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BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 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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- Call to Order & Roll Call. Lisa Cahan Davis present, Jane Drucker present, Remy Kessler present, John Lawler present, Richard Niederberg present, Scott Ouellette present, Shoshana Raphael present, Lisa Sarkin present, Lana Shackelford present, Gail Steinberg present, Ron Taylor present, Rita Villa present, John Walker present, Denise Welvang present. 14 voting members; 8 to pass a motion; 58 stakeholders in attendance.
- 2. Approval of September 19, 2012 Board Minutes. Approved in the absence of objection
- 3. Comments by outgoing President. John Walker stated that the SCNC has accomplished a great deal in the last year. We now have over 1,000 names on the email list. We needed help for redistricting and we got an overwhelming response. Over 250 emails of support were sent in and now CD2 is whole again. The SCNC will sponsor the Luminaria Festival at the Campo de Cahuenga on 12/2/12. Board members and committee chairs should be there and participate. John introduced the new board members. Geoffrey Yazzetta presented certificates to new board members.
- 4. Presentation of new Board Members and swearing in by the General Manager of DONE, **Grayce Liu**. The board was sworn in by Grayce Liu.
- 5. Nomination and election by the Board of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary for the 2012/2013 legislative term. **John Walker** was nominated as President by Remy Kessler. Richard Niederberg seconded the nomination. Vote: 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. **Lisa Sarkin** was nominated as vice president by Gail Steinberg. Richard Niederberg seconded the nomination. **Vote:** 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. **Remy Kessler** was nominated as treasurer by John Walker. Lisa Sarkin seconded the nomination. **Vote:** 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. **Rita Villa** was nominated as secretary by Lisa Sarkin. Scott Ouellette seconded the nomination. **Vote:** 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. **Jane Drucker** was nominated as corresponding

secretary by Lana Shackelford. Lisa Cahan Davis seconded the nomination. **Vote:** 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

- 6. Comments by incoming President. **John Walker** said he takes the job of being SCNC President seriously and he is passionate about networking throughout the City of Los Angeles. We are an effective community and neighborhood council and the City hears us.
- 7. Disbanding of all 2011/2012 and establishing of new 2012/2013 SCNC committees. **John Walker** read the motion below:

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council disbands all standing, adhoc and advisory committees from the 2011/2012 legislative period and establishes the following new standing committees for the 2012/2013 legislative period: Budget, Bylaws & Procedures, Cultural Affairs, Government Affairs, Land Use, Outreach, Public Safety and Transportation.

- 8. Moved: John Walker. Second: by Lisa Sarkin. Vote: 14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Motion carries.
- 9. Public comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction Arlene Samek read a certificate awarded to the SCNC Board by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners acknowledging the SCNC's ten year anniversary. **Alan Dymond** congratulated the board on its ten year anniversary and introduced himself as the past president of the SCRA the Studio City Beautification Association. He said that the SCNC has been helpful to both the SCRA and the Studio City Beautification Association and that he looks forward to working with us in the next year. Tracy Cowen said that on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM there will be an open house here at CBS to help people prepare for the "big one" when it arrives. The path is helping to spread the word. You should RSVP on line for access to the CBS lot. Mort Allen said he has lived here for 53 years. He had been president of the Studio City Chamber of Commerce for many years. He stated that the County Treasurer was arrested and is accused of conflict of interest. If you take money you cannot vote on a matter. He said that the treasurer was reportedly taking money and then reducing the property tax assessments in return. He said that the sign companies are trying to stop the repeal of the billboard ordinance. He feels that this is a turning point in the city and Lisa Sarkin does not let anything get by. Now the Federal government is looking at corruption in LA's government. Marilyn White Sedel said she is back as she has recovered from her illness and she thanked those board members who kept in touch with her while she was ill. She also thanked those that took care of her home during the water damage incident. She asked if she could put the business cards of the people who helped dry out her house on table in the back of the room. Gracie Liu responded yes. Barry Johnson said that the results of transportation committee work are reported but he wanted to inform stakeholders that the parking meters have now been put back after the completion of the construction of the Boulevard Hotel on Ventura Blvd. The parking spots across from Crust on Ventura Blvd have now been restored. This is now done after a year of trying.
- 10. Response(s) to public comments by Board Members. NONE
- 11. Update from Council District 2 by **Geoffrey Yazzetta**. **Geoffrey Yazzetta** reported that there will be street closures by Carpenter. Laurelwood Drive will be closed on Thursday. Friday, Carpenter south of the boulevard will be closed between 8:15 am and 6 pm. Everyone entering Carpenter School will need to do so from Laurel Canyon. There will be an officer there to assist with traffic control. The Councilman is asking for traffic and parking enforcement in the school areas of both Carpenter and Rio Vista schools. No violations will be tolerated. There will be a new crosswalk on Laurel Canyon by Carpenter School. It will be a continental style crosswalk. Transportation Department is preparing the work order. The Bureau of Street Services still has funds for tree trimming, pothole repair and to address dumping. The Councilman brought a Motion to City Council for renewal of the SCNC banners. **Geoffrey Yazzetta** congratulated the

new board members. **Barry Johnson** asked if it would be possible for the SCNC banners to take priority over the banners of other entities on the poles between Colfax to Whitsett. He thinks we should have at least alternating banners. **Lisa Davis** inquired about the Council office's discretionary funds of 250,000. She wanted to know how the public gets to use it. **Geoffrey Yazzetta** asked her to call him. **Scott Ouellette** thanked Geoff for his help with crosswalk. Ron Taylor asked if it was eat or west of Laurelwood Drive that Carpenter would be closed.

12. Special Board Presentation to **Studio City Beautification – Lisa Sarkin** introduced the President of Studio City Beautification **Beth Dymond** and explained that Walgreens was supposed to do some street improvements to improve the look of the area around the corner where their new store is located. As Walgreens was ultimately not allowed by the City to make the agreed to improvements, Karo Torossian asked that the \$7,632.97 be given to Beautification in lieu of Walgreens making the agreed to improvements. The funds were accepted by **Beth Dymond** who thanked Lisa Sarkin for the hard work she put in to get this check. She gave background on the work of Studio City Beautification and said they work with SCRA, BID and the Chamber. They also got 16 more trees to plant. Some were planted behind the Campo de Cahuenga, 5 trees were planted by Bistro Garden and two trees where replaced on Ventura Blvd. where the accident at Tujunga happened. The latter two trees were secured due to Barry Johnson's work. **Karo Torossian** explained further why the money was given in lieu of the improvements.

John Walker announced that there would be a deviation from the agenda. He introduced Carmen Trutanich. Carmen Trutanich stated that the City Attorney's Office does more than deal with illegal billboards and medical marijuana. However, he said he is here tonight because of billboards. He said they need NC's to stand up on this one. We need reform of the billboard ordinance. The billboard industry is going in the direction of flat screens. We need buybacks and to reduce the total number billboards across the city. He said there should be a give back for every 1 digital billboard permitted there should be a give-up of 10 static billboards. He reported that a motion was made at City Council which would be an end run around the lawsuit. There was a poisonous deal between the City and the sign company as the judge explained. The City Attorney office could not fight the deal as it was made by the City Council. Summit had to fight it out. The case was won by Summit and it is up on appeal. A motion was made to establish a committee to try to settle the billboard controversy. His opinion is this should be decided by the judge and a settlement should not be reached as is requested by the motion brought at council yesterday. We need to tell council we do not want the special committee we want the court to rule. No one company should have a competitive advantage. Please go on line and listen to what was said when the motion was made yesterday. We need the City to be smart about what we do Carmen Trutanich also stated that they are doing their best given the budget constraints they are working under. His department has gone from 647 attorneys down to 490. Outside counsel usage is down to about 65%. The reserve attorney program he initiated is saving about \$100 million a year. Of the 132 case tried by his office they won or had a favorable verdict on 115 cases and saved the City about \$250 million. His office is suggesting ways to get development agreements to have enforceable rights.

John Walker announced that there would be another deviation from the agenda. He introduced Assemblyman Mike Feuer. Mike Feuer stated that he was just here to say hello and that he has had the privilege of representing us for last 6 years. He said he is termed out of office at the end of September. He has six weeks left. (310) 367 9558 is his cell phone. He is running for City Attorney against Trutanich in March. Mike Feuer gave his background. He did free legal service through a law firm which helped senior citizens. Later he ran for city council. He was on the budget committee during Mayor Riordan's term. He also noted that the 911 system was over whelmed so he led the effort to establish the 311 system. He wrote tough gun laws. He has tried to tackle tough problems. He is advocating for the Interlock system to be used for those convicted of a DUI. He and Trutanich said they would debate if we invited them.

13. Special Presentation, discussion and possible Motion of the NBC-Universal Evolution Project by Corinne Verdery and Pat Gibson with Q&A to follow. Barry Johnson, Sean O'Grady, Ron Wood, Eric Feder, Bruce Bloom, Alan Kisbough Karo Torossian, on behalf of Paul Krekorian, thanked everyone for being here. He specifically thanked NBC for bringing their team and for removing the residential portion of the project from the proposed development. He stated the Councilman is working on a substantial benefit mitigation package. Corinne Verdery apologized to those who feel that they have not gotten enough information or opportunity for input. They have met with other Studio City groups but not the SCNC. In the proposed development alternative they have maintained over \$100 million of transportation improvements. explained that it is NBC Universal's centennial. They do film production and tourism. Their Universal City site is over 30 acres. The communities that surround their site are Toluca Lake, North Hollywood, Hollywood Knolls, Cahuenga Pass, the Island Community of Studio City and the Metro station. She explained that there are pieces of their site in the City of LA but 70 % of it is in the County of LA. They are topographically challenged. She showed the original map of the planned project. Over the last six years they have gotten many comments from the community and from CD4 and the Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office. They were requested to remove the residential component and focus on entertainment and studio uses. This is a 20 year development plan which now is limited to expanding existing uses. They are in the hearing process with the City now. There will be another hearing next Thursday to review the signage issues. The matter will be taken up by PLUM on Tuesday of next week. County hearings will start next year. The old Technicolor building is being renovated. NBC 4 and Telemundo will move in next year. Along the 101 freeway is an internal roadway. There will be no development in that area unless it is a one story building to support theme park uses. There will be no development at the Barham corner. No digital sign is requested. They will be widening Buddy Holly and Barham. They will be moving the billboard back about ten feet. There will be a small expansion of the childcare facility. There will also be a new office building near Forrest Lawn. On the hillside coming up to the theme park near the old Fung Lums will be an office building. There will also be a new hotel. On the City portion of the property near Forrest Lawn is where the bike lane will be and they will build a trailhead park on their property. The river road is owned by the County - they have agreed to set up an LA County river fund of \$3.5 million. \$500,000 is allocated for the design of a bike path from Griffith Park through to Studio City and \$3 million is allocated to construct it. There will also be \$375,000 put into a bike trust fund to help the city implement bike paths around the site. The signage hearing is next Thursday. Corinne Verdery showed photos of competitors signage. There will be no signs by the freeways other than directional signs for cars. The NBC 4 building will have a monument sign. At Barham there will be no additional signs. On the hotel coming up the hill, internal to the site, they will put movie posters on the building. They will be similar to the ones on Barham on the Warner Brothers building. The Hollywood West and Toluca Lake Neighborhood Councils both approved of that signage. In the proposed alternative they have kept \$100 million of transportation improvements in the plan. Pat Gibson was introduced. He is the President of Gibson Transportation. He said that the traffic study for this project was one of largest transportation studies for a private development in LA that has ever been done. It has more than \$100 million of improvements. Almost half of the funds will be spend to get people out of cars and on to public transit. The present alternative has 32% fewer trips in the peak time but they are still proposing same mitigations. This is a \$1.6 billion dollar project with only one unavoidable impact. There will be a new offramp from the freeway that will allow traffic to access the site without entering Lankershim or Cahuenga. They plan to widen Universal Hollywood drive with new lanes for transit and bikes. There will be an onramp from the Universal bridge to the southbound 101. The \$100 million is 100% Universal Studios money. It is all private money. If it costs \$130 million to build the proposed mitigations they will deliver them. There will be three corridor improvements. One will be north of studio on Lankershim. On Forrest Lawn they will continue the 4 lanes and widen the off ramp to get into project more easily. They will widen Barham from Forest Lawn to the 101 by ten feet on the east side and add a southbound lane and a left turn lane where there is no left turn lane. There will be three southbound lanes and two northbound lanes. There will also be a turning lane in the middle of the street. Adding capacity in direction of highest flow.

Improve 120 of 164 intersections that they studied. Over \$1 million will be spent on traffic signal coordinators and left turn lanes. There will be 4 transit improvements. (i) Along Ventura Blvd they are adding an articulated bus which will be running in the morning and afternoon. NBC will pay for its operation and maintenance. (ii) a shuttle will take people from the metro station to the top of hill. 1 million people used that shuttle service last year. (iii) There will be a new bus up Lankershim to the Burbank metro station. (iv) Another bus will run on the other side of the project. These transit improvements are a \$3 million a year commitment. Local access to the metro building will be improved with the construction of an overpass from metro to the tram at Universal that goes up the hill. There will be bike parking in the studio. They will encourage visitors to take transit. They called the 7 main hotels where the quests going to Universal CityWalk and the theme park stay. They have asked how do their guests get to Universal. They will work with those hotels to get quests from the hotels to Universal. NBC will design three improvements in the 101/134/170 interchange. (i) Three lanes each way designed. (ii) From 134 to Hollywood they will add an auxiliary lane. (iii) North on Highland out of Hollywood they are bringing Highland over the 101 and the ramp will drop people in the right lane. Those three improvements are projected to cost \$250 million. CalTrans said NBCU share of that cost is \$8 million but NBC Universal is spending \$10 to \$12 million to get these projects shovel ready. NBC Universal was asked to provide the final designs on these three projects to get them shovel ready. There will also be \$300,000 for mitigation of neighborhood intrusion impacts in three neighborhoods north of project. Every building has a trip generation number. As permits for buildings are pulled the specific improvements are triggered. They can't go to the 2nd stage of development until those improvements planned for the first phase of the program are in place. John Walker asked Ben Saltsman to tell us what the supervisor thinks. Ben Saltsman said that Zev sends his congratulations to the new board. Ben Saltsman stated that he had met with Lisa Sarkin and Rita Villa to see what was wrong with the project. Environmentally and economically the proposed alternative is superior to the prior alternatives. After the city process is completed the County will focus on the project to be sure that the project's benefits promised are delivered. The main details they are concerned about are regarding signage and traffic. They want to be sure the river is made an asset to the community. Karo Torossian thanked NBC Universal for making the presentation. This proposal is superior to the prior rendition of the project. Our Councilman is working with NBC Universal to get community benefit funds for Studio City and North Hollywood. Barry Johnson asked if there would be signage facing the freeway like the one that was on the Sheraton. Will there be five lanes of traffic at the Campo consistently? Will there be freeway ramps in the air? Response: They have done dozens of simulations to see if they can get ramps but there are no plans to put those in. The Hollywood Bowl and Ford Theater impact will be looked at as part of the design process. With respect to signage they are working on the County signage proposal. There will be no signage in the City portions of the project but interior portions of some signage may be visible from the freeway. Richard Niederberg said that we want film stuff on the lot. What can be done so buildings can be generic to be used in filming? Response: Signage can now be digitally removed. Digital signs - none requested in Toluca Lake approved the project and asked for them to come back. Lisa Davis asked if there would be priority given to contractors that live in LA and if there would be signage to prevent people from getting lost and ending up in the neighborhoods. Response: Agreements are already in place with many of the unions. We must recognize that many people come here every day that have never been there before and they may get lost. Ron Wood from the Valley Economic Alliance asked us to consider the need for jobs when we vote on this motion. Lana Shackelford asked about the undeveloped one story warehouse space where it is currently a bus **Response:** If a storage building is built there it would not be parking. Benedetto said there were 6 segments with significant impacts that were not mitigatable. He appreciates what their plan does but asked what does the State have planned to fix those Response: NBC Universal is considered to have mitigated the impact by doing the impacts? three designs for CalTrans. Ben Di Benedetto said what does CalTrans plan to do? Response: There are a number of funds available to do different kinds of improvements. Two of the three improvements qualify for shop funds. They already have a project study report ready. **Scott** Ouellette said he has looked at this. He asked if the bike path along river will adhere to the LA

Rio Master Plan. Response: The funds are there. Scott Ouellette said the neighborhood intrusion studies did not include Studio City and he is concerned about Whipple and the pass through traffic. He asked for them to look at this area in the work they are doing with CD2. Response: Impacts at 4 intersections result from the assumption that the metro rail project would be done. Two of those go away as that application has been pulled. One impact is their own drive way. The second is Cahuenga and Moorpark. Toluca Lake asked for this not to be fixed. Barry Weiss said Whipple between Vineland and Lankershim is the logical site of the ramp. There is a school at Satsuma and Whipple. How will they mitigate traffic in these areas? **Response:** They did look at Whipple. For it to be a significant impact there must be 120 new additional trips. The area Barry mentioned did not get that many trips. Karo Torossian is working with Metro on all four projects. Jane Drucker asked if the Barham widening would stop before the bridge. Arlene Samek said the cost for the shuttle will go on only for 20 years. NBC Universal is only responsible for the cost for 20 years. When the 20 years are done and ridership sufficient, the buses will be taken over by Metro. **Gail Steinberg** said when you do the project will the improvements be done at the same time. **Response:** The level of development triggers the need for the improvement. A stakeholder asked about the trailhead park. Trailhead Park will be built and maintained by NBC Universal and it will be done in perpetuity. A **Bike Coalition stakeholder** asked about the bike path through the Cahuenga Pass. **Response:** The EIR by DOT for bike lanes west through the pass is being studied. They are donating money for bike lanes. A **Stakeholder from the Island Community** said that the signs at other Studios are on flat land and not on a hill. Lights from signs will come down into the community. There should be no construction on nights and weekends. Response: They will work with them on the county portions of the site. Rules for construction in the city will govern this project's construction unless an exception is requested. There will be no taking of private land. There will be a public right of way on both sides. There will be a 40 foot retaining wall on the Universal property. Some curb parking will be eliminated on Barham. Mr. Kishbaum chair of the Mulholland Scenic Plan Review Board said NBC Universal is asking for a plan amendment to remove part of specific plan area and that Mulholland Scenic Plan Review Board does not approve of that. Response: NBC Universal accepted all CPC recommendations. Mr. Blume said the CBS enhancement has helped the community and this project will increase business in our community. Mr. Grady said we are here for the magic of the movies. There is good karma in all this from Universal. Karo Torossian said this is one of the major projects in the city and no city money is being requested and NBC Universal is putting money into improvements which will benefit the community. **John Walker** said he has found NBC Universal to be transparent in their approach. A stakeholder said it is difficult to be on Lankershim now. There is sound wall missing on Riverton. **Response:** Part of the project for new lanes on 134 will include adding the wall. Another stakeholder commended that it is fabulous that they are doing what they are doing at Technicolor building. Moving NBC back to LA from Burbank will bring back taxes into the City. We should give them a positive response. If there was a lawsuit over the project would NBCU request an expedited CEQA? Response by NBC lawyer: No. Lisa Sarkin asked if there would be an inconsistency between the city and county mitigations. Ben Saltzman said no. Lisa **Sarkin** said regarding the zoning we do not want Studio City to be in a regional commercial zone. Response: It will be a C2 zone. It is not a regional commercial zone. Lisa Sarkin questioned if the zone would extend to the west side of Lankershim. Response: No. Lisa Sarkin guestioned the amount they are proposing for neighborhood protection. **Response**: it is now \$500,000. **Lisa** Sarkin asked where that money would be held before it is spent on the improvements. Response: Essentially it stays in NBC until spent by one of the 6 designated areas. Lisa Sarkin said we need to ask for a plan to start to generate how funds will be spent. . **Response**: 51% of the neighborhood must agree then NBC implements the plan. Karo Torossian said once money is there CD2 will work with the community.

A motion in support of the NBC Universal Evolution Plan with certain agreed upon conditions was **Moved** by Rita Villa with a **Second** by Lisa Sarkin. There were three motions to amend the original motion which all received a second and unanimous approval resulting in the final amended motion. **Rita Villa** read the final motion including all amendments.

Final Amended Motion:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the NBC Universal Evolution Plan Case No: CPC-2007-251-gpA-ZC-SP-SPA-CA, CPC-2007-252-AD, and CPC-2007-253-DA, and CEQA No: ENV-2007-254-EIR with the following agreed upon conditions:

- The Project Applicant or its successor guarantees that it will complete the listed improvements on page F22 and F23 of the City Planning Recommendation Report for traffic mitigations.
- Traffic mitigations will be constructed in accordance with the phasing schedule on Table 47.
- Proposals should be submitted to the VCBCSP Plan Review Board before any decisions are made that may increase traffic onto Ventura or Cahuenga Blvds.
- The Regional Commercial zone shall be on the NBC Universal property only.
- Disapproval of both of the proposed Specific Plans.
- Disapproval of any sign districts within the project boundaries.
- Disapproval of the amendment to the Mulholland Scenic Highway Specific Plan to amend the boundary of the Outer Corridor to exclude 1.5 acres of the subject property.
- Bike Path to be along the Los Angeles River and in compliance with the LA RIO Master Plan.
- There will be consultation with Council District 2 prior to application for approval of all land use applications within the NBCU Evolution Plan boundaries.
- NBCU accepts and agrees to continue its good faith effort with Council District 2 in contributing substantial amount towards the traffic improvements and community benefits to mitigation for the unforeseen traffic impacts that this project will create.

Vote: 14 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain. Motion Carries

14. Treasurer's report by Remy Kessler (5 min). Barry Johnson No report Motion Tabled

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the August Bank Statements and the September Financial Statements and hereby accepts and approves them.

- 15. VANC Report by **Arlene Samek**. **Arlene Samek** reported that there were three things that were important for her to report. (1) The SCNC should appoint two people to the budget advocate program. (2) The Congress of Neighborhood Councils was successful. Over 600 people attended. (3) There is a survey from the city clerk about whether NC elections should be given back to the city clerk in 2014. VANC will do their own study. The new DONE funding director is working hard to streamline the reimbursement/purchasing process. Fewer people voted in the SCNC election this time. We had more candidates than ever before in the valley. Nov 8th is the VANC planning forum and it will be on the CBS lot. Each NC should submit their best practices. She asked all board members to attend. **John Walker** asked for a volunteer to be the Budget Representative and **Scott Ouellette** volunteered.
- 16. Government Affairs Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** reported that the Government Affairs Committee did not meet last month. **Barry Johnson** requested that the GAC take a serious look at film LA regulations on Sundays. He wondered if it was possible not film on trash days. He has asked Donna Washington to provide the total number of shoots by zip code for 2012 and 2011. There are too many shoots in Colfax Meadows.
- 17. Land Use Committee Report by Lisa Sarkin. No report as there was no meeting.

- 18. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** stated that there was no quorum but she asked everyone to pick up budget day information. Budget advocate meetings are every two weeks. The five year housing plan meeting is 10/25 at the Pacoima Family Service Center. See Facebook site. Regarding the banners. They are considering revising the graphics. They need another motion asking to add 16 more banners on 8 more poles and for an extension for a year. We want to ask for a two year option. **Karo Torossian** explained why this is not possible. It is partly because banners deteriorate and will become a blight in the area. LA magazine has published 232 iconic images. Is there something in Studio City that is iconic which we would want to submit?
- 19. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** asked for volunteers to help set up for the Luminaria event. They will set up on 12/1 to get the site ready. On 12/2 he needs volunteers to prepare bags and then attend the event from 4 to 7 pm for the Luminaria. **Barry Johnson** noted that the Campo building and porch are in CD2 the Patio is in CD4.
- 20. Public Safety Committee Report by Richard Adams. NONE
- 21. Bylaws Committee Report by **Ron Taylor**. **Ron Taylor** said there was no meeting but that the elections were successful and the system appeared to work. He was relieved that it all went well. Arlene Samek helped run the polls and it was a job well done.
- 22. Transportation Committee Report by Scott Ouellette. Scott Ouellette stated that there was no meeting. He reported that there was sloppy repaving where street makings not put back on Laurel Canyon. He also reported that a bad patch job had been done on Tujunga. He said he would follow up on the complaints about neighborhood intrusion on Whipple. Barry Johnson observed that Whipple is divided in half as part is in CD2 and part is in CD4. Lisa Davis asked if transportation includes sidewalks. Lisa Sarkin said there is money for the sidewalks but DOT has not approved them yet because nothing has been built there. Karo Torossian said the city does not have the right to the land. He has asked for a dedication from the property owners. DOT has a pedestrian coordinator. Karo Torossian met with her and they are going to be meeting with the Ventura Specific Plan Review Board to see if they can just build the sidewalks.
- 23. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Lisa Sarkin said new board members need to take the ethics test. Read the board member book which was handed out. Also, every board member needs to go to security at CBS and get a badge with a photo to get on the lot. When at functions the SCNC badge should be worn. Lana Shackelford said thanks it was an honor to be Corresponding Secretary. She is now a chapter advisor for her sorority at CSUN. Richard Niederberg said the great shakeout will be on 10/18. Shoshana Raphael said the webmaster should use gmail address. Jane Drucker said that pedestrian traffic is an issue. The electrical service box on Carpenter and on the east side of the street there is a cable in the middle of the sidewalk. Near the Laurel Tavern people are outside on sidewalk. Pedestrians have to go on to the street. Barry Johnson said the SCNC should not have the next meeting night before Thanksgiving. Gail Steniberg asked if anyone wants to make Sstudio City a nonsmoking area. Lisa Davis asked for committee co-chairs to be a stakeholder that is not a board member to get more involvement from the community.
- 24. Adjournment. **Moved:** Richard Niederberg; **Second:** Rita Villa. **Vote:** 14 yes; 0 No; 0 abstain. **Motion Carries.**