

STUDIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING 8/18/21

1. Call to Order at 7:03pm by VP Scott Mandell, acting as presiding officer.

Roll Call:

Kim Clements — Present
Ira Gold — Present
Jeff Hartwick — Present
Julie Houlihan — Present
Lisa Karadjian — Present
Scott Mandell — Present
Brandon Morino — Present
Karen Sarrow — Present
Andrew Silver — Present

Quorum establish (9 of the required 8).

Randall Fried — Present (arrived at 7:05pm)
Lara Koraiian — Present (arrived at 7:12pm)
Richard Niederberg — Present (arrived at 7:10pm)
Adam Summer — Present (arrived at 7:06pm)

Abigail Velasco — Absent
JJ Hoffman — Absent

2. President's Comments (5 mins) [presented after Homelessness agenda items]

- a. Vacant Board Seat - Independent Contractor/Employee Seat

3. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (5 min)

4. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 mins)

Marissa Tindel, re: public schools in area
LASD Dep. Roberto Carrillo and Lt Bill Kitchen, re: Homeless outreach
Tammy Ramirez LAUSD

Public comments

Board comments

5. Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements, 10 mins)

- a. Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2021

- b. Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2021

***Noted that no motions were presented on the public agenda. Motions tabled
[GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS PRESENTED AFTER HOMELESSNESS, AS THE CHAIR HAD
TECHNICAL ISSUES.]***

6. Government Affairs Committee Report (Barry Johnson 10 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 21-0710 to finance a program for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to purchase equipment for the Bulky Item Illegal Dumping (BIID) and Homeless Encampment Clean-up crews because this funding should come from the City's General Fund. The issuance of MICLA for the acquisition of RAP BIID Equipment (\$2,729,700) and RAP Homeless Encampment Cleanup equipment(\$390,000) approved in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget would cause the City to borrow a total of \$3,119,700 at an approximately 5.5 percent interest rate over ten years. The total estimated debt service for the capital equipment is \$4,139,000, including interest of approximately \$1,019,000. During the life of the bonds, the estimated average annual debt service is\$414,000 over 10 years. Actual interest rates could differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance. Clean-ups of encampments and debris left at RAP facilities have reached critical levels and are causing unsanitary conditions throughout the City, but let's use non-interest money from an appropriate General Fund account, which have received huge influxes of Federal Dollars this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0710].

Withdrawn by Chair. City Council already voted.

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0600-S9 to investigate the abuse of disability placards and illegal parking in spaces designated for individuals with a disability, including effective efforts in other jurisdictions to combat this issue. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0600-S9]

Public comments on agenda item 6b
Board comments on agenda item 6b

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 absent — **MOTION PASSES**

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Number 187096 (Council File 20-0380-S1) to reverse the following interpretation by the Los Angeles City Planning Department in its Implementation Fact Sheet, Page 4, (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/385f4113-65b4-4bf0-bf29-72282d8a7ab0/Fact_Sheet.pdf) regarding LAMC 187096. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to ~~[CF 21-0600-S9]~~ CF 20-0380-S1

Amended: CIS reference to CF 21-0600-S9 changed to 20-0380-S1

Motion: Randy

Second: Lisa

Public comments on agenda item 6c

Board comments on agenda item 6c

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes

Randall Fried — Yes

Ira Gold — Yes

Jeff Hartwick — Yes

Julie Houlihan — Yes

Lisa Karadjian — Yes

Lara Koraiian — Yes

Scott Mandell — Yes

Brandon Morino — Yes

Richard Niederberg — Yes

Karen Sarrow — Yes

Andrew Silver — Yes

Adam Summer — Yes

Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 **MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED**

7.Homelessness Committee (Luis Oliart, 15 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File21-0773 as written. While Council File 21-0773 only request a report from the Bureau of Sanitation we urge Councilman Krekorian and the full City Council to require full implementation by year end 2021. We would like to remind the City Council of Approved Council Files:14-1499-S7, 14-1499-S8, CF 19-0600-S156, and 19-0609 Approved by unanimous vote June 28, 2019.

On July 17, 2019 the Studio City Neighborhood Council submitted a motion: The Studio City Neighborhood Council is requesting specific deployment to known regular encampments in Studio City. As outlined in the plan the SCNC is requesting:Regular public health and clean up services, supply of receptacles and regular trash collection services, delivery of hygiene services to encampments, flexibility for LASAN teams to respond to MyLA311 and Council Office requests, Provide LASAN staff with appropriate mental health and sensitivity training, Partner with encampment residents to keep spaces clean and collect trash, Provide job

opportunities to encampment residents. It is unfortunate that the City Council is requesting a new study on the basic obligation of maintaining sanitation services when the City Council has previously address the issue of sanitation at homeless encampments. The Bureau of Sanitation report should include information on why previous City Council Motions have not been fully implemented and what specific steps will be taken to fully implement encampment sanitation measures by the end of the first quarter 2022.

Motion Tabled at Committee level

[7b MOVED TO AFTER 7e TO ALLOW PRESIDENT FRIED TO RECONNECT TO MEETING]

b. Motion: The Studio City Greenway, completed in 2004, was the City's first stretch of greenway along the Los Angeles River. However, problems have plagued the project for years: gates intended to be main access points have not opened; businesses still face away from the river; runoff from surrounding hardscapes contribute to erosion and destabilization of the banks and trail; inappropriate maintenance has resulted in overwatering, poor soil health, and a proliferation of invasive plants. The decline in the project condition made it less attractive for users and a haven for the unhoused. Several fires in the past two years have further degraded the site. Community organizations and volunteers have done their best to compensate for poor City stewardship. In June of 2020, the Board of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy awarded \$150,000 to the City's Department of Recreation & Parks to design and implement repairs and improvements to the Greenway. The grant application budget included \$130,098.26 from the RAP General Fund, and \$402,917.58 from Quimby funds, bringing the total project budget to \$683,015.84. This significant sum represents an opportunity for the community to collaborate with the City to ensure the project design addresses the underlying and overlapping issues noted above, and charts a new course for the future of the Greenway that provides long-term benefits to the community. As the Department has stated, the keys to the successful implementation of neighborhood parks and trails are; (1) the establishment of local partnerships; (2) the use of a community driven design process; and, (3) the strict use of low maintenance design standards. Working closely with local communities in the design and development process for each park will help inspire a sense of "local ownership," which is a critical component in the long-term success of any public space. We understand that the pandemic, which resulted in cuts to the Department of Recreation & Parks staff, will have affected the project schedule, and may have resulted in changes to the budget. The Studio City Neighborhood Council therefore asks that Councilmember Krekorian: Confirm that the budget is secure and available; and Confirm support for robust community engagement and a community-driven design process prior to any project design. The Studio City Neighborhood Council further asks Councilman Krekorian and Staff to work with LA RAP to develop a specific timeline of implementation and completion. The completion deadline should be no later than year end 2022

Motion to combine 7b and agenda item 10a as one motion for a vote

Motioned by: Randy

Seconded by: Jeff

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes

Randall Fried — Yes

Ira Gold — Yes

Jeff Hartwick — Yes

Julie Houlihan — Yes

Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 — **MOTION TO COMBINE AGENDA ITEMS PASSES**

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Councilmember Krekorian take steps to preserve Board and Care Homes in CD2. The preservation of Board and Care Homes is critical to prevent additional mentally ill people from becoming homeless in the community. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) further requests the Los Angeles City Council to join the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in requesting additional state funding in support of Board and Care Homes. Board of Supervisors Supplemental Agenda Item 51-B, January 7, 2020. In January 2020 the SCNC submitted a motion requesting the LA City council take steps to preserve Board & Care homes. In October 2020 the City Council passed motion 19-1516 that requested a report from HCID with recommendations to retain and preserve Board & Care Homes. It has now been 10 months since the report was requested with no action. The loss of a board and care facilities permanently reduces the state's and counties' capacity to house vulnerable populations of persons who are aged, disabled or have a mental illness. Without these facilities, the growing aging population and others who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness will likely find themselves with no other options but to live on the streets or in more expensive levels of care such as nursing homes and hospitals.

The SCNC requests the Councilman's office to:

1. Follow up with HCID to ensure the requested report is completed by year end 2021.
2. Identify Board & Care Homes in CD 2 and the San Fernando Valley, coordinating with County DMS and other agencies as needed.
3. Determine which, if any, are at risk of closing.
4. CD2 join with the County to request additional state funding to support Board and Care Homes.
5. Open a Council File that will direct the City of Los Angeles to submit a Resolution to the Governor to streamline regulations of Board and Cares to ease the burden on operators and remove barriers for clients, and establish sustainable rates and a program structure that maximizes Federal funding to support these facilities long-term so they can continue to be a critical housing resource for our most vulnerable residents.

Public comments on agenda item 7c

Board comments on agenda item 7c:

Board vote:

Kim Clements — No
Randall Fried — Absent
Ira Gold — No
Jeff Hartwick — No

Julie Houlihan — No
Lisa Karadjian — No
Lara Koraiian — No
Scott Mandell — No
Brandon Morino — No
Richard Niederberg — No
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — No
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 2, No 10, Absent 2 **MOTION FAILS**

d. Motion: In November 2019 the Studio City Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee submitted a motion requesting that CD 2 Councilman Krekorian use a Santa Monica program known as the Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Street Team or HMST as a template to develop a pilot program in CD 2. In 2016 the city of Santa Monica created its Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team, a group of specialists who locate and engage homeless individuals in the city who most frequently use city services. The goal is to help the most critical homeless individuals obtain housing and address their other needs, including mental health and substance use disorders. The program is aimed at a small group of chronically homeless people in Santa Monica, a Rand study found that the locally focused effort succeeded in getting most of the residents into housing and reduced their use of public services, offsetting city spending on the program by 17% to 43%. The full SCNC approved the motion which was submitted to Councilmember Krekorian and his staff. In February 2021 Councilman Krekorian submitted a motion to the L.A. City Council requesting funding for a HMST pilot project in CD 2. The motion further requested HCID to issue an RFP to procure a service provider for the service in CD 2. The motion passed with a unanimous vote on 4/21/2021. The SCNC now requests Councilmember Krekorian coordinate with HCID and other agencies as required to fully implement the HMST pilot program in CD2 as soon as possible.

This effort requires the Councilman's office to:

1. Follow up with HCID and other relevant city departments to develop and issue the RFP's for service providers as soon as possible.
2. Coordinate with public and non-profit service providers to staff and train outreach teams and appropriate facilities to identify beds for priority placement of the identified high-risk individuals in order to reduce the risk to the community, reduce the burden on emergency responders and reduce the costs to society.
3. The SCNC requests the Councilman's office to target a full implementation date of first quarter 2022.

Public comments on agenda item 7d
Board comments on agenda item 7d

Motion to table agenda item 7d

Motioned by: Randy
Seconded by: Lisa

Objection to the motion to table

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — No
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 12, No 1, Absent 1 — **MOTION TABLED**

e. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports comprehensive solutions to the homelessness crisis facing our community and the city of Los Angeles. Therefore the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0863 as written.

WITHDRAWN AT COMMITTEE LEVEL

8. Land Use Committee (Lisa Karadjian, 15 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the applicants proposal Mister O's Restaurant, A Plan Approval for the continued on-site sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 2687 ft.² restaurant including a 375 ft.² covered patio with 66 indoor seats and 25 outdoor seats with the recommended hours of operation from 11 AM to Midnight Sunday -Thursday and 11 AM to 2 AM on Fridays and Saturdays Case No: ZA-2010-3193-CUB-PA2 11834 - 11838 W. Ventura Blvd., Studio City CA 91604

Public comments on agenda item 8a

Board comments on agenda item 8a

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes

Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 — **MOTION PASSES**

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the applicants proposal A Conditional Use Permit to allow the new restaurant “KAZU NORI” of Sushi Nozawa, LLC the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption with 24 counter seats. Recommended hours of operation from 11 AM to 11 PM Sunday - Thursday and 11 AM to Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays Case Number: ZA-2015-0008-CUB 11288 Ventura Blvd., Studio City CA 91604

Public comments on agenda item 8b
Board comments on agenda item 8B

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 — **MOTION PASSES**

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the applicants request for a Hearing Waiver for “HI-LO LIQUOR MARKET” located at the Shops at Sportsmen’s Lodge Case No: ZA-2021-3135-MPA to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for offsite consumption and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption and tastings in conjunction with a new 2,148 sq. ft. Liquor Market with 8 indoor seats on the condition the hours of operation be changed to reflect as follows -Recommended hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday -Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. 12833 W Ventura Boulevard; Unit 9 Studio City, CA 91604. Hi-Lo’s case number is connected to the Master Conditional Use Permit ZA-2020-4944-MCUP

Public comments on agenda item 8c
Board comments on agenda item 8C

Board vote:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — No
Ira Gold — No
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — No
Brandon Morino — No
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — Yes
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 9, No 4, Absent 1 — **MOTION PASSES**

9. Public Safety Committee (Scott Mandell, 10 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0841 Strobe Light or Stroboscopic Lamp Possession Prohibition / Public Assemblies / (LAMC) / Amendment. The right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances is enshrined in our Bill of Rights. However, these devices pose a danger to protesters, bystanders, drivers, and law enforcement. We agree that their use should be prohibited at public assemblies.

Motion to table 9a

Motioned by: Randy
Seconded by: Kim

No objections — **MOTION Tabled**

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0869 which will bring welcome improvements to the LAPD online experience, as well as streamlining and improving the process for new and existing Neighborhood Watch programs. Crime and public safety are of great concern to the stakeholders of Studio City, and upgrades to the LAPD website will help to improve community public safety.

Motion to table 9b

Motioned by: Randy
Seconded by: Kim

No objections — **MOTION Tabled**

10. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter, 10 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to confirm that the budget is secure and available for the Studio City Greenway revitalization between Laurel Canyon and Whitsett Avenue, as well as, confirm support for robust community engagement and a community-driven design process prior to any project design.

Friendly amendment by Scott Mandell: Lastly we support LANC 41.18 designation that prohibits encampments along the greenway

Motioned by: Scott

Seconded by: Ira

Public comments and Board comments

Board vote on friendly amendment:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — No
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — No
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — No
Andrew Silver — No
Adam Summer — No
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 8, No 5, Absent 1 — **AMENDMENT PASSES**

Board vote on AMENDED MOTION:

Kim Clements — Yes
Randall Fried — Yes
Ira Gold — Yes
Jeff Hartwick — Yes
Julie Houlihan — Yes
Lisa Karadjian — Yes
Lara Koraiian — Yes
Scott Mandell — Yes
Brandon Morino — Yes
Richard Niederberg — Yes
Karen Sarrow — Yes
Andrew Silver — No
Adam Summer — Yes
Abigail Velasco — Absent

MOTION:

Yes 12, No 1, Absent 1 — **MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED**

11. Transportation Committee Meeting (Barry Johnson, 10 mins)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S134, a City Council Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 43 (AB 43) to bring down speeds on streets where there are a high number of serious and fatal crashes. California's process for setting speed limits has proven to unintentionally increase speeds over time and often results in the City being mandated to raise speed limits on streets with an already high incidence of death and serious injury, which is inconsistent with the City's Vision Zero goals to eliminate traffic deaths. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0002-S134]

TABLED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to update the City's Street Vending Ordinance to include the daily requirement that Street Vendors, operating right on the sidewalk, leave that sidewalk clean, trash free and grease free/sugar free at the end of each day of business to prevent grease falls and filthy looking sidewalks. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 13-1493]

TABLED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

12. Adjournment at 10:37pm