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**BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Light Buffet 6:30pm

Meeting 7:00pm

at

**CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of September 17, 2014 Board Minutes (2 min).
3. Presentation of new Board Member **Bill Harmond** [Independent Contractor] (5 min).
4. Comments by the President (10 min).
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min ea).
6. Responses to comments from the Board (2 min each).
7. Updates from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton** (10 min).
8. Treasurer's Report by **Scott Ouellette** (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Reports for September and October, 2014 and hereby accepts and approves them.

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I.

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby reallocates \$6,000 from the Outreach budget to Operational Expenses budget.

Brought by: Scott Ouellette Seconded by: _____

9. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler** (10 min).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a funding request of \$550 to cosponsor a new "History Days at the Campo" to be held on the third Saturday of each month at which time family activities will be provided at no cost to participants. The funding request is conditioned on the SCNC receiving recognition as a cosponsor on all print and promotional materials.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a request from the Studio City Chamber of Commerce (Host Town Committee) for \$3,000 to fund lodging to host 100 athletes and coaches for three nights during the week leading up to the 2015 World Games to be held from 7/25/15-8/2/15, under the Special Olympics 2015 World Games Host Town Program.

10. VANC Report by **Denise Welvang** (10 min).
11. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford or Lisa Cahan Davis** (10 min).
12. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin** (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Zev Yaroslavsky Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project in Studio City.

13. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jane Drucker** (20 min).

Motion A: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports changing the first two (2) Paragraphs of Article XI – Grievance Process to the following:

Upon the first meeting of a newly elected Board the President shall publicly solicit a standing pool of at least twelve (12) stakeholders willing to serve on a Grievance Committee. Any stakeholder may volunteer to be a member of the grievance pool list. The grievance pool

list shall be presented by the President at the next meeting and published on the SCNC website. The Vice President shall be responsible for replacing pool members who may become unable to serve so the pool is always compromised of no fewer than twelve (12) stakeholders.

In the event that twelve (12) stakeholder volunteers do not come forth in the prescribed time, the President shall put on the agenda a presentation of the names of the volunteers that have come forward to date and will request an extension of the time period from the Board to the next regular Board meeting.

Any grievance by a stakeholder or Board member shall be submitted to the Vice President who will promptly log and file it in a grievance file and forward copies to each member of the grievance pool. At the earliest possible time but not later than thirty (30) days after submission of the grievance, the Vice President shall publicly and randomly select a Grievance Committee comprised of five (5) stakeholder volunteers from the full grievance pool. No stakeholder may serve on a grievance committee who has a personal interest in the grievance being heard.

Motion B: BOARD VACANCIES:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council accepts the following changes in Bylaws Article V Section 6, Vacancies:

- A. The President shall announce any vacancy to the public and solicit applicants for the vacant seat.**
- B. Any Stakeholder(s) interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board shall submit a written application to the Secretary.**
- C. The Secretary shall promptly forward to all members of the Board copies of the applications of all stakeholders qualified to hold the vacant seat.**
- D. The President shall appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy not later than the second Board meeting following the vacancy, subject to review, discussion and majority approval of the Board at the meeting.**
- E. If there are no qualified candidates to fill the vacant seat the President shall put on the agenda a request to the Board authorizing the extension of the search to the next regular Board meeting.**

14. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa** (25 min).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to the development of a standard for use of artificial turf in parkways that encourages the use of such turf over the use of environmentally beneficial alternatives such as drought tolerant living landscape. Artificial turf is not alive, does not photosynthesize and does not provide habitat for insects and animals. Additionally, artificial turf has significant environmental downsides including getting much hotter than living plants and it can be dangerous to children and animals.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed modification to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File Numbers 14-1059 and 14-1059-S1.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to:

- 1. The addition of item 2 to Section 17.05A which would permit the modification of the Complete Streets Manual by Streets Standards Committee without notice to Neighborhood Council and public input.**
- 2. The modification of item 7 to Section 17.05D to discourage the use of cul-de-sac streets. However, we support the inclusion of a provision to include passageway for bikes and pedestrians to provide connectivity through cul-de-sac streets to the surrounding area.**

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the modification of item 1 to Section 17.05E requiring alleys at the rear of all lots which are in residential zones and which front an arterial street. However, we request that the City ensure the proper maintenance of such alleys and that an appropriate budget be allocated to allow for the implementation and enforcement of all provisions of the ordinance.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests the return of the \$1,500 it previously contributed to support holding a training class for the animal control officer reserve corps established by Los Angeles City Charter section 22.20.1. The class has not been held in three years since the funds were donated and the funds are not needed at this time. Return of these funds to the SCNC will enable it to utilize them more effectively.

Brought by Rita Villa

Seconded by _____

15. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (5 min).
16. Transportation Report by **Barry Johnson** (20 min).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the Valley Industry and Commerce Association "Valley On Track" and their efforts to insure that the Metropolitan Transit Authority allocates the Valley's appropriate fair share of transit funds and prioritizes Valley rail projects on the Orange Line, the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor and the Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor. A volunteer from the SCNC's Transportation Committee will attend "Valley On Track" meetings and report back to said committee.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a motion to reclassify Laurel Terrace Drive from a "Collector Street" to its rightful classification of "Hillside Street - (Limited)" due to the fact that Laurel Terrace Drive is only 30 feet wide. We further request that Laurel Terrace Drive be designated a "Neighborhood Friendly Street" as described in the Street Classification Section (Sec. 5.1) of the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan - Complete Streets Manual.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation coordinate any Ventura Boulevard emergency closures in Studio City; such that traffic is diverted all the way northward to Moorpark Street so diverted traffic does not arbitrarily and aimlessly meander through residential neighborhood streets.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to develop a funding strategy to reinstitute the City's Speed Hump Program [Council File #12-0252-S3]; to be submitted in the form of a Community Impact Statement.

17. Public Safety Committee & Budget Advocate Report by **Brandon Pender** (10 min).
18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction (10 min).
19. Adjournment (1 min).

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