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**BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Light Buffet 6:30pm

Meeting 7:00pm

at

CBS Studio Center, MPR-3

4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Jeff Carter– Present, Lisa Cahan Davis – present, Bill Harmond – present, Emily Hibard – present, Alex Izbicki – present, Lisa Karadjian – present, Remy Kessler - present, Rudy Melendez – present, Richard Niederberg - present, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, Denise Welvang – present. 14 voting members; 70 stakeholders present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was recited.
3. Approval of February 17, 2016 Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection. **Eric Preven** said the board should have recorded minutes.
4. Comments by the President. Rudy Melendez read a statement on behalf of Lisa Sarkin, President, as she has laryngitis. **Eric Preven** – made comments regarding the election. He said the SCNC website has provoked many negative comments. The candidate statements should all be on the website. There is nothing on the website about the elections. **Rita Villa** explained that there are two big buttons on the website that are links to the election website. There is one for voter registration and one for candidate information. The latter now takes you to the list of certified candidates and their photos and statements. Those buttons have been there since they were released to us by EmpowerLA. They are the ones responsible for voter registration, candidate registration and on line voting. **Alex Izbicki** explained why we are having on line elections. He stated that he is disappointed in the execution of the on line voting process. He is concerned about who we are leaving out. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that on line voting starts

tomorrow. **Emily Hibard** said that she agrees with Alex about on line voting. She addressed her concerns about insufficient spending on outreach for electronic advertising and marketing. She read the information in the budget and expenditure report related to outreach spending on the elections so far. **Lana Shackelford** asked how many stakeholders here tonight follow our face book page? Only 4 people raised their hands. Many more indicated they do use social media. **Lana Shackelford** asked that those here that use social media join our Facebook page. **Lana Shackelford** said she has been diligent about doing the election outreach and getting all the materials together. She said that Lisa Cahan Davis got us direct information from the City way ahead of other neighborhood councils. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said we have committees and we work together to define what we do as a neighborhood council. The online voting is the responsibility of empowerment and they have given us the buttons we use. **Rudy Melendez** said we adopted the on line election method based on the City's request. There are growing pains and we need to have patience.

5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. [President Sarkin allowed Dee Gleb to speak on an item on the agenda because she said she had to leave to take care of her sick husband.] **Dee Gelb** said she is troubled about the Harvard-Westlake project. She has to struggle to get out of the valley now. It is not a very friendly place. The project will scar the area. The school's families go home and we are left here. She feels strongly about this. She will be leaving the area if the project is approved. She can't fight the traffic. She thanked us for our time. **Barry Johnson** said many people are here tonight on a single issue. He came originally on a single issue. Those here should keep coming to the meetings once their issue is addressed. He has never seen the hatefulness here like he has seen in the last few weeks and months. The hatefulness needs to stop. **Jackson Hunsicker** thanked us for our volunteering. She volunteers on behalf of Coldwater Canyon. She has privately hired someone to pick up trash and clean Coldwater Canyon. She urges us to consider voting against the bridge. She is concerned about the health of Studio City and the impact on homes and living. She saw people in suits at the meeting last week. She liked the presentation of Save Coldwater Canyon. She encouraged us to vote for the little guy. **Eric Preven** said this is not about individual blame. This is collective blame. The elections effort has been a bungled effort. He said we use the SCNC email list for everyone. Eric Preven began to address items that are on the agenda and should be addressed when those items are addressed. He received a second warning about this and the President requested he be removed from the meeting. The guard attempted to remove him but he sat in the chair and refused to leave. The guard was about to call for back up but the President told the guard to just allow him to finish his time. **Patricia Patrick** introduced herself and said she is running for congress in District 30. She said she has gone to many meetings for other neighborhood councils and their rooms are almost empty. She said that we had a gas leak in Aliso Canyon. She made a documentary film on this called "lights out".

6. Responses to comments from the Board. **Lana Shackelford** took exception to the comment made that our elections outreach has been a bungled effort. Our President resigned Feb 17th. He controlled the website and the information thereon up to the time of his departure. **Richard Niederberg** said he appreciates what was said but that we are not the final decision makers. **Rita Villa** said that she did outreach at the farmers market for two hours last Sunday as did one of the candidates Kevin Schwalenberg. Several other board members also were there manning the SCNC booth and handing out the postcards about the elections. This was general election outreach and not campaigning. She told everyone she spoke to about the on line elections and she spoke to more than 200 people. The point is that you do not need to spend money on electronic advertising to get the word out about on line elections. **Alex Izbicki** asked for more outreach for on line elections. **Gail Steinberg** explained that the buttons on our website were provided by the City and we are at the mercy of the city for those links. We can't control that and we do the best we can.

7. Update from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton**. **Courtney Hamilton** gave background on the sidewalk vote. In July 2014 the design of a comprehensive program to fix city sidewalks was begun. There was a vote yesterday at a joint meeting to finalize the repair program. The City will fix the sidewalks and give a 20 year warranty for those in front of homes and 5 years for those adjacent to commercial property. After that, the responsibility goes back to the property owners. Property owners can get a 50% rebate if a property owner repairs the sidewalk and pays for it himself. The Councilman wants to protect and maintain the street trees while the sidewalks are being repaired. March 30 this program should be adopted by city council. The program should become effective July 1, 2016. She also said that stakeholders should let her know if we have had good or bad results in interacting with any city departments. Flyers related to the Recode LA project are on the back table. See the handout about the dates of the meeting. There will be a traffic summit hosted by the Valley Village Neighborhood Council. There will also be a Homeless Connect Day hosted by the council office. They need supplies such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, men's extra-large shirts and Chef Boyardee pull top meals. **Lisa Karadjian** asked where to drop off these things. **Response:** Drop them off at the CD2 office. **Denise Welvang** said if sidewalk is deeded back to us, will the property owners be able to fix our own sidewalks. **Response:** A permit will still be required. **Rudy Melendez** said it does not seem fair that you can move to the front of the line if you pay. **Courtney Hamilton** explained that you move up because the city crews would not be doing the work. **Eric Preven** said CD2 settled a class action lawsuit as the police were overreaching their authority due to people being in gangs. He said the money will go to nonprofits for jobs. We have 1.7 million dollars of great new sidewalks on Ventura Blvd. but there will be no sidewalks being fixed in the other parts of the community. Universal gave money for this. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that the money did not come from the city funds or Universal. It comes from the Ventura/Cahuenga Specific Plan Trust Fund the Ventura Cahuenga Specific Plan

fees and the money can only be spent on new sidewalk installation on Ventura Blvd.

8. Presentation, discussion and motion with respect to the Harvard-Westlake Parking Improvement Plan Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report. **Alex Izbicki** recused himself as he lives within the 500 foot radius. **Rita Villa** gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the points covered in the Draft of the SCNC's response to the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Harvard Westlake Parking Improvement Plan (the "RDEIR") which had been provided to the board members in advance of the meeting. **Rudy Melendez** read a list of who is included as a stakeholder in our community. **Lisa Sarkin** asked that stakeholders not comment as to whether they are for or against the project. We have already held a special meeting for that specific purpose. Tonight we commenting on the proposed response and the only motion is to approve the submission of the SCNC's response the RDEIR. **Jeff Carter** expressed his objection to the approach. The President indicated that his objection had been noted. Stakeholder comments: **Sarah Boyd** thanked the SCNC for including the suggestion of requesting story poles. She is happy with concerns we enumerated in the SCNC's response. She said that she considers the community to be less divided than the numbers we reported in our response. She believes that the numbers should be weighted in favor of the residents. The transportation report of their transportation expert indicates that the truck limitations proposed are infeasible. **Alex Izbicki [speaking as a stakeholder, not a board member]** said that the suggestion in the presentation about the current lights is questionable and the area is barren of birds due to the lights. The Sierra Club has released a negative report on LED lights. He also said that many people who spoke at the special meeting could have been alumni of Harvard Westlake and they are not stakeholders. He does not believe the community is divided. **Parker Andrews** thanked us for preparing a response to the RDEIR. He expressed concern that the tabulation of the comment cards appears as a vote. **Jim Jonson** said that he is a 20 year resident of Studio City he thanked us for the hard work. He wanted to remind us that we are the voice of the small stakeholder. He asked that we continue our good work. **Jannie Milne** said that she thought the PowerPoint presentation was moving. She said that she is horrified by project after seeing the PowerPoint. She is shaken. She has never heard of a business doing private construction over a public road. She asked what is the community benefit of the project? When we consider voting on the project, we should realize that there is no benefit to the community. **Andres Sher** said he lives in Studio City. Students park outside his home. The roads are packed only on special events. He doesn't think the project is needed. His fear is that the campus will be expanded. A fungus was released into the air after Northridge earthquake. He believes that this grading may cause the same type of problem. **Michael Sher** objected to our definition of what constitutes a stakeholder. A number of people in favor of the project are parents of students that were at Harvard Westlake years ago. They live on Woodland. There has never been a problem with the safety of the students. **Lisa Sarkin** went over the definition of stakeholder again. She stated

that we represent all equally. **Jonathan Green** said that an earthquake could be worse than we think. If the bridge comes down we could not get out of the area if there is a fire. The Harvard Westlake track team runs on Coldwater Canyon regularly. He can't put a garden wall on his property more than 12 feet high. This is not consistent with the existing zoning. **Michael Switzer** said that it was a pretty good presentation but it left out two things. There was much discussion was about the safety of the children. It is a false subject. These are teenagers. They will run across the street. Kids are not concerned about safety. With respect to the definitions of Stakeholders – residents should be weighed heavier. As they will be impacted. **Eric Preven** said he was surprised when the project materialized. The Councilmember should kill it. There has been no meaningful exploration of putting a parking lot on the east side of the street. He thinks there should be no tally of those who are for or against the project in the report. **Barry Johnson** said that in light of recent earthquake activity in Coldwater Canyon, there should be an evaluation of the earthquake faults in the project area similar to the evaluation that was done for the Capital Records project. These earthquake faults should be explored. **Richard Adams** requested that the enrollment cap be permanent. He wanted to know if the RDEIR had been sent out to stakeholders and if not why not. He stated that there is no way to mitigate the impacts of the project. He understands that stakeholder definitions are to be as expansive as possible but he believes that employees of Harvard Westlake should be excluded from voting. **Lisa Sarkin** explained the definition of a stakeholder again. She stated that the Councilmember required a cap be set at the current enrollment of the school and that is included in the SCNC response. The RDEIR is a draft for board members, drafts are not circulated. The presentation was given at this meeting which was clearly stated on the meeting agenda. **Suellen Wagner** thanked the SCNC for the hard work that went into preparing the SCNC's response to the RDEIR. She thanked us for the story poles suggestion. She wants to be sure there is something to indicate the size of the debris basin. We need a model for the debris basin. She believes that this is a wildlife corridor and said that CLAW is sending us a letter. **Arden Rynew** asked if he could hand out a map. The map was received by the board. He is a resident of Studio City. Tuesday morning he took a video of the traffic for 30 minutes. 750 cars passed on Coldwater Canyon. Doubling the size of the road will not help. Cal Tech has identified a Harvard Westlake fault. **Sari Rynew** said that the earthquake two days ago had an impact on her home. She took a video this morning at 9:19 AM and the traffic was backed up on Coldwater Canyon from Ventura Blvd. to Ethel. She sees this problem on a daily basis. **Heidi MacKay** said that she is a resident of Studio City. She does not understand how alumni are stakeholders. She has numerous pictures that traffic does not clear until 10:30 AM.

Board Comment: **Richard Niederberg** reminded everyone that this motion is about the right thing to submit to the file. **Lana Shackelford** asked if we could change the word "concerned" to "believe" throughout the document. She would like us to be more descriptive of numbers for and against the project because this is not intended to be a vote. She asked why there was no mention of the safety

concerns raised by stakeholders at the special meeting on the RDEIR. **Bill Harmond** asked about the story poles. He has a concern about the story poles and their colors. He feels that it may exaggerate the size of the project. **Remy Kessler** said that despite the attacks that have been made against the board, he thanked Lisa Sarkin and Rita Villa for their hard work in putting this response together. **Emily Hibard** responded to the comments regarding the definition of a stakeholder. She wants to consider those here as the ones who we represent. **Lisa Cahan Davis** wants the comment to be more generic about the design of the bridge. She wants the comments to request a community review of the bridge design. In the "Conclusion" she requested that we add a specific date and time when we stopped receiving comments such as noon Saturday. **Jeff Carter** agreed with Remy Kessler that Rita Villa and Lisa Sarkin did an incredible job and put in lots of work and thanked them. He said that we need to put in the numbers of those who spoke for and against the project. He will not be here when we make a determination based on the merits of the project, whether it is good or not good for the community and for the school. This should not be a big guy and little guy analysis. **Denise Welvang** questioned the use of the word Conclusion in the motion. **Remy Kessler** suggested that the language of the motion be revised to read "comments and conclusions." **Jeff Carter** said he agreed with Remy Kessler. **Rita Villa** addressed the specific comments of the board members with respect to the specific language suggestions for the SCNC's response to the RDEIR. The motion was amended in accordance with the suggestion made by Remy Kessler. **Richard Niederberg** called the question.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the written comments and conclusions to the Harvard-Westlake Parking Improvement Plan Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee, appointed by the President, as the official position of the SCNC.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I.

Motion Carried

9. Treasurer's Report by **Bill Harmond**. **Alex Izbicki** returned to the table. **Bill Harmond** explained that we are ahead of budget. \$3,200 remains unallocated. To increase transparency his is going to propose that the monthly expenditure reports be posted on the website. All bills that were submitted before tonight were paid. **Eric Preven** said that he is sad to see the accounting team leave. He said it will be good to post the monthly expenditure report on the website. This Group has misused website. The \$9,000 approved for elections has not yet been spent. He would like to know what it is set to be spent on.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for February, 2016, and hereby accepts and approves it.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit II.

Motion Carried

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council shall require publishing the approved Monthly Expenditure Reports on the SCNC website.

Brought by: Bill Harmond

Seconded by: Rita Villa

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Motion Carried

Bill Harmond said we will eliminate public information requests if we put the monthly expenditure report on the website. **Richard Niederberg** said this is consistent with the city controller's dashboard approach.

10. Budget Advocate Report by **Brandon Pender**. **Brandon Pender** said that the budget advocate report has been prepared. On the 5th they met with the mayor and gave him information from the white paper. The also had a meeting with head of the fire department. The neighborhood purpose grand will be discussed at the next meeting. He reminded the board that a member must recuse himself if an issue comes up related to a school your children attend. They are finishing white paper. Budget day will be in June or July. The radio show will start during the Easter holiday. They will cover information about the elections. **Lana Shackelford** asked Brandon to let her know when radio show will be held.

11. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler**. **Remy Kessler** said there were a number of budget requests to deal with. **Ms. Pia Sadagatmal** thanked us for our support for their outdoor space. This request is building on what we have previously provided. **Barry Johnson** said please approve as he is an alumni. **Richard Adams** said the garden is nice but LAUSD has money. This is not a proper set of priorities. Don't fritter our budget away; **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if the community garden is open to the public or is it just for the use of the students. **Stefanie Adams** said she is the head garden parent. They raise vegetables for the food bank. The garden is in north Weddington Park and it is accessible to the public. If you don't get the monies how will you supplement the maintenance? They are on the edge of Studio City and a title 1 school. Supplemental funds would be garnered through offering classes. **Emily Hibard** said she supports the motion. She went to Read Across America Day at the school. **Remy Kessler** said this funding is just a fraction of the money needed for the project. **Bill Harmond** said that the total budget of the garden project is \$6900. **Richard Niederberg** asked if there is a formal instruction during this period of time. He asked how will it be utilized if the kids are off campus. **Response:** Seedlings are what is generated during the summer and mulch will be purchased. **Jeff Carter** said he thinks this is exactly what we should be spending the SCNC's money on. Spend money on the kids. **Rudy Melendez** said in case you weren't at the last meeting, the school put on a presentation regarding the garden and thanked the SCNC. He loves looking at the project. **Rudy Melendez** read Motion A.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Rio Vista Elementary School for the summer maintenance and preparation of the Rio Vista Hidden Garden.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit IV.

Motion Carried

Rudy Melendez read Motion B.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support events including in the San Fernando Valley in 2016 called Finish The Ride, Run, Walk and Roll put on by Streets Are For Everyone.

The representative of Finish the Ride, **JJ Hoffman** introduced herself. She said that hit and run fatalities have gone up since she was here last. Two of those were teenagers. This is Finish the Ride's signature event. It is focused on teenagers. They get free admission to the event so Finish the Ride can educate them. They are a not for profit entity. **Barry Johnson** asked us to please support this motion. He asked Finish the Ride to go after the LAPD because they do not enforce the speed limits in affluent areas. **Lisa Sarkin** asked if bicyclists are allowed to ride on the sidewalks. **Response:** Yes but only as conditions permit. **Denise Welvang** said she thought there was a law against this. It is not just kids that are crazy and get run over. People don't look; people have earphones and cell phones and they go out into the traffic. **Jeff Carter** agreed that is part of the problem. It is a myth that if a pedestrian steps off the sidewalk everyone must stop. We need to use the New York rule. "Go and see if you make it across the street." **Richard Niederberg** said there are people deliberately still speeding through the intersection where a teenager was killed. **Rudy Melendez** said this event is not just for cycling. It is for walking as well. **Emily Hibard** said she supports the motion. She will put together a 5k team to participate. **Lisa Cahan Davis** clarified that the funding would support free admission for those who can not afford this.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit V.

Motion Carried

Rudy Melendez read Motion C.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves an increase in the budget from \$900 to \$1,300 for its sponsorship of Movies in the Park during the summer months of 2016.

Remy Kessler explained this is an increase of \$400 from the previously approved amount. **Barry Johnson** asked if there be three movies instead of two.

Response: no. **Gail Steinberg** said they discussed having 3 movies. We don't know who will be on the board. Therefore we will be consistent and have just 2.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit VI.

Motion Carried

Rudy Melendez read Motion D.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a funding request for \$300 to create flyers for a CERT & Emergency Preparedness Training Course to be held in or around April 2016 Pinz Bowling Center in Studio City.

Richard Niederberg said Cert classes are several nights. **Emily Hibard** asked if it is free. **Response:** yes it is open to the public and free.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit VII.

Motion Carried

Rudy Melendez read Motion E.

Motion E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves an increase in the budget from \$500 to \$1,000 for co-sponsorship, including advertising, promotion and snacks for volunteers, of the 3rd Annual Green Living Fair to be held on May 14, 2016 in Studio City.

Remy Kessler gave background on Motion E. This increased the budget by \$500 based on the event's projected costs. Some social media marketing will be done.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit VIII.

Motion Carried

Adjourned: to the special meeting agenda.

Returned: to regular meeting agenda.

12. VANC Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** reported that many board members attended the VANC Mixer event. The mayor and many elected officials were present. He wants all board members to attend in the future.

13. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford**. **Lana Shackelford** reported that she has been very busy with the elections and getting the materials accurate and distributed. In addition to the posters, banners and flyers we have also placed ads on Time Warner Cable. We have placed 3 ads in the Studio City Lifestyle Magazine. Two ads were also placed in the Studio City/Encino News. Also the Candidate forum is tomorrow and all but 1 candidate has responded that they will be there. She called all the new candidates and emailed them and shared election material with them so they

can get the information out to those that they know. There will be photos taken at the forum of all the candidates. We have spent \$3,500 dollars so far. There will be \$3,700 left over after all bills are in. This strategy was approved many months ago. **Barry Johnson** said that if you try to vote on line, it asks for a password and it does not encrypt it. **Alex Izbicki** said he appreciates the hard work that has been done but he needs 4 volunteers for the polls. **Emily Hibard** said the average of residents in Studio City is 40 years old. She would like to use Instragram and the SCNC has a Facebook account. **Remy Kessler** said this is not the topic.

14. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Karadjian and/or Joann Deutch**. **Lisa Karadjian** began her report but was interrupted by **Richard Adams**. He said he had a point of order regarding recusal of Bill Harmond. **Lisa Sarkin** said the point is not taken. **Rudy Melendez** Read motion A. **Lisa Karadjian** said we have had 14 letters of support regarding this motion before today. However, this evening before the meeting we got some letters of opposition that were from 2013. **Barry Wise**, President of the Studio City Beautification Committee gave background on the adopt a median motion. He introduced Richard Walsh. **Richard Walsh** is a professional designer, who has worked on the Grove and the Americana. They are creating a brand for Studio City. When there is signage as you enter an area, it lets people know that the stakeholders of the area are standing behind their area of the city. The signage helps identify the places in the city where donations are being spent to maintain an area. Everything is done with a permit from the City. **Rick Galdreath** said that he volunteers with the Beautification Association. One of the things a branding and marketing campaign does is give an area a sense of place. It enhances public safety as it indicates that people care about out community. It gives a good signal. **Barry Johnson** said he likes the fact that Studio City is identified where you enter it. He was instrumental in getting all the blue "city" signs put up identifying all the points of entry to Studio City. These are signs located at the main boulevard entrances to Studio City. At this point we do not have one coming from Sherman Oaks into Studio City. This is a planted area and this is a natural book end for us. **Richard Adams** said that the board voted this down twice already. There was no outreach or notification for this. He said that his on line poll was not illegal. The address in the motion does not exist. The area can't be developed. The tree they want to put this under is protected. You can't put something under the drip line of an oak tree. **Remy Kessler** asked for the dimensions of the monument. **Response:** It is in keeping with the location. They try to match the environment. The sign is 3' 9" tall and 7' wide. **Bill Harmond** said that he invited Richard Adams to several Beautification meetings and he would not come. **Richard Niederberg** said he does not like the style of the monument at this location. **Denise Welvang** said that she has 2 petitions signed by 25 people that are opposed to the sign. The neighbors want something that goes with the area. This will detract from the area. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said the adopt a median program is to maintain and put up a sign. She is against the design. **Alex Izbicki** said the design not in tune with area. **Gail Steinberg** said she agrees. **Lana Shackelford** asked the designer if, since the sign has not been made, can we revisit the area and the design. **Response:** The concept is to brand Studio City. **Emily Hibard** asked if Beautification had reached out to the community. **Barry Weise** said they contacted 200 people in the immediate neighborhood. Only 2 people objected.

And it is the two people who have spoken here tonight. **Remy Kessler** asked if more than half of these names that Denise presented are actually in Studio City. **Response:** There was outreach to the Studio City Community we should not be taking into account the views of Sherman Oaks. **Rita Villa** called the question.

Motion A: The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the Studio City Beautification Association to adopt the median from the City of Los Angeles located at 13242½ Ventura Blvd. (commonly known as "The Oaks") for the purpose of the installation of a monument sign. No other improvements will be done at the site; maintenance will be in accordance with the Adopt-A-Median Program requirements.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit IX.
Motion Failed

Rudy Melendez read Motion B. **Lisa Karadjian** gave background on the motion. **Richard Adams** said that in the past the land use committee had adopted specific conditions and they were adopted to be sure Studio City would not become a late night party destination. However, this is not a problem location so he is ok with this motion. He noted that valet parking enforcement was done recently at Hyperion Public. **Lisa Karadjian** said Gary Benjamine is here to answer any questions we have about Motion B. **Remy Kessler** said that the last sentence of the motion is vague and unenforceable. **Richard Niederberg** said that he agrees with Remy that last sentence is unenforceable. **Gail Steinberg** supports Take a Bao because they have a different clientele. She wants the last sentence in. This is friendly to the neighborhood. His business uses the Metro B tap program for his employees. **Rudy Melendez** asked if there will there be smoking in front of the business. He asked the owner to at least keep the area clean.

Motion B: The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports "Take A Bao" restaurant [ZA-2010-3193-CUB-PA1] located at 11838 Ventura Blvd. request for extended hours of operation for alcohol from 11AM to 2 AM daily. The applicant requests the hours to be revised to 11 am to 2 am daily. This approval is conditioned upon these new hours not being available should there be a change of ownership or operator. In addition "Take A Bao" will make its best effort to prevent employee parking on the adjacent residential streets after 11PM.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit X.
Motion Carried

Bill Harmond left the meeting. **Rudy Melendez** Read Motion C. **Lisa Karadjian** gave background on motion C. **Chris Parker**, of Pacific Crest Consultants explained that the garage has a rec room. In redoing the back yard they are redesigning the back half of the yard. They are making a living space in the back of the rec room. The neighbors

have given letters of support. A second floor is being added onto the garage. No violation of the RFA is proposed. This construction is not visible from the street. **Gail Steinberg** said they will not be changing the front of the house.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports [ZA-2016-538-ZAA] located at 11549 Dilling St. the adjustment to the west side yard setback to no less than 2 foot 8 ¾ inches for a distance of approximately 41 feet (length of the garage). Request the haul route of east on Dilling to Beck – north to Moorpark – east on Moorpark – north on Tujunga.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit XI.

Motion Carried

Rudy read motion D. **Lisa Karadjian** gave background on the motion. This is a property that is street to street. The house on the property will be demolished. Access to the property will be from the south side. They want to leave the north side of Sunswept as is. **Sean Nguyen** said the lot has two frontages. The address is on the south side. They are asking for relief from public improvements. They need to have a rear yard so the pool would be in the rear yard. **Barry Johnson** supports this. Many people want street widening. It is better to leave our streets alone. Take the dedication but don't act on it. **Richard Niederberg** thinks this is a reasonable request.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the plan approval [ZA-2016-267] located at 3958 Sunswept Dr. as requested.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit XII.

Motion Carried

15. Sustainability Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said she attended the open session of the Sustainability Alliance. She said she was invited to speak on the work of our Sustainability Committee. There is a movement afoot for NC's to join the alliance. On 5/14/16 they will be having an event. They are trying to get other NC's to participate as well. She needs volunteers to man the Green Living Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM.

16. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa** reported that due to the special board meeting to hear the presentations on the RDEIR and the work of the Ad Hoc committee in drafting the SCNC's response, the Government Affairs Committee did not meet this month.

17. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson**. **Barry Johnson** noted that no stakeholders are left at this point. **Rudy Melendez** read Motion A. **Barry Johnson**

explained the slow zone program. He said that no areas in CD2 were on the list. We need our council person to support this for us to get into the program.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian add the Silver Triangle Neighborhood of Studio City to the City of Los Angeles' "Slow Zone" program.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit XIII.
Motion Carried

Rudy read motion B. **Barry Johnson** gave background on the motion. He noted that CBS is in favor of the motion.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian initiate repairs by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services Department to four pavement upheavals, (two of which are incubation ponds for mosquito larvae), on the east side of Radford Avenue in front of the CBS Studio Center at 4024 to 4200 Radford Avenue.

See Board Vote on Board Vote Count Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit XIV.
Motion Carried

18. Bylaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Alex Izbicki**. **Alex Izbicki** reported that there had been no meeting so there is no report.

19. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** reported that they are working on projects to get a city grant for historic structures. They are also working on holding an event with the library on Chinese and Japanese farm workers in the valley.

20. Comments by Board Members on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Rita Villa** spoke to the Code of Civility and of the need for each of the board members as well as the public to follow it. There has been a serious deterioration in the decorum at the meetings recently and she said that we can all do better than that. **Remy Kessler** said that this is his last meeting. He is disappointed that this meeting was not harmonious. He thinks we should show the stakeholders that we work well together. **Jeff Carter** said it is also his last meeting. He thanked us for our work and cooperation. He said he will send out a note to the board tomorrow. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said in families we don't always agree but we need to respect the views of others. This is also her last meeting and she hopes the new board will review the materials they are sent in advance of the meeting and that they question what is presented to them. She looks forward to our future. **Alex Izbicki** said there is a balance, even if we don't agree we need to work together to a common goal. **Emily Hibard** said she got her Master's Degree in Public Administration but serving on this board has been a real learning experience. **Lana Shackelford** said that the candidate forum is tomorrow and she

needs a time keeper for tomorrow. **Lisa Sarkin** thanked those on the board that are not returning.

21. Adjournment. **Moved:** Rita Villa; **Second:** Rudy Melendez. **Unanimous.**



Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Funding Request Form



NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-16

Request Date: 3/16/2016

Meeting Date: 3/16/2016

Agenda Item: Item 11A Exhibit IV

- 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

Requestor: Bill Harmond, Treasurer

Vendor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Amount:\$ _____ 1,000

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 hereby approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Rio Vista Elementary School for the summer maintenance and preparation of the Rio Vista Hidden Garden.

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

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Board Member Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	*Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Lisa Sarkin	President	X					
Rudy Melendez	Vice President	X					
Bill Harmond	Treasurer	X					
Rita Villa	Secretary	X					
Emily Hibard	Board Member	X					
Jeff Carter	Board Member	X					
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Youth Member						
Alex Izbicki	Board Member	X					
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
Remy Kessler	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Board Member						
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member	X					
Gail Steinberg	Board Member	X					
Denis Welvang	Board Member	X					
NC Quorum: <u> </u>	Grand Total (including page 2):	14					

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.

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

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Funding Request Form**



NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-16

Request Date: 3/16/2016

Meeting Date: 3/16/2016

Agenda Item: 11B Exhibit V

- 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

Requestor: Bill Harmond, Treasurer

Vendor: Streets are 4 Everyone

Address: 4470 W. Sunset Boulevard, Suite 107-453

City: Los Angeles State: CA

Zip Code: 90027 Phone: 323-839-6414

Amount:\$ 1,000

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 hereby approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support events in the San Fernando Valley called "Finish the Ride, Run, Walk and Roll" put on by Streets are for Everyone.

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

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Bill Harmond	Treasurer	X					
Rita Villa	Secretary	X					
Emily Hibard	Board Member	X					
Jeff Carter	Board Member	X					
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Youth Member						
Alex Izbicki	Board Member	X					
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
Remy Kessler	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Board Member						
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member	X					
Gail Steinberg	Board Member	X					
Denis Welvang	Board Member	X					
NC Quorum: <u> </u>	Grand Total (including page 2):	14					

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Funding Request Form



NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-16

Request Date: 3/16/2016

Meeting Date: 3/16/2016

Agenda Item: 11C Exhibit VI

- 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

Requestor: Bill Harmond, Treasurer

Vendor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Amount:\$ 1,300

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 hereby approves an increase from \$900 to \$1300 for its sponsorship of Movies in the Park in the summer months of 2016.

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

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Lisa Sarkin	President	X					
Rudy Melendez	Vice President	X					
Bill Harmond	Treasurer	X					
Rita Villa	Secretary	X					
Emily Hibard	Board Member	X					
Jeff Carter	Board Member	X					
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Youth Member						
Alex Izbicki	Board Member	X					
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
Remy Kessler	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Board Member						
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member	X					
Gail Steinberg	Board Member	X					
Denis Welvang	Board Member	X					
NC Quorum: <u> </u>	Grand Total (including page 2):	14					

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**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Funding Request Form**



NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-16

Request Date: 3/16/2016

Meeting Date: 3/16/2016

Agenda Item: 11D Exhibit VII

- 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

Requestor: Bill Harmond, Treasurer

Vendor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Amount:\$ 300

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 hereby approves a funding request for \$300 to create flyers for the CERT and Emergency Preparedness Training Course to be held around April, 2016, at Pinz Bowling Center in Studio City.

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

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Emily Hibard	Board Member	X					
Jeff Carter	Board Member	X					
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member	X					
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Alex Izbicki	Board Member	X					
Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
Remy Kessler	Board Member	X					
Vacant	Board Member						
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
Lana Shackelford	Board Member	X					
Gail Steinberg	Board Member	X					
Denis Welvang	Board Member		X				
NC Quorum: <u> </u>	Grand Total (including page 2):	13	1				

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Funding Request Form



NC NAME: Studio City

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-16

Request Date: 3/16/2016

Meeting Date: 3/16/2016

Agenda Item: 11E Exhibit VIII

- 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

Requestor: Bill Harmond, Treasurer

Vendor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Amount:\$ _____

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 hereby approves an increase in budget from \$500 to \$1,000 for co-sponsorship including advertising, promotion and snacks for volunteers, of the 3rd annual Green Living Fair to be held on May 14, 2016 in Studio City

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

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Bill Harmond	Treasurer	X					
Rita Villa	Secretary	X					
Emily Hibard	Board Member	X					
Jeff Carter	Board Member		X				
Lisa Cahan Davis	Board Member	X					
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Lisa Karadjian	Board Member	X					
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Vacant	Board Member						
Richard Niederberg	Board Member	X					
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