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BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

Light Buffet 6:30 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM

CORRECTED LOCATION

4024 Radford Ave., Editorial Bldg. 8, MPR 3
Studio City, CA 91604
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Patrice Berlin – present, John Crotteau – present, Alex Izbicki – present, Lisa Karadjian- present, Patrick Lewis – Late, Heidi MacKay - present, Richard Niederberg – present, Eric Preven – Late, Craig Radow – present, Rob Schiller - present, Richard Welsh – present, Andrew Sussman - present, Rita C. Villa - present, Denise Welvang – present. 14 board members present. 8 to pass motion except bylaws. 54 stakeholders present.
2. Approval of March 2017 Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection.
3. Update by the President. Denise Welvang welcomed the stakeholders. She gave a reminder of "A day in Studio City Photo Exhibit."
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Claire Cure**, youth board candidate, introduced herself. **Richard Adams** addressed the repaving little Ventura.
5. **Officer Shawn Smith**, Studio City's Acting Senior Lead Officer introduced himself. He addressed speeding and homeless issues. Studio city is being hit by knock, knock burglars. **Patrick Lewis** arrive. **Diego Edbert**, City Attorney with regard to City Code 5611 regarding encampments. The Department of Sanitation is responsible for dealing with encampments. You can also call the Council Office. After notice is given the homeless individuals have 72 hours to move. The goal is to get people housing. There is early release for people given one year sentence. Individuals arrested are released very quickly. Sleeping in vehicles, Code 8502 allows this between 9AM and 6 PM. No vehicle sleeping is allowed

near a park or school. A citation is the maximum penalty presently. Illegal vending is also an issue. Administrative citation is issued for illegal vending there is no criminal penalty. Email him if you have questions.

6. Vote for new Renter Board Member. Both candidates are out of town of on business so neither was able to attend the meeting tonight. **Rita Villa** suggest this matter be tabled until the next meeting. The Board agreed to do this. **Barry Stone** introduced himself. He has been with DONE for 10 years now. 818 374-9898 is his phone number in the Van Nuys office. He explained the Civic Youth Leadership Training Program. He gave the dates for the program and said that applicants must register by May 24th. He also explained funding deadlines. He said all NC's had been sent an email about the alternatives for the 2018 elections. NC's can vote to extend their current term by one year so that the following election will not take place in 2020. He will resend the email. He reported that Budget Day June 24th from 7:30AM to 4 PM budget reps meet at city hall. **Barry Stone** said that based on the SCNC bylaws the SCNC could not table the appointment of a renter to fill the vacant board seat. Therefore, the president agreed to appoint Gail Elen as her name came up first alphabetically. The Board determined not appoint her so that both candidates can appear at the next board meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report by **Rob Schiller**. **Rob Schiller** – gave background on the monthly expenditure report.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2017, and hereby accepts and approves.

Motion Carried

8. Budget Committee Report by **Patrick Lewis** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 5 min total). We have 18k to spend we have 13,500 below.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$3,274.63 to Carpenter School for the purchase of additional lunch tables. Projected enrollment estimated to increase for 2017-2018 to 1,005 students. Additional lunch table seating will be required to accommodate the increase in student population. Joe Martinez addressed the board and explained the need. Motion Carried

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 to produce the Studio City Community BBQ Picnic. BBQ catering, entertainment, chairs, tables, tent, kid's games and etc. for approximately 500 individuals. Will also request help with funding and rental costs from Councilman Krekorian's office. Eric Preven said he likes idea of holding it at Beeman park. He said that he would help not coordinate because there are too many hurdles. **Rob Schiller said the event could be a weekend at end of June. **Richard Adams** said he supports this but suggests hiring a caterer. **Barry Johnson** said that the BID can't contribute money as not in BID area. **Alex Izbicki** said Moorpark Park at Moorpark and Lauren is also a possible venue. **Lisa Karadjian** said that Beeman Park is about to go through renovation Karadjian. Several other board members said that they were in favor of the motion. **Motion Carried.****

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of \$1,600.00 to the Studio City Library new and ongoing programs. \$500 for the Heritage Program. Children's Book Club refreshments-\$300, Annual Summer Reading Programs, Teen & Children, 2 paid performers \$500, Supplies for Library displays for the year \$300. The City Library budget does not provide enough funds for these programs. Any program that the SCNC funds will be acknowledged at that program by signage or on flyers etc. Presentation by **Florence Ascento on various events at the library. She invited us to an event at the library for the foster care unit. They are requesting gift cards. **Barry Johnson** said he supports this. **Eric Preven** asked for a motion to add a writing contest for an increased contribution of up to 1,000. **Andrew Sussman** asked about young adult programs. **Florence** responded. **Tina Katz** is the teen librarian. **Mrs. Howard** spoke in support and explained the 501c3 that would get the donation.**

Motion Carried.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of \$2,500.00 to promote and produce Movies in the Park on June 24th, July 15th and August 12th of 2017. Outreach Committee (Patrice and Heidi) and Rec and Parks have agreed on dates and cost. Julie Monroy-Cantor (rec & Parks) has contacted Councilmember Krekorian's office and arranged for equipment. (Motion Carried)

Motion E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$2,500.00 to purchase and mount Digital Messaging Boards for North Hollywood Police Station to improve communication. A stand-alone computer with a few Wi-Fi signal boosters will be used to deliver Power Point presentations to these monitors 24 hours a day. A few samples of the content, wanted flyers, crime alerts, weekly crime summaries, chronic offenders (Top Ten) lists, crime anchor locations, captain's messaging (State of Command), real-time training issues, upcoming community and divisional events, commendable police actions/commendations. Presentation by **Officer Lieutenant Humphry** explaining the system update and outreach for low cost. **Richard Adams** said he supports it. **Barry Johnson** asked where the message boards will be? Response by **Officer Humphry** - TV monitors will be within the station. **Eric Perven** explained why he does not support this. **Patrice Berlin** suggested increasing the grant. **Alex Izbicki** asked if this was the total cost. Response by **Officer Humphry** was yes. **Craig Radow** said he supports this. **Patrick Lewis, Rob Schiller and Lisa Karadjian** all said they support the motion. **John Crotteau** asked who will address technical support issues. Response by **Officer Humphry** - it is already provided internally. **Andrew Sussman** asked if other NC's have been asked for a contribution. **Richard Welsh** thanked the officers present for wanting to update and serve us. **Richard Niederberg** said he supports the motion. (Motion Carried)

9. Public Safety Committee Report by **Craig Radow**. **Craig Radow** gave background on the motion. **Rita Villa** stated that the SCNC has received 9 emails in support and none opposed to motion below.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the "Back to Basic Car" motion by councilmembers Bonin and Buscaino dated January 20, 2017. We request that the 4 reports referred to therein be prepared expeditiously so that the number of officers patrolling our neighborhoods can be increased as quickly as possible. (Motion Carried)

10. Bylaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Alex Izbicki**. **Richard Adams** made the presentation and gave background on the motions.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amending Article V, Section 4 of its Bylaws to read as follows:

Section 4: Term and Term Limits

Board members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. No person shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms on the Board, excluding any service prior to the Board's March 2016 election. A person who has served for three (3) consecutive terms may return to the Board after one election cycle, either by winning election or via appointment. (Motion Failed)

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amending of Article V, Section 6 of its Bylaws to read as follows:

Section 6: Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by a Stakeholder of the same category, as defined in Article V herein, as the person who held the seat prior to its vacancy, pursuant to the following procedure:

- a. Within forty-eight (48) hours of a vacancy on the Board, the President shall notify all stakeholders of the vacant seat.
- b. Any Stakeholder(s) interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board shall submit a

written application to the Board.

- c. The Board shall elect an applicant to fill the vacancy not later than the second Board meeting following the vacancy, via majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting.

When the aforementioned process fills a vacant seat, that seat shall be filled only until the next Board election, at which time the seat shall be filled by election of the Stakeholders. In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where the next Board election is scheduled to be held within ninety (90) days from the beginning of the vacancy. (Motion Carried)

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article VI Section 4 of its bylaws to read as follows:

Section 4: Officer Terms

The Officers shall serve two (2) year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board. They may stand for reelection in the subsequent two (2) officer elections. No officer may serve more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms in the same officer capacity.

If the President is unable to complete his or her term of office for any reason, then the Vice President shall become the President for the duration of that term, and the Board shall immediately elect a new Vice President by majority vote to complete that term. If the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Corresponding Secretary is unable to complete his or her term of office for any reason, including removal pursuant to this article, then the Board shall immediately elect a replacement by majority vote to complete that term. (Motion Carries)

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article VII Section 1 of its bylaws to read as follows:

Section 1: Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Council are: Budget, Bylaws & Procedures, Cultural Affairs, Government Affairs, Land Use, Outreach, Public Safety, Sustainability and Transportation. Standing committees are established by action of the Board.

Committee chairpersons shall appoint up to three (3) board members and as many stakeholders as are necessary to facilitate the work of the standing committee. Standing committees shall meet not less than twice each quarter. No standing committee shall be comprised of more than four (4) members of the Board, and no one shall chair a particular committee for more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms. (Motion Carries)

Motion E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article V, Section 8 of its bylaws to read as follows:

Section 8: Censure

The Council can take action to publicly reprimand a Board member for actions conducted in the course of Council business by censuring the Board member at a Council Board meeting. Censures shall be placed on the agenda for discussion and action. (Motion Failed)

11. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson**.. **Barry Johnson** gave update and explained motions.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Council (SCNC) requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) act on the following safety recommendations for Carpenter Community Charter School made by Bradley Smith of the Los Angeles Unified School district (LAUSD) Office of Environmental Health and Safety:

1. A flashing beacon for the crosswalk at Laurel Canyon Blvd. at Maxwellton Road.
2. A total of two (2) crossing guards for the crosswalks at Ventura Blvd. and Carpenter Ave.
3. Repainting the crosswalk along the South side of Ventura Boulevard at Carpenter Ave.

4. **Repairing the bent school zone signs near 11930 Ventura Blvd. and Carpenter Ave. (South side of the street).**
5. **A Traffic Study with the aim of finding further solutions to excessive and dangerous traffic.**

Brought by: Rita Villa Seconded by: Heidi McKay (Motion Carried)

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) does NOT support reducing automobile traffic lanes down to one (1) lane in each direction on Lankershim Boulevard from Vanowen Street to Magnolia Boulevard due to the excess traffic that will be (and even now due to construction lane closures on Lankershim Boulevard) forced down Colfax Avenue, Tujunga Avenue and Vineland Avenue to and from Studio City. Colfax Avenue, Tujunga Avenue and Vineland Avenue all had one (1) lane already removed in each direction for "traffic calming" and bike lanes several years ago and have had greatly increased automobile traffic volumes with barely visible bicycle traffic.

Brought by: Rita Villa Seconded by: Lisa Karadjian (Motion Carried)

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the Sunshine Terrace Neighborhood application for a Preferred Parking District on Sunshine Terrace and adjacent streets. Jeff Yezetta working on this. Mark Provasero presented 6 contiguous blocks needed. Several stakeholders spoke in favor of the motion.

Brought by: Rita Villa Seconded by: Denise Welvang (Motion Carried)

12. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by Richard Niederberg. **Richard Neiderberg** spoke about "A day in Studio City" and provided a handout.
13. VANC Report by Richard Niederberg. **Richard Niederberg** reported that VANC addressed funding deadlines.
14. Sustainability Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan-Davis**. **Rita Villa** reported that the SCNC had received one email in support and none in opposition to the motion. **Patrick Lewis** left meeting due to illness. **Lisa Davis** gave the committee report.

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council asks that all elected officials whose jurisdiction includes the Studio City area review discontinuing the use of synthetic pesticides, such as, but not limited to, Roundup Pro Concentrate, Roundup Custom Herbicides, Dimension Ultra 40WO, Oust XP Herbicide, Proclipse 65 WDG, and Gallery 75 Dry Flowable or like synthetics compounds. (Motion Carried)

15. Land Use Committee Report by **Richard Welsh**. **Richard Welsh** gave background on the motions. **Rita Villa** reported that the SCNC had received 15 emails in support of motion D and one in opposition to the motion.

Motion A: The Board of the SCNC supports the application ZA-2017-1076-CUB (11929 & 11933 W. Ventura Blvd) by Jesse Gomez (COSINAS Y CALAVERAS LLC). Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W1, a conditional use permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.

Support is extended for the project as described in the Master Land Use Application with supporting documentation and information presented by the applicant to the Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee including at least the required number of parking spaces exclusively serving patrons and employees of the subject establishment and operation of subject establishment in compliance with SCNC Voluntary Recommendations and business hours (10AM to 12PM). (Motion Carried)

Motion B: The Board of the SCNC supports the application DIR-2017-694-SPP (10964 W. Ventura Blvd) by Sylvia Gabrielian (GRAY TAVERN) project permit compliance for the Ventura Cahuenga Blvd Corridor Specific Plan to allow the change of use from

retail to restaurant in the C2 Zone, interior and exterior remodel. Support is extended for the project as described in the Master Land Use Application with supporting documentation and information presented by the applicant to the Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee including at least the required number of parking spaces exclusively serving patrons and employees of the subject establishment and operation of subject establishment in compliance with SCNC Voluntary Recommendations and business hours (11Am to 11PM). (Motion Carried)

Motion C: The Board of the SCNC supports the application DIR-2017-798-SPP (12103 W Ventura PI) by the 12103 VENTURA PLACE, LLC. Project permit compliance for a proposed change of use to an existing single story building from a medical office to a health club, a 103 Square Foot addition at the rear of the building and replace the sign face. Support is extended for the project as described in the Master Land Use Application with supporting documentation and information presented by the applicant to the Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee including at least the required number of parking spaces exclusively serving patrons and employees of the subject establishment. Presentation was made by the project's architect. Rita Villa suggest the Land Use Committee should be doing the design review committee review where appropriate for applications on Ventura Blvd. (Motion Carried) Lisa Karadjian, Eric Preven and Patrick Lewis left the meeting before the vote.

Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the application by The Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) to "adopt" the median dividing north-bound and south-bound Vineland Avenue (lying approximately between Aqua Vista Street to the north and Bluffside St. to the south) for the purpose of installing three sculptures by notable Studio City artist Karl Johnson.

Support for this application is extended with the expectation that the SCBA will continue to demonstrate expertise in the execution of such projects in order to provide balanced resolution of practical, aesthetic, environmental, and economic considerations, and with the further expectation that the SCBA will provide the Board with regular and routine updates on the progress of the application and the development of specific installation details which necessarily evolve over the course of the City approval process.

Brought by: Richard Welsh **Seconded by:** Rita C. Villa **(Motion Failed).**

16. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** gave background on the motions.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council reaffirms its support for the new sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on October 22, 2015 and the City Planning Commission determination dated January 12, 2016 where it recommended that digital signs, whether off-site or on-site, be restricted to sign districts. In addition we support the comments included in prior reports to PLUM, dated May 19 2016, January 27, 2017 related to aesthetic, traffic safety and enforcement challenges inherent in allowing on-site digital signs outside of sign districts. The SCNC urges the PLUM Committee and City Council to adopt the version of the ordinance which includes the following provisions:

1. NO amnesty is granted to billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits. Signs without permits need to be cited, and citation fees collected.
2. No "grandfathering" of any sign districts that weren't approved or applied for in April 2009 when CPC approved the first version of the new sign ordinance.
3. Restrict new off-site signs and new digital billboards to sign- districts zoned for high-intensity commercial use where the height and size, luminous strength,

visual changes, and hours of operation can be strictly regulated to minimize possible hazards, light pollution, and visibility from surrounding neighborhoods.

4. Allow only signs with a permit to count against the takedown requirement: the takedown ratio of existing billboards in exchange for putting up new off-site signs including digital in sign districts should be ten square feet of billboard space removed for every square foot of new digital signage that is installed. Thus, a 10:1 ratio.
5. No new off-site signs, digital or static, in city parks, libraries, recreation centers, little league fields, and along the east Santa Monica mountain range.
6. Vinyl signs may not replace painted murals.
7. Decline conditional use permits for the placement of digital billboards outside of the sign districts.
8. Support the establishment of a "sign unit" in the L.A. City Planning Department to deal with all signage issues, including the regulations of on-site and off-site digital billboards as well as enforcement by Department of Building and Safety.
9. New billboards may only be erected within sign districts approved by the City.

Further, the SCNC is opposed to the Framework for Allowing On-Site Digital Signs Outside of Sign Districts set forth in the report by the Director of Planning dated March 28, 2017, as any such framework contravenes the intent and provisions of the ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on October 22, 2105. The SCNC specifically draws attention to two new studies measuring the impacts of billboards on traffic safety which draw a link between roadside advertising and increases in crashes. The results showed increases of 29% and 25%, respectively, near digital billboard sites compared to nearby road segments without digital billboards.

This motion should be filed as a CIS to CF 11-1705. (Motion Carried)

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposal to close part of the City's \$250 million budget gap for next year by using an estimated \$50 million of Local Return money from Measure M, the permanent half cent increase in our sales tax that was approved by 71% of voters in November, 2016. We support distributing the funds evenly between the Council Districts. We further recommend that Measure M Local Return Funds be used to supplement city budget funding to repair our sidewalks and pave our streets as presented to voters in Measure M campaign outreach. We also request that the Neighborhood Councils have a more active role in the decisions relating to how the funds will be spent.

This motion should be filed as a CIS to CF 16-0187 and CF 17-0166. (Motion Carried)

17. Outreach Committee Report (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total). No report at this time.
18. Comments from members on subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction. **Rita Villa** indicated that a grievance has been filed by Eric Preven and has been accepted by DONE. She suggested that, as the matter that gave rise to it has been resolved, the board should ask Eric to withdraw the grievance.
19. Closing comments by the President were given.
20. Adjournment. **Moved:** Rita Villa; **Second:** Denise Welvang. **Unanimous.**

ROLL CALL VOTE SHEETS