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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021
at 7:00PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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Meeting ID: 971 9876 2934

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes (see minutes below agenda)
3. President's Report
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - 2 minutes per speaker
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the [Monthly Expenditure Report](#) for November 2020 and hereby accepts and approves the report as presented.
 - b. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the [Monthly Expenditure Report](#) for December 2020 and hereby accepts and approves the report as presented.
 - c. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the [Monthly Expenditure Report](#) for January 2021 and hereby accepts and approves the report as presented.
6. Comments by Government Officials (15 mins)
7. Budget Committee - Lana Shackelford, (7 mins)
 - a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves \$4,500 to be allocated for expenditures associated with the 2021 SCNC election campaign. (line item budget below).
8. Bylaws Committee - (Nancy Kremer, 5 mins)
 - a. **MOTION:** Motion to adopt RONR [Robert's Rules of Order] 12th ed. as the parliamentary authority for [the] SCNC.

9. **MOTION:** The Board of the SCNC approves of the [draft letter](#) to the City so that the SCNC is on record disagreeing with DONE's interpretation of the Ordinance and unilateral change of our approved Bylaws. Motion Brought By Nancy Kremer, Seconded by _____
10. Government Affairs - Barry Johnson
- a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S18 by Councilmember Paul Koretz to oppose Senate Bill 9. SB 9 would facilitate "lot splitting", i.e., the subdivision of a parcel or parcels into additional buildable lots and remove the administrative and environmental reviews that currently apply. Further, it provides for the ministerial ("by right") approval of duplex (two residential units) construction and prohibits a local agency from requiring dedication of rights-of-way or offsite or onsite improvements for parcels created by a lot split. This motion is to be submitted as Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 21-0002-S18]. Link for info: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0002-S18>
- b. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S21 by Councilmember Paul Koretz to oppose Senate Bill 10. SB 10, which is the successor to SB 50, is even worse than that earlier proposed legislation. SB10 seeks to impose a one-size-fits all solution to California's affordable housing shortage. Unfortunately, SB10 appears to remove even the limited protections that were incorporated by, (the previously proposed), SB50 that would have allowed local governments to submit their own housing plans if they increase housing density, promoting fair housing and sustainable transportation. SB 10 would decimate Los Angeles's single-family neighborhoods and incentivize the construction of market-rate housing, further exacerbating the shortage of affordable units. This motion is to be submitted as Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF21-0002-S21]. Link for info: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0002-S21>
- c. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-1314 by Councilmember Gil Cedillo to revise the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program and its TOC Program Guidelines, and include feasible revisions to land use regulatory controls that impact, but are not limited to, public infrastructure, local housing market needs, scale, density, and that account for the unique and varying characteristics of neighborhood conditions citywide. The existing TOC Program has failed to take into account the differences, unique characteristics and varying conditions in the diverse communities, neighborhoods and land across the City. One size does not fit all, therefore, the TOC program needs modifications. Developers may utilize the program's incentives to set-aside affordable units in multi-family residential developments, in exchange for being granted City permission to construct buildings which are out of scale, character and incompatible with the local

neighborhood's context. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-1314] Link for info: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1314>

- d. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-0189 to revise the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program and its TOC Program Guidelines. In areas with high land values, the TOC program provides a substantial windfall for property owners and developers without achieving commensurate value for the public in terms of the creation of affordable housing units. In fact, in many instances TOC projects are leading to the displacement of dozens of existing rent-stabilized housing units. It was not the intent of the voters for TOC projects to displace moderate income tenants, only to create fewer low-income residential units inside new luxury mixed use projects that will not be available for rent for years to come. Moreover, many of the displaced residents make too much money to qualify for the very low and low-income affordable units that will be built and make too little to pay market rate prices for the new units in the new building. This unintended effect of the TOC program is counterproductive to the primary goal of preventing homelessness and the City must do all its power to protect rent burdened moderate income residents. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-1314] <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0189>

11. Land Use Committee, Lisa Karadjian (15 min)

- a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the application presented by Terri Austin to the Cultural Heritage Commission for the Weddington Golf and Tennis Club to consider its findings and declare the property an Historic Cultural Monument. Case Number CHC-2020-7764-HCM ENV-2020-7765-CE Located at 4047- 4155 N. Whitsett Ave. and 12506-12630 W. Valley Spring Ln., Studio City, CA 91604
- b. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the applicants, Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans proposed project to demolish the existing building and construct a new surface parking lot to create additional parking for their existing facility with the condition that MPI considers the possibility of renting or leasing the 32 space parking lot from the hours of 7 PM to 11 PM nightly to the restaurants in it's 500 square foot radius.
- c. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the landscape project proposal to "Adopt a Median" by the Footbridge Square Neighborhood Watch Group - The median is a small triangle of land at Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Valleyheart Drive on the west side of Laurel Canyon just north of the river.

---End of Agenda---

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01/2021 SCNC BOARD MTG

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:01 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council was held at 7:01 pm on January 20, 2021, via Zoom, the President being in the Chair, the Recording Secretary taking Minutes, and Michael De Lazzer as timekeeper.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - A quorum was present.

Absent:

Alex Izbicki - absent at roll call joined meeting at 7:08

Mira Kaplan (Resigned)

Nancy Kremer - excused

Jesse Porter - absent at roll call joined meeting at 7:08

Adam Summer - excused

Josef Tichy (Resigned)

2. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes (meeting minutes below)

November Minutes admitted without objection

3. President's Report

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - 2 minutes per speaker

5. Comments by Government Officials

6. Speaker: Michael Lektorich, Neighborhood Council Election Administrator

7. MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-0838 to develop a permanent network of Slow Streets to enable wider access to open spaces for all, including but not limited to a potential program structure, eligibility criteria, staffing needs, and a plan that would enable interested neighborhoods to apply for a permanent Slow Streets pilot program. Specifically, the following must be addressed:

1. There should be thorough outreach to stakeholders before this program is implemented and a requirement for Neighborhood Councils to be part of this outreach.

2. There should be clear criteria for how neighborhoods opt-in to a "permanent" Slow Streets program.

3. The report should address the current lack of consistency in street selection and establish criteria for what is an appropriate street for a Slow Street.

4. There should be a requirement for ongoing follow-up studies and publicly available data on whether these changes actually yield the desired outcomes.

5. The report should identify the means of enforcement, whether by LAPD, LADOT, Parking Enforcement or another entity.

6. Will overnight parking restrictions or Preferential Parking Parking restrictions be enforced on a Slow Street?

7. The report should address the problem of cut-through traffic when drivers re-route to avoid Slow Streets.

8. The report should also address ways to minimize driver confusion with new permanent signage and street usage.

The SCNC encourages the City to redouble their efforts to find appropriate green space, i.e. new parks, walk streets, pedestrian plazas, etc. versus taking away needed transportation infrastructure to meet green space needs. The SCNC would like to see these issues be addressed in any feasibility study and see this feasibility study made public.

This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-0838].

Brought by: Randall Fried
Seconded by: Richard Adams

Ayes 11, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

8. Government Affairs -

- a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Streets LA proposal to install 78 inch tall Digital Ad Screens at all public bus shelters with attached cellphone tracking to collect individual's data while at any bus shelter. [For more info: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/coordinated-street-furniture-program>]

Ayes 11, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

- b. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-1536 to instruct the Bureau of Street Services (aka Streets LA) to address the final design of possible bus shelter digital signs/cellphone data collection and assure the public that adequate controls are in place to protect neighborhoods and communities. The deliberation and decision making on this issue must be made in transparent fashion and be resolved before any award to operate the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) is approved. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-1536].

Ayes 11, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

- c. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to amend and clarify the Los Angeles Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) to read, "No internal combustion blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at any time", and put an end to loopholes in this ordinance so (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) can actually be enforced. [For more info: https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/leaf_blower1.pdf]

Ayes 11, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

- d. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 18-1246. During a historic housing crisis and pandemic that has exacerbated housing access, the City should not allow AirBNB and other home-sharing services to expand operations. By chopping its widespread effort to legalize home-sharing into three smaller actions, the City is distorting the environmental consequences of its effort and circumventing informed decision-making under the California Environmental Quality Act. So too, the City has failed to sufficiently analyze, identify, and mitigate cumulative impacts resulting from the VRO

and related City efforts to unduly loosen its Code to legalize home-sharing activities across the City. The HSO, VRO, and HSO/RSO amendment essentially remove roughly 42,000 units that would otherwise be available to provide long term housing—which is more than the 36,571 shortfall of very low-, low-, and moderate-income units needed for the City to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) obligations. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 18-1246].

Ayes 7, Nays 4, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

- e. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File 17-0226-S1 to raise the penalties for unpermitted remodels, additions and demolition of buildings, to be a sufficient economic deterrent in stopping unpermitted activities. Additionally, even higher penalties should be imposed (based on the size and value of the project) on chronic offenders, as well as, permits not granted for a specific period of time and a delay in the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 17-0226-S1] **and be enacted with an urgency clause.**

Ayes 10, Nays 1, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes as amended.

- 9. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the newest version of the Citywide Sign Ordinance (CF 11-1705), which the PLUM Committee issued on Dec. 10, 2020, because it is a recipe for visual blight across Los Angeles. Allowing new digital billboards in Regional Commercial Sign Districts, on public property, and in proposed new “Tier 3” Sign Districts would spread intrusive digital billboards into a great many intersections and commercial districts of our city. Much research has shown that changing digital billboards create driver distraction which causes accidents. Moreover, these signs radically alter any neighborhood, harming both its aesthetics and local property values. Version B Plus, written by the City Planning Commission, is by far preferable because it limits where digital signs can go and establishes a strong takedown ratio for a better overall impact on sign blight. We also favor an Environmental Impact Report on any new digital billboard. The type of regulation that Version B Plus envisions was also endorsed by huge majorities of Los Angeles voters in two public opinion polls. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council therefore rejects any version other than B Plus

Motion by: Randall Fried

Seconded by: Richard Adams

Ayes 11, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. Motion Passes.

Meeting Adjourned 9:07pm

VOTING BY MAIL and VOTING DEADLINE
Submitted – January 28, 2021

10 weeks of postings on FACEBOOK	\$2,000	
2 inserts in the SCRA newsletter (975 copies For March and May, 2021)		
Flyer, color, one side		400
Flyer, color, two sided	600	
Walkingman for Commercial Properties		
Walkingman	750	
Printing	1,250	
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>1,000</u>	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,500	=====