).
  - Creating a MOU and guideline for SCNC funding on Sustainable/Environmental/Green projects brought to Board. May include a) Party must have funds in place – in perpetuity - for maintenance/replacement/etc., b) how SCNC can leverage relationship: SCNC icon on site, eblast to recipients' followers/patrons/etc., c) Community Wide Agreement to survey the health of City or Community planted trees, etc. (20 min).
  - Add a Tree Mapping icon on SCNC site and promote "Urban Forest" initiative and action to our elected officials, LAUSD, and other agencies to increase tree planting, preservation of existing trees, etc. (see <https://www.opentreemap.org/latreemap/page/FAQ/#howuse>) (20 min).
  - Creating an orange grove "pocket park" to harken back to the SFV's farming history (10 min).
  - Creating Clean Our Air Now (COAN) campaign, movement, and practices for elected officials, companies, and related parties to make a short-term to long-term plan to significantly improve the air quality to positively impact the quality of life of all stakeholders (20 min).
  - Seeking a new Chair of Sustainability to start in July 2017, assess options of committee roll-up into another standing SCNC committee or neighboring Neighborhood Council, etc. (10 min).
  - Review opportunities, partnerships, and ideas for large parking lots within Studio City to add more shade (systems to trees) to lessen heat islands. What are guidelines for new construction and cement-to-green space? (10 mins).
  - Full ban on gas powered leaf blowers to move to improved quality of life (lessen noise pollution and improved air quality) or at very least assign "Gas Powered Leaf Blower" liaison - need more attention to education on the ban and the impact on the community due to no enforcement (10 min).
  - Efforts on local water collection, street cut-outs, swells, etc. by elected officials to governing agencies (10 min).
6. Post-events wrap up discussions on 2017's Green Living Fair and Grow Your Business Seminar (10 min).
  7. Comments from members on subject matter within Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
  8. Closing comments by the Committee Chair (2 min).
  9. Adjournment (1 min).

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