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APPROVED BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 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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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min). Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. PRESENT: John Walker, Ron Taylor, Richard Neiderberg, Lisa Sarkin, Pasha Vafee, Denise Welvang, Jeffery Carter, Ben DiBenedetto, Remy Kessler, Lana Shackelford, Ben Neumann, Gail Steinberg. EXCUSED: Rita Villa, UNEXCUSED: Wayne Karten. Eleven members, quorum met. Six Required to pass a motion. 41 stakeholders in attendance.

2. Approval of January 18, 2012 and Special February 1, 2012 Minutes (2 min).

All past meeting minutes approved without objection. However, for the record, Jeffery Carter commented that the last special meetings minutes were too lengthy. **VOTE: 11-0-0.**

3. Comments by the President (10 min). Council President Walker announced the name of Dr. Fred Pickle as the new Rate Payer Advocate who had been sworn in the day before (February 14, 2012).

City Council Friday, February 24, 2012 10 a.m. John Walker will be receiving an accommodation from the Los Angeles City Council (since this time it was moved to a different day).

We are happy with the redistricting and would like for everyone to participate with their opinions.

This phone number is available for those who wish to call and make comments of support: (213)992-7740 or send an email to redistrictinglacity@lacity.org

Neighborhood Council Elections have no definitive date for this year. After a lunch with BH Kim, President Walker will share any additional news with all of the community and council members.

A list of 76 changes may occur to current proposed maps and we were lucky enough to be called 1st, 2nd and 3rd today at the final redistricting meeting. We do not expect Toluca Lake to be included but we don't expect Studio City to be split.

A guest speaker this evening is here from the LADWP to discuss three rate increases by the end of the year.

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Boards jurisdiction (2 min each speaker). [Richard Niederberg]

Greg Bartz – LADWP community liaison.

A package was provided to the NC members to update them on upcoming rates and you may contact me for more information. A "Snowpack" report is available, and it's not good. The Governor declared the drought was over. However, we live in the desert and so far this year, we are way below this year (for rainfall) and your water rates were decreased last year, and the reason was because of the abundant rainfall and snow pack. Any time we must purchase water, the cost is passed along. The past 15 months showed a reduction in rate of water. And there is a logically explanation for why it went down.

VANC and other community groups were in favor of the thirty-five cent (\$.35) increase.

Local area infrastructure – Coldwater Canyon December shutdown and there is an update, the project manager provides a monthly update and all may began to receive this report just let him know to include you.

What we have done differently we have contacted using the commuter database of all the largest employers in the city and (down to 5 employees) and because of that access we were able to notify potential commuters in this community to find alternate routes and it helped to decrease the congestion

Mildred Higgins – regarding the cannabis shops - she would like to be included in the LUC advisory committee and made comments about the Long Beach ruling on Pot Shops. She referred the board to Channel 36's Medical Marijuana Dispensary Documentary. She yielded time to Mr. Banks with the North Rotary Club recycling event free in North Hollywood.

Cary Brazeman - City Controller Candidate - introduced himself and mentioned he was a member of the Mid city west Neighborhood Council, he was involved with making "Best Terms" on the Stadium deal, also he was involved with the Save the LA River campaign.

Candance Mack -Studio City Library Branch Library: In February we have established an event for each Saturday: 1st Saturday 3:30 – 5pm a games day open to all families; 2nd Saturday is knitting for all ages, specifically teens; 3rd Saturday - Staff movie Pick; the last Saturday 10-2 p.m. is the Friend of Library's Book Sale.

Lisa Davis – implored all guests to take the Mayor’s Budget Survey and the deadline is Feb 22, 2012.

Joe Higgins – thanks to all the council members for their involvement in the redistricting efforts and to Barry Johnson for all his hard work to make sure we are still in one council District.

Helen Hatat – representing the “One Generation” organization event on Saturday, May 19, 201 -for Senior Symposium and you may register for the event as an individual participant or a vendor. All are welcome, it is a very Great day.

Collen Viillard – parent of kids of a title one school and working toward helping to get kids to camp. The Bank needs to have \$10k in the bank by the 27th - statistics show kids who have attended have increased their learning by 18%.

Comments by Board Members to speakers:

Jeffery Carter - What is the cost of one student? Answer: Approximately, \$280.

Ron Taylor - And if the money is not avail, the school will not release teachers to attend, nor would they be able to register, is that correct. Answer: Yes.

5. Responses to comments from the Board (10 min). None

6. Treasurer’s report by **Remy Kessler** (5 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the February 2012 financial statement and the January 2012 bank statements and hereby accepts and approves them. Vote: 11-0-0.

Remy Kessler – Treasurers’ report - Please see the treasurers’ report attached.

Macellis’s was the new food vendor for the meeting dinner tonight.

Deadline for demand Warrant is May 16 and cutoff for Credit Card is June 16.

June 16 is the date of our Board Meeting, and to be able to be able to address any need for funds from the community or the board we need to get the requests in the next two board meetings. It is imperative to have a list of proposed vendors that we might be using.

All requests must be presented to the budget committee and then the budget committee would bring to the council.

Richard asked Remy to verify the description of the process of “encumbering” and “spending”... not an “encumbrance” issue, but a “payment” issue. Remy reiterated unless there is a physical invoice, we are not able to pay it.

Motion is approved for the January Bank Statement and February financial statements.

7. Budget Committee report by **Remy Kessler** (10 min).

VANC has asked for a contribution of \$200 from each council for a reception to be held in March 2012 at the CBS Studio Carla Café.

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves a funding request of up to \$200 in sponsorship of the Valley alliance Mixer currently scheduled for March 8, 2012 on the CBS/Radford Lot. Funding is conditioned on the SCNC receiving appropriate credit consistent with previous support.

VOTE: 11-0-0.

8. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin** (10 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the new beer and wine license for Il Tramezzino Restaurant located at 13031 Ventura Blvd. (ZA-2011-473-CUE) with the attached "Recommendations for On-Sale Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in Studio City." VOTE 11-0-0.

9. Government Affairs Committee report by **Rita Villa/Jeff Carter** (10 min.). No Report.

10. Cultural Affairs Committee report by **Richard Niederberg** (10 min). The committee is still working on several events, dates to be determined.

11. Outreach Committee report by **Lisa Cahan-Davis** (10 min).

Encouraged all SCNC members, please complete the Mayor's Budget Survey – she is currently serving on the Mayor's Budget Survey Committee and appeals to all NC members to participate. It only takes a few short minutes. We are faced with a 12% drop in the NC's budget alone and our (NC members') feed- back is important to support our community at large.

March 2, our Studio City Banners will be placed. And there will be a ribbon-cutting on Laurel Canyon on the east side at 8:30 a.m. with Councilman Krekorian.

All those that worked the Farmers' market, thank you.

Here are two events that all are invited to attend, please mark your calendar:

- 1) March 31, is the Mayor's day of service, theme is Good Food. Numerous vendors are set to participate.
- 2) Booth at Green Fair (Saturday, May 5)
- 3) LA Heritage Alliance – 250 non-profits that support Heritage Days and will be held in June downtown.

Lisa Sarkin asked the size of the banners, reply from Lisa Davis: Street banners are sized 8X3.

Richard Neiderberg commented that we (the banners) are (exhibited) on both sides of pole unlike the "It takes a Village" banners, which are only on one side of the pole.

12. Transportation Committee report by **Ben Di Benedetto/Scott Ouellette** (5 min). No Report.

13. Bylaws Committee report by **Ron Taylor** (5 min).

Ron Taylor – according to Gracie Lieu: all the revisions in Bylaws submitted from the Studio City NC last June (Sept.) were approved with minor changes. And looking forward to what B. Kim has to say tomorrow regarding this area. And hope to have these in place by September of this year. And also expecting to hear we would have an independent election observer. The League of Women Voters have made themselves available for our elections.

14. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction (10 min). None
15. Adjournment (1 min). Ben requested to adjourn, Richard motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded and approved. Motion adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

