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# BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, Oct 28, 2008, 7:00pm**  
at  
**Campbell Hall Episcopal School,  
Theater Room at Garver Gym, 4533  
Laurel Canyon Blvd, Studio City 91604**

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of Sep 17, 2008 SCNC Board meeting minutes (3 min).
3. Comments by the President (3 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (10 min).
5. Response(s) to public comments by Board Members (10 min).
6. President's appointment of and Board vote on filling the vacant Business Property Owner Board seat of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (15 min).
7. President's appointment of and Board vote on filling the vacant Business Owner Board seat of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (15 min).
8. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Report: Barbara Monahan Burke (5 min).
9. Report Treasurer: Remy Kessler (5 min).
10. Discussion and possible motion to reimburse GAC Co-Chair Rita Villa for expenses incurred by her for creating copies of an SCNC presentation for the City of LA Planning Department. (5 min).

**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and adopts the motion passed by the Government Affairs Committee on July 23, 2008, that Rita Villa be reimbursed in the amount of \$655.68 for 30 full sets of 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. In turn, the Board requests that DONE process payment directly to Rita Villa pursuant to Demand Warrant Reference No. 6271.**

11. Report Budget Committee: John Walker (10 min).

**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the beautification project of the empty lot located at 11200 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604 known**

as "The Oasis," undertaken by the Studio City Beautification Association, by funding \$4,000 towards new landscaping, with the condition that the SCNC receives appropriate credit along with other participating organizations.

12. Report Outreach Committee: Chris Ueland / Barry Wise (5 min).

13. Report Crime & Safety Committee: Andrea Neumann (5 min).

14. Report Bylaws & Procedures Committee: Ron Taylor (30 min).

a) The Bylaws & Procedures Committee recommends the following Board action:  
**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves amendment of Bylaws Article VII to redefine the Eastern boundary of the SCNC Area. It approves the modified language for joint submission with the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council to DONE for their review and approval.**

b) The Bylaws & Procedures Committee recommends the following Board action:  
**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council adopts amendments to the SCNC Operating Procedures as submitted by the Bylaws Committee and modified during Board discussion, effective today.**

15. Report Transportation Committee: Todd Royal (5 min).

16. Report Government Affairs Committee: Barbara Monahan Burke (20 min).

a) The Government Affairs Committee recommends the following Board action:  
**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the issuance by the President of the SCNC of a letter, substantially in the form attached hereto, to Council member Ed Reyes supporting the designation of the Los Angeles River as a traditional navigable waterway including protection of its supporting watershed.**

b) The Government Affairs Committee recommends the following Board action:  
**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the issuance by the President of the SCNC of a letter or Community Impact Statement, substantially in the form below, opposing the use of Amber Alert/Emergency Electronic signs on freeways for advertising.**

**"The Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the State of California's proposal to allow paid advertisements to be displayed on the Amber Alert/Emergency electronic signs used on freeways. We are concerned about their impact on drivers. The advertisements will decrease the effectiveness of the Amber Alert/Emergency sign. Advertisements will be a distraction, and adversely impact traffic safety, congestion, light pollution, visual blight, and will use excessive energy. Since the advertisements would be displayed on freeways, they would be within the minimum 660 foot space required by the State for electronic billboards to be away from freeways."**

17. Report Land Use Committee: Lisa Sarkin (20 min).

a) The Land Use Committee recommends the following Board action:  
**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the principle that City Departments be required to publish forthwith annual reports as mandated by the General Plan Framework Long-Range Use. Failure to do so will result in flawed planning decisions.**

**Until these reports are published, both the Department of Building and Safety and the Department of Planning must participate in a working group with the SCNC. The mandate is to arrive at an interim solution whereby projects currently under consideration, or submitted for modification which are within the boundaries of the SCNC, be required to offer mitigation proposals that are calculated upon the most current relevant statistics. Said sources are to be agreed upon by this working group.**

18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction (5 min).

19. Adjournment (1 min).