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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
(REVISED)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17,
2016**

**Light Buffet 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM**

4024 Radford Avenue, Bldg. 8, MPR 3
Studio City, CA 91604
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Pledge of Allegiance (2 min).
3. Approval of July 20, 2016 Board Minutes (4 min).
4. Update by the President (5 min).
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per stakeholder, total of 15 min).
6. **Courtney Hamilton**, update from CD2 by (1 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
7. Treasurer's Report by **Rob Schiller** (2 min per stakeholder and Board Member, 10 min total).

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

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 Budget and hereby accepts and approves.

8. Budget Committee Report by **Patrick Lewis** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 30 min total).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the funding of \$1,000 towards Carpenter Community Charter's awareness and appreciation for multicultural diversity education for K-5 children. The total cost of the education is \$4,000. The PTA has pledged \$800 and the school has pledged \$1,000.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the funding of \$1000 towards Rio Vista Elementary's beautification project. The funding will go towards 5 picnic tables and benches to better serve their community and their outreach program. Other funding sources include Assembly Member Nazarian, the California Highway Patrol and the LA City Parks and Recreation Department. The total budget is \$10,000.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves funding of \$3,000 towards the annual SCNC LUMINARIA to be held December 3, 2016 at the Campo De Cahuenga. The funding includes rental of the Campo, entertainment and snacks.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Studio City Business District in their application for a new lighting design on Ventura Blvd. between Colfax Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. The project will string lights over Ventura Blvd. to enhance Studio City as destination Spot, improve lighting on the Blvd. and improve the safety of visitors and residents. Total cost \$116,000. The funding requested is \$2,000. Council matching funds are available.

9. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 20 min total).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) provide the SCNC with an accident study of Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Avenida del Sol and Ventura Boulevard because of numerous accidents, as well as, provide moving violation records from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016 and report back with said information within 60 days.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) do a traffic study on Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Ventura Boulevard and the 101 Freeway to determine mitigation measures for extreme congestion during A.M. and P.M. rush hours and report back within 60 days.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Radio and Television Traffic Reporters refrain from giving alternate thru-traffic routes that traverse residential neighborhoods on roads not classified nor built for thru-traffic volume.

10. Combined Government Affairs Committee Land Use Committee Report by **Rita Villa, Robert Welsh** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 20 min total).

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the adoption of the proposed: Small Lot Code Amendment, Small Lot Design Standards and Map Standard as issued by the Planning Department on June 7, 2016. We request the following revisions:

- **Revisions to the draft ordinance:**
 - a. **27 (a) (3) - The minimum lot width shall be 20 feet**
 - b. **27 (a) (5) – Rooftop decks shall be excluded from the calculation of the 25% open space easement**
- **Revisions to the Small Lot Design Standards:**
 - a. **A.1.c - The front door shall be oriented toward the public or private street and not the alley. However, there shall be a pedestrian pathway that leads directly to the alley.**
 - b. **A.4.b – The provision shall be amended to delete terraces and balconies from the list of articulation techniques when such terraces and balconies face adjacent single family residential properties.**
 - c. **A.5.b – Open roof decks shall be a minimum of 6 feet in depth and be designed to prevent direct sightlines to the adjacent single family residential properties.**
 - d. **A.6 – In addition to the roof decks being oriented internally to the subdivision they shall be designed to prevent direct sightlines to the adjacent single family residential properties.**
- **Revisions to the Advisory Agency Map Standards:**
 - a. **1. A Common Access Driveway – for all new construction where there are existing parkway trees in front of the property driveways, to the extent possible, shall be located in such a way that the existing parkway trees are preserved.**
 - b. **2. A Common Access Walkway – this section provides for such walkways to remain unobstructed. There should be an exception to permit the installation of a security gate across the walkway if the perimeter of the property is enclosed by a fence or a wall.**
 - c. **8. An Open Space Easement – Add a sentence at the end of this item that states that “Roof top decks shall be excluded from the calculation of the open space ratio.”**

This motion should be filed as a community impact statement to council file CF 13-1478 S-1, S-2 and S-3.

The BMO/BHO Ad Hoc Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council recommends that the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council take the following action:

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed BMO/BHO ordinance provisions released to the public April 21, 2016 as amended by the Staff Recommended Modifications to the Ordinance included as Appendix B to the Department of City Planning Recommendation Report Dated July 14, 2016, however, we request the following changes and additions to such documents:

- 1. A budget for enforcement of the ordinance must be included in the final ordinance. Special Studio City RFA requirements are not enforced by the DBS building inspectors and plan check engineers, even when complaints are filed. Real enforcement of the Studio City RFA, building codes and all ordinances must be a priority in our City. Any construction that deviates from approved plans must be required to be brought into compliance.**
- 2. We continue to request the complete elimination of the 400 square foot allowance for attached garages. Garages to the rear of the property include the very important "driveway" which provides the current additional spacing we have between houses in most neighborhoods before "manisiorization" occurs.**
- 3. The elimination of all Residential Floor Area bonuses for all R1 Zones in accordance with the Code Amendment Summary Fact Sheet dated July 6, 2016. Page 3 and page 5 of Appendix A: Proposed Ordinance Provisions continue to indicate that there is still one 20 percent bonus per property if the conditions listed in either (a) or b) are met. As we note no revision to that provision in Appendix B, we request that the bonus referred to above be eliminated in the final ordinance.**
- 4. We continue to request the elimination of the provision which states that "Adjustments" of 10 percent can be granted by zoning administrators behind closed doors as indicated on page 21 of Appendix A Proposed Ordinance Provisions. The city already has a process for variances and a wealth of zoning tools tailored to the needs of individual neighborhoods. Additional "adjustments" should not be permitted. Any requested "change" to the BMO, BHO or RFA Districts must be handled as part of the public hearing process.**
- 5. We continue to request clarity and specificity in the definition of what constitutes an existing structure. The definition should include clear limits to the extent of demolition allowed such project categories, as well as requirements for how portions of existing structures to remain must be utilized in the new construction. These protections are necessary to prevent new building projects from being disguised as renovation projects.**
- 6. We request the complete elimination of the exemption which is included in Appendix B General Item 1. There should be no explicit exemption for CUP projects from the BMO and BHO provisions.**

7. **We request that there be no doubling of the Maximum Grading Quantities as set forth in Appendix A: Proposed Ordinance Provisions on page 25 which would revise Section 23 Paragraph (f) (1). Without further study stakeholders are unable to determine that this provision coupled with other provisions of the Proposed Ordinance Provisions would actually result in a net decrease in maximum allowable grading quantities.**
8. **We request that the by-right minimum 1,000 square feet of Residential Floor Area for nonconforming hillside lots be reconsidered. Without revision of this provision, a nonconforming 2,500 square foot lot would be allowed an inappropriate 1,000 square feet of Residential Floor Area by-right.**
9. **We continue to request that the City keep the ordinance as straightforward and enforceable as possible. We specifically request the addition of enforcement provisions including explicit requirements that project design documents clearly demonstrate compliance with all aspects of the ordinance in order to facilitate efficient and timely review by City officials.**

We would like to specifically express our support of the following provisions of the proposed ordinance:

1. **Elimination of ALL Bonus Options: The bonus options in the Studio City RFA have significantly decreased its effectiveness. This is the type of loop-hole turns houses into McMansions.**
2. **Retention of the various articulation requirements in the final ordinance so that the new home does not have the side and back walls as one long flat wall. This articulation is important to the existing neighboring homes as it gives some design to the side and back walls visible all around.**

This motion should be filed as a community impact statement to council file CF 14-0656.

11. Public Safety Committee Report by **Craig Radow** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
12. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
13. Sustainability Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
14. Outreach Committee Report by **Alex Bosschaerts** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).

15. Bylaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Alex Izbicki** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
16. VANC Report by **Rob Schiller/Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
17. Comments from members on subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per member, total 20 min).
18. Closing comments by the President (3 min).
19. Adjournment (1 min).

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