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# BOARD MEETING FINAL MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011**  
**Light Refreshments 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. Jeffrey Carter – present, Ben Di Benedetto – present; Josh Gelfat – present, Victor Helo – excused, Wayne Kartin – present, Remy Kessler - present, Ben Neumann present, Richard Niederberg - present, Todd Royal - excused, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Ron Taylor – present, Rita Villa –present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 13 voting members; 31 stakeholders present.
2. Approval of April 20, 2011 Minutes & Special Minutes. Minutes accepted as revised.
3. Comments by the President. **John Walker** recognized the stakeholders and thanked them for their participation and attendance. He asked them to have their neighbors participate as well. He recognized Gail Steinberg and Richard Niederberg for setting up and taking down the room for each board meeting. He advised the stakeholders that he had sent out the eblast on the pothole program. He has been advised that the new bylaws template will be effective July 1, 2011. Every board member must take the ethics training test within 30 days of notification every two years. He asked those that have not taken the test to take it as soon as they can. Next month there will be officer elections. He suggested that those interested in running for office campaign now. All offices open.
4. Presentation on humane education – Found Animals Foundation (**Jennifer Brent**). **Jennifer Brent** explained that the Found Animals Foundation is a privately funded not for profit organization. She gave a power point presentation. The Goal of the foundation is to reduce the number of animals euthanized which is 3 to 4 million in Los Angeles every year. They do not take donations. They just asked people to adopt pets. **Wayne Kartin** said he adopted a pet and had to pay for microchip. **Jennifer Brent** advised everyone that license renewal on line is being implemented.

5. Presentation on Billboards and Advertising in parks – Friends of Griffith Park (**Mary Button and Jerry Hans**). **Mary Button and Jerry Hans** introduced themselves and indicated that they are on a commission for parks. **Mary Button** addressed the concern with the billboards and signage with advertising in the parks. Commercial billboard advertising in parks is a bad idea and she wants to stop this before it proliferates. Playgrounds, senior centers and recreation centers are vulnerable. Paul Kortez and Tom La Bonge proposed a motion to stop this but the parks and recreation commission is continuing to pursue this. The City Attorney has said this violates the sign ordinances. Most NC's are speaking up against this. **Barry Johnson** asked if there is no place left that is exempt from billboards. He also asked if Griffith Park will be exempt because of the way it was willed to the city. **Richard Adams** said we need to stop this process and the Neighborhood Council should be heard on this. **Marilyn White-Sedel** said these people are miracle workers. We have fought illegal signage for years. The city will not fine people who post illegal signs if there is no address given in the sign. **Lisa Sarkin** said the LUC will take up this issue at their next meeting. **Richard Niederberg** said that little leagues put up banners around the baseball diamonds in the parks to pay for the lights so they can play. **John Walker** asked if there are currently limitations on what can be advertised at the parks. **Response** was that the billboard ordinance goes much farther than supergraphics to prevent this type of advertising. This is not directed at little league banners. It is directed at commercial advertising in exchange for donations without public input.
6. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Barry Johnson** said continued pothole patrol is a band-aid approach. We need to do something differently. He also indicated that the board officer election is for the remaining term only. He also stated that he wishes there would be a bylaws change to prevent abstaining when voting. **Barry Johnson** then requested that 14 b, c, d and e out of order. **Benjamin Lupu** brought a parking issue to the attention of the SCNC. The art fair recently customers were cited. Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and 25 will be the next fair and asked that the parking restrictions be relaxed. **The representative from CD2** responded that the Department of Transportation did relax parking and those who got tickets should be able to be reversed.
7. Responses to comments from the Board. **Jeffrey Carter** agreed with moving up the land use issues. He also said a board member has a right to abstain and that is the way the process works. **Ben Di Benedetto** suggested that land use items be move up as well.
8. Treasurer's report by **Remy Kessler**. **John Walker** read the motion.

**MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the May 2011 financial statements and the April bank statement and hereby accepts and approves them.**

**Remy Kessler** stated that there are \$27,221 left. **Vote: 13:0:0. Motion Carries.**

9. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler** for **Mark Batterman**. **John Walker** read the motion. **Remy Kessler** said they considered various amounts. Beautification has gotten considerable funding from us because their projects benefit the entire community. The Budget Committee recognizes that the amounts are large in relation to our budget. We have the funds left in the budget for this. If the funds are not committed we may not get them as roll over funds. **Barry Johnson** said he would be surprised if this body would vote to spend so much in one place if it were not for the potential loss due to a failure to allow rollover funds. We should have banners on Laurel Canyon, Ventura Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon Blvd. **Richard Adams** said that beautification is a good idea and he supports that entity but wants to be sure that all our expenses can be covered before we do this. Those expenses include: signage, banners, food for meetings and other things. He believes that we can look at this at the next meeting. **Lisa Davis** agrees with Richard Adams. She stated that there will be Cultural Affairs funding requests and

also outreach requests will be coming at the next meeting. **Jeff Carter** said there was a similar motion last year. This is a huge amount of money to go to one organization. He suggests that we table this until the next meeting. He does not support this. **John Walker** said that we will not get rollover funds but we can commit to these expenditures and change the allocation later. **Lisa Sarkin** said all allocations have to be in by June 15<sup>th</sup>. **Bill Harmond** said that the total capital budget for Studio City Beautification this year is about \$115,000. The maintenance budget is about \$25,000 per year. **Remy Kessler** also noted that this expenditure has an outreach component as well. **Ben Neumann** said we can support this and do other things in the future from next year's budget. **Richard Niederberg** said he thinks we can do both. The Cultural Affairs Committee will be asking for one plaque. Lana Shakelford asked if the \$7,000 is for the art walk. **Rita Villa** expressed strong support for this motion. These projects will benefit all of our stakeholders. Studio City Beautification is a well run organization that is able to make long term commitments of funds to maintain the beautification projects that contribute to the quality of life in Studio City.

**MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves a funding request from the Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) to fund the following:**

- 1) Up to \$3,000 towards the completion of a beautification project within Studio City known as the Maxwellton Triangle located at the intersection of Maxwellton and Laurel Terrace. Barry Johnson**
- 2) Up to \$7,000 for the purpose of the maintenance of existing beautification projects within Studio City under the jurisdiction of the SCBA. Barry Johnson, Lisa Davis**

With the following conditions: 1) During the construction of the Maxwellton Triangle the SCNC receives appropriate credit and signage along with any other participating organizations. 2) The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) gives appropriate credit and acknowledgement to the SCNC in its monthly newsletter. 3) The SCRA gives appropriate credit and acknowledgement to the SCNC on the SCBA page of the SCRA website. 4) The SCRA sends out a "News and Notes" Email blast to it mailing list giving appropriate credit and acknowledgement to the SCNC. **Vote: 12:1:0. Motion Carries.**

10. VANC Report by **Arlene Samek**. **Arlene Samek** stated that she was out of country for the last meeting. Denise Welvang will join her at the next meeting. **Barry Johnson** thanked Arlene for all her hard work.
11. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan-Davis**. **Lisa Cahan-Davis** stated that she will get a budget for banners for next budget meeting. She indicated that a co-sponsored holiday event for 2011 being considered between SCRA and SCNC. The Outreach Committee is trying to flush this out. **John Walker** said that based on his conversation with Alan Dymond we are not committing to anything at this time. The Cultural Affairs Committee is working on having a plaque, recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Republic Pictures. The plaque will be located by Trigger. **Lisa Cahan-Davis** said that she will talk to CBS about this. Other manners of outreach are being considered such as post cards and a kiosk. **Mike Szymanski** from the Patch spoke about blogging rights on that site for the SCNC. The SCRA will do something on safety issues. Jeff Carter said the Patch is great. **Richard Adams** said chairs should be able to give official positions. They should not allow commentary in closed columns. This is a good way to get the word out. **Barry Johnson** said, as a member of the working press, he is concerned that many people can't differentiate between mainstream news which is subject to fact checking. The does not

think people can distinguish between journalism from the main stream working press and a blog site. **Richard Niederberg** said that he liked the questions Lisa Sarkin was answering in the Patch. **Mike Szymanski** explained that was a different format. **Lana Shackelford** asked how would we be able to track and keep separate the comments from the official statements. **John Walker** asked for this to come back as a motion from outreach. **Lisa Cahan-Davis** said she has also received a suggestion for the SCNC to have a suggestion box near the sign in sheets at the board meetings. She indicated that the outreach committee could look at them and sort them out and pass them to the proper committee members. **STOPPED**

12. Transportation Committee Report by **Ben Di Benedetto**. There was a meeting and they had a presentation from FAST an organization looking for support. Not funding. Transportation not ready to make a motion. He will send board members information for further consideration. Specific Plan review board said there will be photo enforcement cameras being added. He has responded to a couple of letters from stakeholders. Whittset and Woodbridge accidents are being looked into. Ben explained the motion. Said that the bike expert on the committee looked at this in depth. Barry Johnson said that the bike parking should not be allowed in front of R zoned properties. John Walker read the motion.

**MOTION:**

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Bicycle Parking Requirements Ordinance (CPC-2011-309-CA) provided that no City mandated bicycle parking is required in the front of any "R" zoned property. Barry Johnson first FAST presentation FAST wants all HOV lanes to be pay lanes. Freeways are created to be free not tollways and express ways like the east coast. That would favor the rich. Change to 3 people to a car but do not make it cost money. At city attorney office other nc's said we need to have the motion prevent them from being Amended by Rita villa. Unanimous.**

13. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Jeffery Carter** and **Rita Villa** (10 min).

**MOTION A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed permeable paving ordinance (Appendix A) amending Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal code to clarify which permeable paving materials are permissible for driveways and parking lots on private property only. Richard Adams said this is desert and we have disrupted water absorption by paving and asphalt. This will be an important small change to reverse this. Please support this. Richard Said that some ordinances say non erosinve surfaces. Jeff said he supports this. Lisa asked why private property only. Vote Motion passes unanimously.**

**MOTION B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed multiple approvals procedural revisions set forth in the February 2011 Discussion Draft (Appendix A) amending the various Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections set forth in the first paragraph of that document attached hereto to create consistent procedures for review of the projects requiring multiple approvals, synchronize the expiration period of multiple approvals granted to a single project, clarify language regarding utilization of approvals, eliminate redundancy of extensions of time for quasi-judicial land use approvals, extend the life of previously-granted approvals following the dates specified in the state legislation SB-1185 and AB-3333 and make minor technical corrections, so long as none of the proposed revisions reduce or eliminate any of the hearing or other notifications required under the current LAMC. Additionally, we request that Subdivision 4 or Subsection E of Section 16.50 of the LAMC be deleted in its entirety so that the duration of the Design Review Board Preliminary Review will be 3 years which will be consistent with all other expiration dates provided for in**

**Section 12.25 (D) (1) on page A-6 of the proposed revisions. Barry Johnson said this is understandable to people who know land use. Richard Adams said he thinks this is a good idea. Good to increase efficiency. This is a no brainer. Richard Neiderberg, explained that quasi judicial relates to administrative procedures. Lana about the tense of the word. Richard likes the fact that it tracks the statue. Vote: Unanilous.**

14. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin**. Lisa Sarkin said the planning department has an MOU with DONE. All applications come to LUC first so that the NC can comment before any hearing. Part of the best practice is cooperation between planning and the NC. LUC considers the applications first and then their recommendations come to the board. There is a Colfax bridge report that was distributed. The decision on Little Dom's is held over for information to be received from DOT. **John Walker** read the motion.

**MOTION A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports eliminating the splitting of Neighborhood Council areas into more than one of the following districts: United States House of Representatives, California State Senate, California Assembly, State Board of Equalization, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Los Angeles City Council. The Land Use Committee requests the SCNC President issue a letter to each of the Studio City representatives.**

Discussion ensued. **Ben Di Benedetto** asked how this works with joining us to areas on the other side of the hill. Lisa Sarkin explained that it is different for the Neighborhood Councils than for the other districts such as the Assembly. **Lisa Sarkin** and **John Walker** said the intent is to prevent us from being joined to Down Town **Lisa Sarkin** reported that the website indicates that we need to send in a plan. **Richard Niederberg** explained that the term "community of interest" has a legal meaning. **Rita Villa** proposed an amended motion which she read. **Second** by Lisa Sarkin.

**AMENDED MOTION A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes splitting of Neighborhood Council areas into more than one of the following: United States House of Representatives, California State Senate, California Assembly, State Board of Equalization, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Los Angeles City Council to maintain each Neighborhood Council within its community of interest. The Land Use Committee requests the SCNC President issue a letter to each of the Studio City representatives.**

**Vote: to amend motion. Motion Carried approved.** Discussion ensued. **Laurie Cohen** introduced herself. She explained that May 22<sup>nd</sup> is closing date for comments. She noted that there is a new website where responses should be sent. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the commissioners will direct drawing of the lines. **Barry Johnson** said that the SCRA is pursuing motions on this. Richard Adams said he agrees with this motion. **John Walker** called for a vote on the amended motion. **Vote: 13:0:0. Motion Carried.**

**John Walker** read Motion B.

**MOTION B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes permitting the continued use and maintenance of Sunset Montessori Pre-School Montessori Pre-School's enrollment from 20 to 40 students.**

**Lisa Sarkin** explained the planning department process with respect to the DOT and BOE. **John Poindexter** introduced himself as the principal design architect that did the conversion of the property to a preschool. He stated that he had made a detailed presentation to the LUC. He acknowledged that Tujunga Avenue already has a lot of traffic. It is his belief that the increase in enrollment will not be significant as to traffic. He acknowledged that the Committee was not in favor of the increase in enrollment. **Richard Adams** said he is in favor of the motion. There should be 20 but not more. **Barry Johnson** said they agreed that they would do 36 instead of 40 because then they would not need another teacher. They are presently only allowed 20 so the compromise was to allow an additional 8 now and later an additional 8. **Ben Di Benedetto** said

they could have 36 with their current staff. He suggests changing the 40 to 36 here. **Lisa Sarkin** did not accept the suggested amendment. **Remy Kessler** said the motion is poorly written. **Rita Villa** proposed an amended motion. The amended motion received a second from **Lisa Sarkin**. **Rita Villa** read the amended motion.

**AMENDED MOTION B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes permitting the continued use and maintenance of Sunset Montessori Pre-School with an increase in enrollment from 20 to 40 students in the (Q) R3-1 zone.**

The amended motion accepted. Discussion ensued. **Ron Taylor** said he supports this but wants to get into the enrolment issue in the later motion. **Richard Niederberg** said increased density is harmful to the community so he supports the motion. **Vote on amended motion:** 12 yes; 1 opposed. **Motion Carries.**

**John Walker** read Motion C.

**MOTION C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the continued use, maintenance and operation of Sunset Montessori Pre-School with more than 50% use for driveway access and less than 50% front yard landscaping, the existing current use.**

**Lisa Sarkin** explained that this is already the way the property is developed. **Mr. Poindexter** said the applicant does not object to this motion. **Richard Adams** said we should ask for compliance with the law and not give them permission or retroactive approval of something that is in non-compliance. **Barry Johnson** said this is a "Benny" ask for forgiveness after the fact. He does not think we should accept this motion unless the motion says that we are approving something after the fact. **Jeff Carter** said there were two persons that abstained at the Land Use Committee meeting. He questioned whether we are approving something that is illegal. **John Walker** said he does not understand the purpose of the motion. **Lisa Sarkin** explained many applicants don't understand they need a permit. **Richard Niederberg** said we should support this as they can never comply but he wishes there were a circular drive. **Gail Steinberg** said the LUC vetted this for a long time. The City let us down. The City gave the permits in the first place. **Richard Niederberg** said the City is allowed to change their mind. They have the legal right to change their mind. **Rita Villa** and **Jeff Carter** said this should be allowed. Discussion regarding the exact meaning of the motion continued. **Rita Villa** proposed an amended motion. **Lisa Sarkin** seconded the amended motion. The amended motion accepted. Discussion ensued.

**AMENDED MOTION C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the continued use, maintenance and operation of Sunset Montessori Pre-School with more than 50% use for driveway access and less than 50% front yard landscaping, which is the existing current use.** **Lisa Sarkin** said that everything that goes through the Department of Building and Safety comes from stakeholder notification. **Vote on Amended motion:** 12 yes; no 1. **Motion Carries.**

**John Walker** read Motion D.

**MOTION D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the continued use and maintenance of Sunset Montessori Pre-School hedges, fences, walls exceeding 3 ½ feet in height and required parking stall within the front yard setback at the existing height of 4 ½ feet.**

**Barry Johnson** is curious if this happened because an entity gave them bad advice. **Mr. Poindexter** said that this is how the original facility was built. The Planning Department changed its interpretation of the rules. The applicant has no exception to this motion. **Lana Shackelford** asked about the drawings that were presented to the board. **Richard Niederberg** asked if it was the intention to have a circular drive. **Response** was yes but DOT changed their mind and they

did not give permit for the circular drive. **Jeff Carter** said the circumstances here are similar to the ones described in the prior motion. He supports this motion. **Vote:** 13:0:0. **Motion Carries.**

**John Walker** read Motion E.

**MOTION E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports an increase of students to 28 at the Sunset Montessori Pre-School located at 4212 Tujunga Avenue (ZA-2011-360) with additional support for items listed on Page 2 (attached) of the MND (ENV-2011-361-MND) provided the Department of Engineering and/or the Department of Transportation require a passenger loading zone in the parking spaces on the street in front of the school during the hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday (XVI-40-Safety Hazards).**

**Lisa Sarkin** said that they spent 5 hours on this in the LUC meeting. They added support for everything in the MND. The circular drive is not part of our purview. They tried to find a way for the arrival of the children to be done more safely. The loading zone is the best way to accomplish this. The 28 students can be accomplished with no increase in staffing. **Mr. Poindexter** thanked the LUC for thoughtfully deliberating this matter. They wanted a circular drive but that is up to DOT. The suggestion of the LUC to compromise on the 28 is good for biblical things but not for land use planning. He wants the increase to be to 36 as that is logical. **Barry Johnson** pointed out that when they set forth to build the school they were allowed 20 not 40. They are asking for permission to go above that. It is not fair to the neighborhood to increase to 36. Try 8 and then go for 8 later. He also suggested that the motion be divided in half. Vote for the 28 and then address the DOT matters. **Ben Di Benedetto** said that he thinks there will be less traffic when the Colfax Bridge opens. He also said this is the only preschool in Studio City. This neighborhood is very family oriented. He does not support the motion. **Ron Taylor** said the second clause is important because there should be a better system of drop off so he does not think that the motion should be divided in two parts. **John Walker** asked for clarification on the location of the drop off spaces. **Remy Kessler** thinks we should support the preschool as additional traffic will be negligible. Thinks adequate drop off is all that is required and not specific language. **Lisa Sarkin** further explained the problems with the drop off and pick up. **Richard Niederberg** said he is opposed to an increase in students without an improved system of drop off such as a circular driveway. **Rita Villa** clarified that there are at least two other preschools very close by in Studio City and her grandson attends one of them. **Lana Shackelford** said she observed for an hour the drop off of students at this school. She represents renters. There is a gate that goes into the drive of an apartment building on both sides of this property. A passenger loading zone is the only way to be safe. There is an off-ramp from the 101 going south that exits onto Tujunga which has lots of traffic. She supports splitting the motion in two. She checked with the renters adjacent to this property and none of them was aware of this request for increased enrollment when she spoke to them. **Jeff Carter** said he is opposed to the circular driveway. The drop off zone is what safe. **Wayne Kartin** would like to know if the circular drive way was illegal. **Denise Welvang** said it was her impression that you need 75 feet to have a circular driveway. **Tujunga is a secondary highway.** **Mr. Poindexter** stated that DOT limits curb cuts on secondary highways. They had modified the policy for two curb cuts. There must be 200 feet before any curb cuts. **Ron Taylor** offered an amendment to change the allowed enrollment number from 28 to 36. He opposes making it two motions. **Ben Di Benedetto** seconded the amendment. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that 76 feet of frontage is required for a circular driveway. She indicated that the Planning Department will require some mitigation be done because the Planning Dept found that the impact would be less than significant. **Jeff Carter** asked Mr. Poindexter if he was willing to go with 28 now and then ask for another 8 in a year. The response was that it was not their preference due to cost.

**John Walker** read the amended motion.

**AMENDED MOTION E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports an increase of students to 36 at the Sunset Montessori Pre-School located at 4212 Tujunga Avenue (ZA-2011-360) with additional support for items listed on Page 2 (attached) of the MND (ENV-2011-361-MND) provided the Department of Engineering and/or the Department of Transportation (approve a safe and acceptable system for pick up and drop off of the students) require a passenger loading zone in the parking spaces on the street in front of the school during the hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday (XVI-40-Safety Hazards).**

**Rita Villa** requested a roll call vote. **Roll Call Vote: Wayne Kartin- yes, Remy Kessler yes, Ben Neumann - yes. Ron Taylor – yes, Gail Steinberg – no, Rita Villa - no Richard Niederberg – no, Lana Shackelford – no, Ben Di Benedetto – yes, Denise Welvang – no, Jeffrey Carter – yes, Lisa Sarkin – no, John Walker - yes. Totals: 7:6:0. Motion Carries. Lana Shackelford** stated that she opposes this as it is now 36.

15. Bylaws Committee report by **Ron Taylor**. Ron reported that they have submitted several motions to DONE. DONE will not consider the amendments unless they are submitted using the new table of contents format. He has met with Gracy Lue and sent DONE a draft of the new bylaws in the template format. Ron spoke about the motion. He stated that the committee had considered the best means for the stakeholders to be represented in our council area. They are attempting to define the categories in a way that stakeholders will be voting in the categories that are most appropriate for them. They have discussed the category of business owner. **Jeff Carter** made a point of order regarding the notice of the bylaws committee meeting. He stated that the agenda did not get to some of the members of the committee. Additionally, fifth member of the board participated in the meeting. The meeting should be viewed as void and anything passed during that meeting should not be considered at this meeting. **John Walker** said that a quorum of a quorum issue relates to voting members on the committee. There were only 4 voting members on the committee. **Remy Kessler** requested that the record show that no procedural objection was made during the bylaws committee meeting. **Lisa Sarkin** said she got the agenda on April 21<sup>st</sup> and it was posted then. **John Walker** read the motion. **Barry Johnson** said a bylaws change of this nature should not have a cloud over it. He suggested that the board should send this back to the committee and bring it back next month as this is not time sensitive. He also stated that he is not sure this definition will properly differentiate the category of business owner from the category of employee; **Richard Adams** said the definition should be very clear. The definition of other classifications of stakeholders should also be considered. He believes the definition proposed is too vague. He has specific concern about the language about the business tax. A business tax is paid by many people because it is passed on to them. He requested that this language be tightened up and all stakeholder definitions be reviewed. **Lana Shackelford** said this definition is too broad. **Ben Neumann** asked when this will go into effect. **Ron Taylor** responded that there is no clear definition of when they will cut off consideration of bylaws revisions. **Rita Villa** moved to send this matter back to committee. **Second: Ben Neumann. Ron Taylor** said he engaged in discussion with both John Walker and Jeff Carter about the timing of the posting and distribution of the agenda and this agenda was posted as required. The fifth board member did not vote. This was not a violation of the Brown Act. **Wayne Kartin** called the question. **Second: Ben Neumann.** The board then voted on the motion to return the matter to committee. **Vote: 10:2:1. The motion below was returned to committee.**



**MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council adopts the following definition of "Business Owner" to be added to Article VIII, Item D: A Business owner is one who provides goods or services in Studio City and is required, directly or indirectly, to pay a City of Los Angeles business tax.**

16. Crime & Safety Committee report by **Wayne Kartin**. **Wayne Kartin** reported that he is in process of writing a mission statement for the committee. He has distributed a questionnaire to the board asking for their input but has not gotten many responses. His committee is also considering requesting funding for a crime and safety fair. **Lisa Sarkin** said she put her questionnaire in the Crime and Safety cubby in the SCNC office.
17. Cultural Affairs Committee report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** thanked people for using the cubby holes. He reported that his committee is continuing to work on the placement of a Republic Pictures 75 anniversary commemorative plaque near the statue of Trigger. Once CBS agrees his committee will submit a request for funding to the budget committee.
18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Ben Di Benedetto** asked when the Cultural Affairs Committee meet. **Richard Niederberg** responded that it meets the first Tuesday of the month. **Lisa Sarkin** reminded board members that if they are not getting the SCNC mail an other information they need to be sure that they have opened their G-mail accounts. She further stated that the minutes for many committees are not up to date on the website. Each committee chair needs to check the website and bring their minutes up to date. **John Walker** suggested that if a board member is not receiving his email, that board member should send an email to webmaster and ask for help.
19. Adjournment. **Moved:** Rita Villa; **Second:** Gail Steinberg. **Vote:** Unanimous. **Motion Carries.**

