

**SCNC BOARD**

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**BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
NEW LOCATION  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
Light Buffet 6:30pm  
Meeting 7:00pm**

**at  
CBS Studio Center, MPR-9  
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604  
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Lisa Cahan Davis – present, Jon Epstein – present, Bill Harmond – present, Emily Hibard – present, Alex Izbicki – present, Lisa Karadjian – present, Remy Kessler – present, Brian Mahoney – present, Richard Niederberg – present, Steven Quat – present, Lisa Sarkin – present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 16 voting members; 9 to pass a motion. **Except for item 9 upon which Lisa Sarkin cannot vote and which requires a 2/3rds vote or 10 out of 15 members to pass.** 75 stakeholders present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Approval of June 17, 2015 Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection. Public comment - **Eric Preven** said the June 20, 2014 minutes are not functional. People love the minutes. He expressed his disagreement about the budget, process and transparency. **John Walker** responded that the website has been fixed and the June 2014 minutes are there and accessible.
4. Comments by the President. **John Walker** requested that everyone please adhere to the code of civility. Public comment **Eric Preven** stated that the setting up of the meeting has been confusing. Some in the community reached out and it is not appropriate.
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Jessica Borack** introduced herself and said she is with a coalition to save small business.

She gave an update on street vending. The SCNC opposed street vending. The CLA office held a meeting in May and June. Petition for small business asking community members, BISs and Chambers of Commerce to weigh in with their opinions. They are asking for an "opt-in" program as communities should be able to decide. Enforcement is expensive and regulations on street vending need to be enforced. [savesamllbusinessla@gmail.com](mailto:savesamllbusinessla@gmail.com) **Judy Price** said you are community leaders and activists. This board does that well. You can please all the people some of the time and some none of the time. **Richard Adams** commented on his right to free speech. **Michael McCue** commented on term limits. **John Walker** informed Mr. McCue, he was out of order.

6. Responses to comments from the Board. **Richard Niederberg** said in 1998 he went to the congress of NC's and there was no term limit imposed. It is a participating democracy. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said we have elections next year. Learn about the NC system and run for a board seat. You vote for those sitting here. I encourage you to vote and run for election.
7. Update from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton**. **NONE** - Not here tonight.
8. Petition For Removal of Board Member **Lisa Sarkin** for Violation of Section 1: Code of Civility.

**John Walker** read a prepared statement which is attached in its entirety hereto and then read the motion below.

**MOTION:**

**Having now fully reviewed the portions of the petition (including supporting documents) that the Office of the City Attorney has advised are within the control and jurisdiction of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, and having fully considered all positions for and against the petition, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby finds and determines that Lisa Sarkin should be removed forthwith as a member of the Board of the SCNC and that in accordance with "Article 5 Section 9 subject to City Attorney review"**

**Point of order** regarding date for speaking dates by **Steven Quat**. **Amber Meshack** identified herself as the representative from DONE within the bylaws and said the point of order is not well taken. **Mr. Walker** explained we must stay.

**John Walker** read the Code of Civility.

**Public Comments:**

**For the Petition:**

**Wayne Cole** ceded time to Milner. **Sandra Fox** stated 25 year resident lives on Alcove 500 feet from project. Lisa Sarkin misstated to the board that the neighbors are ok. She only represented the developer. She signed the petition based on the violations. She is asking for removal. Lisa violated the bylaws. **Michael Sher** said he supports the petition. **Richard Adams** provided documents. He said Lisa has done many wonderful things over the years. He believes she has violated the code of conduct. The project will cause Richard Weintraub to make money. He listed some of the items in the petition. He said that the process has not been fair. If we vote appropriately we will lose her services. However, there is no excuse for inappropriate email. **Meredith Zamsay** emphasized the importance of transparency. It is a key component in instilling a sense of trust that the councilmembers have the community's best interest at heart. Given the way she represented the facts and deported herself, she questions whether Lisa understands transparency. Lisa tried to hide the process and squelch feedback and misrepresented to board. She only advocated for one business's interests. She asked: Why is Lisa opposed to supporting a transparent council rather than hear the community concerns? She hopes the concerns will be heard by the council and that we uphold the transparency. Lisa has tarnished the community and board. She hopes that faith will be restored. **Andrea Sher** said her family lived in Studio City for past 30 years and she has voted in all elections. She has always voted for Lisa because she supports save golf and tennis. She and her husband have joined other residents to file an appeal to the Sportsman's Landing project because she learned of a letter to land use committee members which she believes violates bylaws and code of civility by saying neighbors were in favor. She violated the code of civility section 4 based on the bylaws. The Board must ask Ms. Sarkin to take responsibility for her actions. **Janine Milne** said that the central issue is equal representation of all stakeholders. She believes this body should represent from ground up. She saw emails signed by Lisa in her board capacity after the council voted in June 2014. The bylaws say the president is the spokesperson and authorized to speak for NC. All board members can speak for themselves. Emails were signed with her official title. She believes the emails violate the bylaws. The board must have seen the emails and should have spoken amongst themselves. She quoted bylaws section 6. She believes this did not occur in the June 2014 meeting. She knew the Alcove neighbors were not ok with the project. She was shocked to see the email of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are not to continue to be involved. One minute ceded to Patrice Berlin. **Thomas McLemon** said he supports the petition. **Marilyn Harris** gave her time to Patrice Berlin. **Patrice Berlin** said she is the owner of homes in Studio City and close to project. She collected signatures. If you speak and honor her service you are wasting your time. The emails are proof of violation of bylaws and code of civility. She heard of the project when she got the agenda for the June 2014 meeting. None of the board members have a right to not follow bylaws and it is not ok for the board to ignore what neighbors want. Lisa sent lobbying emails to support the project. She is appalled. Richard Weintraub and Lisa colluded to mislead board about opposition to the project. Lisa did not have the authorization to speak when she wrote the letters. Lisa said "in the end the neighbors were ok with the project."

How has Lisa taken responsibility for her actions when the project has half the parking required. She has asked Lisa to step down. **Heidi Mackay** said she has been a Studio City resident for 25 years. The neighborhood council was created to build community and they pledged to fight for us at city hall. She supports the removal of Lisa because of her lack of professionalism. A City Official said you don't have to be within 500 feet of the project to be able to file an appeal. They are here to ask for removal. She asked John Walker if asking for support via email was right and also asking Krekorian the same thing. **Victoria Shullen** said she has lived in Studio City for 36 years but is not in 500 feet of the project but can hear some of their events. She is not saying Sarkin has not performed well for the community. Many of you have positive feelings about her. The neighbors south of the Pet Co development will give an earful. Lisa did not give adequate notice and has not taken into effect the traffic impacts. She questions the nature of the communication with the planning department. Friends of the developers should be excused from working on that issue. **Eric Preven** said it is nice to see the change of tact. This is a tricky business. He believes Lisa Sarkin has been working on behalf of the applicants. She is an aggressive fighter; she has not taken money. She should use her energy to ferment community engagement and involvement. Two sentences jump out at him. Lisa wrote to Jennifer Driver "he will send it in just to be a pain to Richard." after finding out about an appeal. The appellant is a thoughtful individual. She should have not wished him failure. She should have tried to help. "Maybe he won't be able to complete it." Civility code does not allow this. Ms. Sarkin it is time to step down. **Deborah Rachman** cedes time to Eric Preven. **Christopher Nibley** cedes time to Lee Haxel. **Lee Haxel** ceded to Fran Johnson, **Sari Rynew** not here. **Andrew Rynew** supports the petition but is not speaking. **Mike Shulen** said he supports the petition. **Hillel Wasserman** cedes time to Peter Cole. **Fran Johnson** said her family owned property on Alcove since the 40's which is within 500 feet of the project. Her purpose is to talk about the way the project is being forced upon us. This is Lisa's own vanity project. The neighbors were not ok. No one asked her or her family how they felt about the project. Homeowners and renters are all to be represented. The email to the Planning Department was inappropriate. Board members should not push their own agenda. Which Lisa did by asking for board members to write and support the project. She asked why one stakeholder is more worthy of being represented than another. There will be no special treatment as no one available. You change the rules as you go along. If you are not standing up for us, you are not doing your job. **Howard Peterson** said he lives at 11154 Ventura Blvd. He appreciates the work of the neighborhood council and appreciates that the neighborhood is here. He did not come here with strong feelings. His personal experience is when he goes to planning it is amazing when he talks to Jennifer she refers to Lisa. He thinks there is a problem with the planning department. The commissioners said this NC is one of the finest NC's we have. Lisa is a very powerful person. You are not on the counsel to abstain. Don't be influenced by others. Get your own opinions and be fair and reasonable in your judgements. He is not for or against the petition. He wants to hear what Lisa has to say in her 30 minutes. He said if you make a mistake admit it and get over it. **Barbara**



**Leinow** lives on Alcove. She is in favor of petition because of this project and the Petco project where Lisa misled the neighbors. She felt Lisa was dishonest.

### **Against the Petition:**

**Judy Price** said she is a board member of the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council and its former president and land use committee chair. She was already very experienced when she met Lisa. Lisa is a force to be reckoned with. She earned the respect of her peers. Lisa referred to Judy as her mentor. She has set the bar high with her knowledge. Success demands singleness of purpose. She works in the best interest of Studio City. Lisa was instrumental in getting the RFA for Studio City. The City's ordinance has loopholes. Lisa was successful in protecting Studio City working to maintain the integrity of the community. Lisa was targeted and developers did not consider her a friend. The sky did not fall. Other communities scramble to get the same protections. Being a public servant is a hard and thankless job. She has never seen Lisa disparage others who have a different point of view. She works for the benefit of the community. **Mike Resnick** said he wears many hats. He bought a rent controlled apt. He has invested in the rent controlled apartment. He also bought a home in Studio City. He is a preservationist and he worked with the Conservancy. Lisa has always been a supportive of the best interest of this community. Lisa has worked to maintain the texture of the community. It gets better and better because of the things Lisa has done. **Jody Singer Kulczycki** said she has lived in Studio City for 32 years. Listening to both sides is very interesting. People look for the evidence of what they already believe to be true. You can read so many things into what the other side said. A neighbor called her to say she was signing a petition that was important to the community. She told her neighbor this is the lady that saved our community with the RFA. Remarks made to those who signed the petition included telling people Lisa had taken a pay-off and is friends with the developer. People have forgotten what Lisa did for the community with the RFA. When they were reminded, they would not take their name off the petition because they were indifferent. Lisa is a dedicated public servant. This was one sided. **Mike Szymanski** said he works for the LA School Report full time now. He will continue to cover this community. He is breaking his journalistic objectivity tonight. No other journalist has covered this counsel as closely as he has. The land use committee has more attendance than the board meetings. Lisa always follows the rules. When asked for a quote she sends him to John. She often says that she is speaking for herself when appropriate. She browbeats developers when they do not follow the rules. Lisa has been fair and just. With her the neighborhoods come first. She fought the pot shops and more McMansions. The Colfax Bridge would not be open if not for Lisa. This is a misguided ridiculous petition. **James Beacher** said he is on the LUC and he is an architect with 30 years of experience. He moved here in 2009 during the public phase of the RFA. He was approached to volunteer to counter Lisa. Lisa asked him to join the land use committee. He began to see that he had been misinformed and misled. Her sole purpose was to preserve Studio City's character. The level of discourse has been elevated. There

is a land use committee and the LUC passed the motion to support the Sportsmen's Landing Project. There is a group of stakeholders holding Lisa to a very high standard. The Land Use Committee should have power but we don't. We can be a voice for the community as a whole. Lisa works harder than anyone he knows. She is an outstanding stakeholder and a friend. **Stu Miller** said he has lived in Studio City for more than 40 years. This group of people is the board of the Neighborhood Council. All stakeholders are the Neighborhood Council. He used to lay low and ignore neighborhood issues but he learned to get involved. He has found that some only contribute on one particular issue. Petitioners' names can't be found on line. Factually ignorant people are supporting the petition. Lisa is well informed. She should get an award. **Lydia Drew Mather** said she is on the South Valley Area Planning Commission and she voted to support the project. She did not know of Lisa until she came to testify for the board. She represents the entire Studio City stakeholders and all of the above. She has done an ethical process. This vilification is because stakeholders don't understand. She has not always seen eye to eye with Lisa but she respects her. Lydia said there needs to be progress while there is neighborhood protection. Lisa works for the greater good. **Eric Preven** was called out by John Walker for being out of order for the second time this evening. **Mark Drerking** said he is a 20 year resident of Studio City and on the South Valley Area Planning Commission. The Commission tries to treat everyone fairly. Representatives of the BID and the Chamber also spoke at the commission hearing in favor of the project. It sounds like people are just unhappy that the project was approved. **Mel Scott Randall** said he is a stakeholder on the LUC. He has detailed knowledge of the Sportsmen's Landing and Lisa's relation to it. Lisa is being made a scapegoat. The LUC voted unanimously to approve the project and the NC board voted to approve the project. It was approved because zoning is R4 and if we don't weigh in we have no control. This developer made many concessions and he listed them. Noise from event center will be eliminated. Parking and traffic restrictions were negotiated. A condo development would be much worse. Lisa made no false representation. Lisa was defending the vote which is proper. She is not a lobbyist. The petition is packed with false statements. It should be rejected. She did not use any influence on the LUC members. The vote to approve was also by the neighborhood council. **Patty Kirby** said she has lived for 35 years in Studio City and she has participated on many committees. The SCNC goes above and beyond to get documentation and notice to the community. Agendas are usually posted in 5 places. The LUC hearing was done in accordance with the Brown Act. She was informed that the stakeholders were working out issues with the developers. It is Lisa's job to represent us. Lisa was appointed by the President to represent the SCNC. Those signing the petition should volunteer. **Richard Weintraub** said this is surreal. He is the owner of the Event Center and operates the Sportsmen's Lodge. He wants to express that this is a sad thing and he feels this is about money and Lisa has become collateral damage. Ben Reznik and his clients have sunk to a new low. Lisa Sarkin has been a tireless advocate for Studio City. He has disagreed with Lisa many times. He is concerned about the website. He has never socialized with Lisa and he does not even know where she lives. Lisa is not

his lobbyist. Lisa has never asked for money or any type of compensation. His lobbyist is Aaron Green from Afriat Consulting Group. The Alcove neighbors, Patrice Berlin and Perter Cole, have colluded with Ben Reznik to try to get him to give up property that does not belong to them. Reznik tried to do an enormous subdivision on Kelsey. Peter Cole and Patrice Berlin said they did not know about the project and that no notices had been sent but he sent 150 emails. There is no required notice. Lisa demanded that Richard, at his expense, send out a mailer to alert them of the SCNC mailing. The mailing was done by an independent company who did the mailing and he has the invoice here tonight to prove it. This is the least civil group of people he has ever had to deal with. He brought a small bit of what his staff has had to endure. He played a tape of a message left to him by Peter Cole calling Richard a "f\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_ h\_\_\_\_" (expletive deleted). **Michael McCue** said the code of conduct requires respect for stakeholders. He pointed out the violation of the code of conduct. Lisa has the best capability to be the best for the stakeholder. Some misrepresentation took place on the RFA. His believes that Lisa is not going to be voted off the board tonight.

**The 30 minutes allocated to those opposed to the petition expired.**

**26 individuals opposed to the petition were not able to speak but all in favor were allowed to speak.**

The following individuals were opposed to the petition but were not allowed to speak: Anne Mahony, Mark Segel, Mary Weaver, Lorena Parker, Krista Vossler, Wendy Hendrickson, Barry Weiss, Bill Vossler, Tom Vessler, Debbie Vossler, David Gaines, Karen Camp, Arlene Samek, Abby Hope, Mary Garcia, Joann Deutch, Eyal Gamliel, Rob Eidman, Ann-Marie Whitman, Diann Corral, David McKinzie, Susan Hammar, Alex Harrison, Jessie Harrison, Rick Harrison.

**Public Comments were closed.**

**Lisa Sarkin** read a prepared statement which is attached hereto.

**Amber Meshack** made some statements for DONE. She stated that there are no penalties triggered by a code of civility. You have to make specific findings to remove a board member.

**Board Comments:** **Lana Shackelford** said she won't read her comments because of code of civility. **Denise Welvang** said that the March 22 email asks for support of the applicant. She had a problem with that. **Alex Izbicki** said he felt that same email is lobbying and is outside the scope of what the LUC chair should do. He emailed John Walker. **Bill Harmond** said highlighting that one sentence out of the email is taking it out of context. This was to LUC members and it is not a problem. **Brian Mahoney** said we are here because he is bylaws chair. They are a committee of 3 and they are the most transparent committee. We are your assets and you have used up all my time. This was delivered to him. He does not



like a threat. The bylaws committee has been exciting. He is a US army attack candidate. He lives his life that way and he has his wife of 20 years here. He spent the whole Veterans weekend on this matter with 3 city attorneys. PRA requests cost. We have to stop what we are doing. One or two stakeholders have harassed him. The City Attorney has said he does not have to read emails from them any more. The code of civility is a two way street. Most are civil but one or two should be brought in line by other stakeholders. He thanked Lisa for mentoring him. He has disagreed with her from time to time but there is no reason to remove her from the board. This is vindictive and she has been slandered by saying she has taken money. He thanked her. **Remy Kessler** said this board takes these issues seriously. Mr. McCue is the only board member who was removed for misconduct. So the board will do this when necessary. He reminded everyone that it has been 8 months since the Board officially took a position to support the project. There has been no showing that there was any harm and no influence was rendered. There is no basis for removal. This board represents the entire community. We try to do the best job we can. Voting Lisa off the board would be a disservice to the community. **Jon Epstein** said that nothing wrong was done after discarding the emails not in the time period. **Lisa Cahan Davis** observed that the first email is only asking a question. The second email is being sent to the LUC members. The code of conduct is an aspirational goal so it is not a basis for removal. There have been no findings. The March email was also addressed to the city members as well as the LUC members. You have an issue important to you, we as board members listen to everyone and are open to your concerns. There was a committee that vetted the matters and it is upon all of us to be proactive to see what is going on in our back yards. She does not feel that the civility code was broken based upon the emails number 2 through 5. **Gail Steinberg** said that she has sat on land use for 7 years. People come to the party late. We walk the streets ourselves to distribute the notices. We do the best we can. We don't go home after our issue is dealt with. We each sit on several committees. Land use is a hot button in Studio City. We do the best we can for the greater good of the entire community. We sit with developers to have a voice. Developers can build what they want if we do not negotiate with them. We can't please everyone. There was an advisory committee on this issue and the community would have no part of it. **Lisa Karadjian** said that as a stakeholder she was appointed to chair the advisory committee. She sat here attending meeting after meeting. She was passionate about improving the community of Studio City. 5 stakeholders that did come were hostile and angry about what had been going on with the Sportsmen's Lodge. Lisa has always acted in a civil and professional manner. What she has received is a lot of name calling. She was told by Peter Cole to go back to Armenia. He said he could only hit Richard Weintraub in his pocketbook. She had been to many meetings with Sarkin. She is a fair and outspoken person who cares about our community. She does not lobby and is not against the neighborhood. She sticks up for what the community wants. **Emily Hibard** wants to change things for improvement. This developer wants to work with the stakeholders. Emily represents renters. Lisa Sarkin has been very helpful to her in transitioning from her educational knowledge to what happens



here. She respects those here that have lived here longer than she has been alive. She may have done things differently but this is unfounded. **Steven Quat** said that Stu Miller had made factually wrong statements but the emails speak for themselves. He asked how do you know Richard and Lisa are not friends, maybe their mother's are? **Jon Epstein** raised a point of order. Steven is not speaking on the item. Steven said the President did not authorize Lisa to speak on behalf of the board which was a violation of the bylaws. **Richard Niederberg** has lived in Studio City over 60 years. The allegation is not supported. **Lana Shackelford** said she acted within her authority. There is no finer or fairer worker than that done by Lisa Sarkin. She is proud to serve on the board and thanked Lisa for her service. Show up! No one should have to suffer what Lisa has. Support your community and get involved.

Move to dismiss the petition by Rita Villa and Second by Lana Shackelford. **Remy Kessler** said there is already a motion on the table. Then the vote was taken on the original motion previously read by John Walker.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit III. **Motion fails.**

9. Treasurer's Report by **Bill Harmond**. **Bill Harmond** reviewed the monthly expenditure report. The SCNC continues to be the Jedi of budgeting. We only left \$15 on the table. \$8,150 is unallocated for the rest of the year 2015-2106.

**John Walker** read Motion A.

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for June, 2015 and hereby accepts and approves it.**

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I. **Approved** in the absence of objection.

**Bill Harmond** gave background on Motion B. **John Walker** read Motion B.

**Moved:** Bill Harmond; **Second:** Brian Mahoney

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves applications by Studio City Beautification (\$2,000) and Rio Vista Elementary School (\$1,000) under CD2's Matching Beautification Grant Program. These amounts match the SCNC's Board approved 2015-2016 Neighborhood Purpose Grants.**

**Lisa Sarkin** explained how this works. **Lana Shackelford** asked where the money for Beautification was going.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit II. **Motion carried.**

10. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler**. **Remy Kessler** stated that there had been no meeting this month. **Eric Preven** submitted comment card but was not there when called.
11. VANC & Budget Representative Report by **Steven Quat**. **Steven Quat** stated that the budget reps will meet Saturday for the first time. The Mayor did not come to budget day. Rick Hall was there and the reps appreciated the time he gave us. He gave lots of information and got some of the recommendations to the City. VANC REPORT– reinstating the \$5,000 which had previously been reduced from the neighborhood council budgets. The money will come in quarterly. Starting with the second quarter. The DWP is asking for a 30% increase in rates. This will impact the average homeowner by 18%. The rate payer advocate is doing nothing. No money has been spent on infrastructure. 60% of the pipes in the city are beyond their life expectancy. There no system in place for delivery of replacement pipes. The cost will be astronomical. **Denise Welvang** said they do not make as much money because we are not using as much water. So now they are charging us more. There are 1.5 million more people but we use less water than 20 years ago. **Lisa Sarkin** said pipes installed in 1911 are over 100 years old. She asked how the mayor is proposing to supplying water to the 100,000 new homes he wants built. Water mains are breaking. **John Walker** asked what VANC or the NC's can do to prevent this misuse of water. **Steven Quat** said hold the City's feet to the fire. **John Walker** asked if VANC can be the catalyst to get something done.
12. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford**. **Lana Shackelford** reported on Movies in the Park coming up. Please pass out the cards on Movies in the Park. We need volunteers. The Outreach Committee is embarking on a good neighbor law campaign. Movies are set for library screening in October. There will be 8 movies, 2 or 3 a week. On October 31, come in costume.
13. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin or Lisa Karadjian**. **Lisa Karadjian** reported no meeting was held in June as there was no quorum. 7 land use applications are coming up. July 15 the blitz list work was done. She met with the supervisor of street services. We will get the completed list. The supervisor is willing to come to talk to the board. She requested addresses for asphalt repair for the next one in January 2016. **Alex Izbicki** asked if the old blitz list stuff that did not get done will get on the new blitz list. **Lisa Sarkin** responded that anything that can be done gets done.
14. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** stated that there was no meeting as no motions could be entertained tonight in light of other matters that were on the agenda.

15. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson**. No report was presented as **Barry Johnson** could not attend tonight because of work commitments.
16. Bylaws Committee Report by **Brian Mahoney**. **Brian Mahoney** stated there was no meeting so there is no report. He has completed his two years of serving on the board of the SCNC. He thanked his committee members. He specifically Thanked Brandon Pender and Bill Harmond for their work as well.
17. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** reported that there are no requests for money. "Where to Live and Dine in Studio City" will be a retrospective presented at the library. The oldest building in the valley is threatened with demolition. It is located at 10015 Aqua Vista near Vineland. The demolition order is in place. The Council Office will do nothing about it. That is a piece of history which we don't want to lose.
18. Sustainability Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** reported that the committee met Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are now 9 people on the committee. One person from the committee will attend the meeting on the sidewalks being held July 30, 2014. The Committee will discuss sidewalk repair and how to go about it. On October 17, 2015 from 3:00PM to 5:00PM there will be a sustainability seminar. How to save trees will also be discussed. The next Green Living Fair will either be held 4/30/16 or 5/14/16.
19. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Boards jurisdiction. **John Walker** said this is not easy. He thanked Brian Mahoney for standing shoulder to shoulder with him at difficult times. There will be two new people to lead the Bylaws Committee, Alex Izbicki will be vice chair and Jeff Carter will chair the committee. **Lana Shackelford** acknowledged Brian's wife and daughter that have put in lots of time at many events. **Lisa Davis** said we all come from different places but we respect what he has done. **Steven Quat** thanked him for his service to us and our nation.
20. Adjournment. **Moved:** Denise Welvang; **Second:** Lana Shackelford. **Vote:** Unanimous.



GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE STUDIO CITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL JULY BOARD MEETING.

I HOPE THIS MEETING REMAINS CIVIL AND THAT  
RESPECT CAN BE SHOWN FROM ALL PARTIES  
INVOLVED. I WILL NOT TAKE UP TOO MUCH TIME  
HERE. I WILL HOWEVER BE READING AND SHARING  
DIRECTIVES FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY WHEN WE  
ARRIVE AT ITEM #8 ON OUR AGENDA:

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE OF OUR  
RULES FOR DECORUM AND ORDER THAT ARE  
POSTED ON THE EASELS. NO SHOUTING OUT, NO  
SPEAKING OUT OF ORDER AND STANDING IS ONLY  
ALLOWED AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM, NOT ON THE  
SIDES. YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO WARNINGS, ON THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING. I  
SINCERELY HOPE IT DOES NOT COME TO THAT.

WE WILL NOW GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-  
AGENDA ITEMS - TO BE CLEAR, THESE ARE  
COMMENTS THAT DO NOT RELATE TO ITEM #8 OR  
ANY OTHER ITEM THAT IS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.  
WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED, PLEASE COME TO  
THE MICROPHONE - STATE YOUR NAME AND YOU  
HAVE TWO MINUTES. YOU WILL RECEIVE A 30  
MINUTE WARNING AND ARE ASKED TO PLEASE  
WRAP UP YOUR COMMENTS.



LET ME START THIS PROCESS BY SHARING  
INFORMATION:

ON THE ADVICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, I WILL  
NOT BE READING HIS LETTER OR WAVING OUR  
CLIENT PRIVILEGE. I INCLUDED (EXCERPTS) IN  
OUR NEWSLETTER (IN QUOTES) ON MY OWN  
BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE  
PETITIONERS WERE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE  
JURISDICTION IN PARTS OF THE PETITION THAT  
DEAL WITH STATE RULES. IF YOU WANT TO PURSUE  
THOSE, YOU MUST DO THAT THROUGH YOUR OWN  
LEGAL COUNSEL. I INCLUDED THOSE EXCERPTS  
BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE TRANSPARENT TO THE  
PETITIONERS AND AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE CITY  
ATTORNEY AND EXPLAINING MY REASONS, HE  
GRANTED PERMISSION - FOR THAT PURPOSE ONLY.  
THIS BOARD CAN ONLY DETERMINE REMOVAL, AS  
THE PETITION REQUESTS IF THEY FIND THAT  
TRANSMITTING AN EMAIL VIOLATES A PROVISION  
TO CONDUCT SCNC BUSINESS IN A CIVIL,  
PROFESSIONAL AND RESPECTFUL MANNER.  
WITHIN THE PETITION ITSELF, THOSE ISSUES FALL  
UNDER ITEMS #2,3,4 and 5. ANY DETERMINATION  
REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE (LISTED IN ARTICLE V,  
SECTION 9) OF ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS. THE  
ACCUSED BOARD MEMBER WILL NOT VOTE AND  
WILL NOT COUNT AS PART OF THE VOTE. SO WE  
HAVE 15 PRESENT AND WILL NEED 10 TO PASS THE  
MOTION.



ENFORCEMENT OF THIS BOARD REMOVAL PROCESS  
IS SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE OFFICE OF  
THE CITY ATTORNEY.

I HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM SEVERAL  
STAKEHOLDERS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER  
THEIR TIME TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND AFTER  
CONFERRING WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY, IT WAS  
DECIDED THAT I WILL ALLOW THAT. BUT PLEASE  
REMEMBER THAT EACH SIDE WILL BE ALLOWED 30  
MINUTES TOTAL, SO IF SOMEONE HAS COLLECTED 9,  
12 OR 15 MINUTES IT WILL LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF  
OTHER SPEAKERS. WE SENT OUT AN EB LAST SAYING  
WE WOULD CONSIDER THAT REQUEST AT THIS  
MEETING.

SINCE WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THE  
TRANSMISSION OF EMAILS, I NEED TO INFORM THE  
BOARD THAT TWO OF THOSE CONTAINED IN YOUR  
DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE INCLUDED AS THEY ARE  
PAST THE ALLOWED 90 DAY PERIOD, PER ARTICLE V,  
SEC 9: ONE IS DATED JANUARY 6, 2015 AND THE  
OTHER IS DATED JUNE 24, 2009. PLEASE CROSS THEM  
OUT. THESE TWO ITEMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO  
BE INCLUDED IN OUR DELIBERATIONS.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT AS A  
STAKEHOLDER, ANY BOARD MEMBER MAY SPEAK,  
LOBBY OR OTHERWISE MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AS  
LONG AS IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT YOU ARE  
SPEAKING AS A STAKEHOLDER AND NOT AS A BOARD  
MEMBER.



**THAT WE HAVE A STARTING POINT AND  
UNDERSTAND, WE ARE CHARGED WITH A SPECIFIC  
RESPONSIBILITY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE PETITION  
FOR REMOVAL:**

On May 20, 2015, the Chair of the SCNC Bylaws Committee received a petition to remove Lisa Sarkin from the SCNC Board. On May 26, 2015, the SCNC Bylaws Committee timely met to determine, pursuant to Article V, Section 9(A) of the SCNC Bylaws, whether the petition satisfies the requirements of Article V, Section 9(A), and that the petition forms required in Article 9(A)(5) are legible and appear to contain valid information and signatures. The Bylaws Committee determined, by a vote of 2-1-0, that the petition satisfies the requirements of Article V, Section 9(A) and that the petition forms are legible and appear to contain valid information and signatures. Subsequently, the additional requirements of Article V, Section 9(A) were followed, namely that the petition was forwarded to the Board President, that the Board President timely distributed the petition to all Board members, that the accused Board member was granted 30 days to make her determination about the facts alleged in the petition and the validity of the petition information and signatures and, finally, that the petition was timely placed on the Board agenda.

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**

**Board Vote Form**

NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

Meeting Date: 15-Jul-15

Agenda Item: 8 EXHIBIT III



**USE THIS FORM FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDING ITEMS:**

- ☐ APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT
- ☐ BUDGET PACKAGE APPROVAL / AMENDMENT
- ☐ APPOINTMENT OF FUNDING OFFICER / CARDHOLDER
- ☒ OTHER: NON-FUNDING ACTION ITEM

**Description:** Having now fully reviewed the portions of the petition (including supporting documents) that the Office of the City Attorney has advised are within the control and jurisdiction of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, and having fully considered all positions for and against the petition, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby finds and determines that Lisa Sarkin should be removed forthwith

**Vote Count**

**\*Recused-Boardmember must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is completed.**

Board Member Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	*Recused	Absent	Ineligible
John Walker	President		X				
Lisa Sarkin	Vice President						X
Bill Harmond	Treasurer		X				
Rita Villa	Secretary		X				
Alex Izbicki	Corresponding Secretary		X				
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member		X				
Jon Epstein	Youth Member		X				
Emily Hilbard	Board Member		X				
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member		X				
Remy Kessler	Board Member		X				
Brian Mahoney	Board Member		X				
Richard Niederberg	Board Member		X				
Steven Quat	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member		X				
Gail Steinberg	Board Member		X				
Denise Welvang	Board Member	X					
NC Quorum:							
<b>Totals:</b>		2	13				1

We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with the Brown Act, where with a quorum of Board Members present, the Council approved the above action.

Treasurer's Signature:		Signer's Signature:	
Print/Type name:		Print/Type name:	
Date:		Date:	
NC Additional Comments			

NC NAME:	Studio City
Meeting Date:	0
Agenda Item:	0

## Vote Count

**\*Recused-Boardmember must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is completed.**

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NC NAME:	Studio City
Meeting Date:	0
Agenda Item:	0

## Vote Count

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# Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Funding Request Form



**NC NAME:** Studio City  
**Budget Fiscal Year:** 2014-2015  
**Request Date:** 15-Jul-15  
**Meeting Date:** 15-Jul-15  
**Agenda Item:** 9B EXHIBIT II

**Requestor:** SCNC Budget Committee  
**Vendor:** Studio City Beautification and Rio Vista Elementary  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount:\$** \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively

- ☐ Operations
 ☐ Outreach
 ☒ NC Sponsored Event
 ☒ Neighborhood Purpose Grant  
☐ Contract / Lease
 ☐ Board Member Reimbursement
 ☐ Community Improvement Project  
☐ Out of State
 ☐ 1099 Expense
 ☐ One Time Expense
 ☐ Monthly
 ☐ Multiple # of payments

**If a bank card exemption of the daily \$1,000 limit is required for this request, please provide the date(s) and amount needed for the daily limit to be lifted:**

**Public Benefit  
Description**

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves applications by Studio City Beautification (\$2,000) and Rio Vista Elementary School (\$1,000) under CD2's Matching Beautification Grant Program. These amounts match the SCNC's Board approved 2015-2016 Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

## Vote Count (Continued on page 2 if more than 20 Board Members)

**\*Recused-Boardmember must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is completed.**

Board Member Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	*Recused	Absent	Ineligible
John Walker	President	X					
Lisa Sarkin	Vice President	X					
Bill Harmond	Treasurer	X					
Rita Villa	Secretary	X					
Alex Izbicki	Corresponding Secretary	X					
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member		X				
Jon Epstein	Youth Member	X					
Emily Hibbard	Board Member	X					
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
Remy Kessler	Board Member	X					
Brian Mahoney	Board Member	X					
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
Steven Quat	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member	X					
Gail Steinberg	Board Member	X					
Denise Welvang	Board Member		X				
NC Quorum: <u>    </u>	<b>Grand Total (including page 2):</b>	14	2				

We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with the Brown Act, where with a quorum of Board Members present, the Council approved the above action.

Once the Department approves a Funding Request submitted, the Department will transfer the requested amount into the Neighborhood Council's checking account automatically, i.e. no additional Cash Request Form is required.

<b>Treasurer's Signature:</b>		<b>Signer's Signature:</b>	
<b>Print/Type name:</b>	B	<b>Print/Type name:</b>	
<b>Date (mm/dd/yy):</b>		<b>Date (mm/dd/yy):</b>	
<b>Department Use Only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> CIP <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Approved	Staff Initials <u>        </u>	1st Level <u>        </u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> >\$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> NPG <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored Event <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	2nd Level <u>        </u>	Authorization Code <u>        </u>



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