

SCNC Regular Board meeting January 19, 2022 @7pm

1. Call to Order at: 7:05pm

Roll Call:

Kim Clements: Present
Randall Fried: Present
Ira Gold: Present
Jeff Hartwick: Present
JJ Hoffman: Present
Julie Houlihan: Present
Lisa Karadjian: Present (left meeting at approx. 11:15pm)
Lara Koraiian: Present (left meeting at approx.11:45pm)
Scott Mandell: Present
Brandon Morino: Present
Richard Niederberg: Present (Arrived at 7:15pm)
Karen Sarrow: Present
Adam Summer: Present
Abigail Velasco: Present

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2. Approval of [November](#) meeting minutes : **Approved Without Objection**

3. President's Comments (5 mins)

Includes: Councilmember Raman meeting on 24th, and scheduling an upcoming town hall meeting with Raman. Asking for questions from stakeholder he can present to her.

The passing of former SCNC Board member Richard Adams.

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

Dean Cutler.

Public comments and Board comments and questions for candidate

Vote:

Kim Clements: Yes
Randall Fried: Yes
Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes
JJ Hoffman: Yes
Julie Houlihan: Yes
Lisa Karadjian: Yes
Lara Koraiian: Yes
Scott Mandell: Yes
Brandon Morino: Yes
Richard Niederberg: Yes
Karen Sarrow: Yes
Adam Summer: Yes
Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Dean Cutler voted in unanimously

b.Appointment to Vacant Board Seat - Residential Homeowner Seat

Alexa Steinberg and Adele Slaughter

Public and Board comments/questions for candidates

Vote (first candidate to obtain majority):

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

TOTAL: YES 9 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Alexa Steinberg voted in based on first majority.

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction include:

Rule that individuals who are sworn in can vote immediately.

Caller offended by other caller

Kathryn Barger took over after redistricting, Park and Ride cleaned up.

Encampment on Fruitland. Expected more from Council.

Fruitland becoming very dangerous.

NC elections. Found lots of discrepancies.

Video of Shops at Sportsman's Lodge ribbon-cutting

5. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 mins)

Logan Smith, representing Adrin Nazarian

Jorge Plascencia, representing Nithyya Raman

Jason Maruca, representing Kathryn Barger

Brandon Pender, representing NC Budget Advocates

Dean Cutler sworn-in in by Gibson Nyanbura, empowerLA NEA.

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

Still attending to a few past matters from the previous Board, but SCNC is unfrozen and up-to-date with the City Clerk's Office.

6a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Web Corner invoice #21326 for May/June 2020

Brought by Kim Clements Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Yes

Lara Koraiian: Recused

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 1

Motion: PASSES

6b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for November 2021

Brought by Kim Clements Seconded by: Randall fried

Public comments and Board comments include:

Vote:

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Yes

Lara Koraiian: Recused

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 1

Motion: PASSES

6c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for [December](#) 2021

Brought by Kim Clements Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Yes

Lara Koraiian: Recused

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 1

Motion: PASSES

7. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves of the design and printing of individual business cards for board members. [Sample](#). At a cost of \$35 per 250 cards, plus a set-up fee of \$12.50 per name. Services provided by NuColor, a Studio City Printer

Brought by: Scott Mandell Seconded by: Jeff Hartwick

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Yes

Lara Koraiian: Recused

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 1

Motion: PASSES

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

8a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1414 for an ordinance to implement Senate Bill 9 (SB9), *if amended, to include:*

1. Regarding Objective Zoning/Subdivision/Design Standards, add "RFAR shall be strictly enforced using prevailing zoning".
2. Regarding Maximum of Four Units and Two Lots, add "The City shall add a Zoning Code Modifier such as a "T" or "Q" condition to the parcel".
3. Regarding Parking, add "The City shall adopt an approved Major Transit Stop Map & open changes to the map every 5 years through a standard planning case public hearing format".
4. Regarding Setbacks, revise to Set Backs for Front, Rear, & Side yard setbacks shall be prevailing setbacks of the tract map.
5. Regarding Applicant Residency, add "A Permit shall be applied for by the applicant from the Department of Building and Safety. The permit shall be guaranteed by a bond of recorded lien on the subject property. LLCs or Corporations shall not be permitted." Rigorous enforcement of the 3-year minimum residency requirement for development related to SB9 projects, and a provision for improvements to infrastructure that will be impacted by SB9 projects, such as increased demands on the power grid and water resources, the integrity of our parks and green spaces, mediation of traffic increases that will result from heightened density, scarcity of parking, increased demand for schools, greater expectations of LAPD and LAFD protection, and future impacts of climate change and the decrease in permeable surfaces related to development.
6. Regarding Exemptions, should include "other special districts that shall be exempted from SB 9 including Survey LA documented historic areas and properties, HPOZs, equestrian-zoned areas, and River Implementation Overlay Zones (RIOs). "High fire or greater zones" should replace "Very High Fire Severity Zones", and high wind zones should be added. "Any such areas shall be exempt and protected from SB 9 development.".
7. Regarding Unavoidable Adverse Impacts, add "The City shall assess every SB 9 application for such unavoidable adverse impacts, shall provide its written assessment to the applicable City Council Office, and shall deny a project if an unavoidable adverse impact is identified". Replacement of any trees removed due to an SB9 project with mature replacement trees and working carefully to preserve the existing tree canopies.

The SCNC also recommends the following inclusions in the proposed ordinance(s):

The City must also establish a minimum threshold by which certain SB 9 projects cannot be ministerial and must be subject to greater scrutiny in terms of a public hearing process and heightened environmental review.

8. Affordable Covenant. There is at present an urgent Statewide and City concern about the provision of affordable housing. Every SB 9 project in the City shall require a fifty-five-year affordable covenant restricting rents to moderate-income households (80-120% of AMI), or owner-occupation with a price ceiling equivalent to current FHA mortgage limits. These limits shall be applied to all new units and listed on the HCID registry of affordable units.)

9. Impact/Development Fees. The City shall require the payment of impact or development fees related to the specific impact that will be imposed on a community by the creation of an SB 9 second lot and additional units. Impact fees can be related to a variety of impacts, including but not limited to infrastructure, construction impacts, recreation, libraries, etc. Such collected funds shall be deposited into a Special Fund to be used solely within the Community Plan Boundaries to which the project is located.

10. Notification Requirements. Every SB 9 filing shall require the City to notify those property owners and tenants within a 1000-foot radius from the proposed project site that a parcel map has been filed with the city.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1414]

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

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

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

8b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1472 for a Ballot Measure to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City of Los Angeles' next Decennial Census for 2030.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1472]

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

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
Adam Summer: Yes
Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

8c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1385 for more effective requirements for on-site posting and mailed notices by the Planning Department for all proposed land use actions, including larger sizes, longer posting periods, renderings where and when appropriate, and use of plain language; and to base those recommendations on notices and procedures already established in other jurisdictions; and to thereby provide all interested stakeholders with fully transparent notices.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1385]

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes
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
Adam Summer: Yes
Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

Motion brought by Randall Fried to possibly end meeting short due to time and re-convene the following week to finish meeting.

Seconded by: Lisa Karadjian

Board discussion. Randall Fried withdraws the motion without objection, and meeting continues.

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

9a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) install traffic calming measures to include, but not limited to, no parking on one side of the street, no oversize vehicle parking, speed limit signs and speed hump(s) for the very narrow hillside portion of Vineland Avenue between Fruitland Avenue and Lankershim Boulevard.

Public comments and Board comments

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

Kim Clements: No

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

Adam Summer: Abstain

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 1 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 1 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

9b.Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *only* supports "Alternative 6" with the motto, "You get what you pay for". "Alternative 6", (Heavy Rail), is the only alternative that truly has a vision of looking to the future with "room for growth" capacity as well as speed; as opposed to slower, smaller capacity "Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 Monorails."

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

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
Adam Summer: Yes
Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

9c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1469 for the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department on Disability, the City Administrative Officer and other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1469].

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes
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
Adam Summer: Yes
Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

10. Homelessness Committee Report (Luis Oliart, 7 mins)

Discussion includes point teams, working with multiple government agencies, the 101, Fruitland/Park and Ride, needing more volunteers for street teams, case workers and re-location of encampments, process of how the government handles homelessness.

10a. Motion :The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-1209 Title Volunteer Emergency Medical Corps Establishment / Preventative Medical Services /Non-Emergency Street Medical Services / Unhoused Residents. Given the large number of trained medical professionals in the area, it makes total sense to have the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department, be directed to report back to the City Council with recommendations on the establishment of a volunteer emergency medical corps for the City of Los Angeles, to provide medical services to persons experiencing homelessness. This will improve the quality of life for the unhoused, and reduce the number of 911 calls and emergency room visits where many homeless persons receive their primary medical care. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1209].

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Absent

Lara Koraiian: Yes

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 13 NO 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

10b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-1415 Naloxone Training and Distribution / Street-Based Services / Shelter Sites / Drug Overdose / People Experiencing Homelessness / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. The motion has three parts. It would (1) direct LAHSA to identify to report all agency staff and contracted providers who have received naloxone training and distribution and identify opportunities to expand these services; (2) direct the Chief Legislative Officer to do the same for city departments; and (3) direct the Chief Legislative Officer to identify any current and future 2021-2025 years County, State, and Federal legislation for the City Council to consider taking an official position that would address areas around funding and access to drug treatment, medical training, and Recovery Bridge Housing. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1415].

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

Kim Clements: No

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Absent

Lara Koraiian: Yes

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 12 NO 1 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

10c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 20-0769-S2 County of Los Angeles / Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Delivery / Unsheltered Residents / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / Los Angeles City Health Commission, instructing the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on their findings in CF: 20-0769-S2, including a review of the LA City contractual relationship with LA County for the delivery of health care services, detailed in contract C-32683 (as amended), with specific recommendations for the City to improve the delivery of healthcare services to all Angelenos, starting first with people experiencing homelessness. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-0769-S2].

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: Yes

Kim Clements: Yes

Randall Fried: Yes

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Absent

Lara Koraiian: Yes

Scott Mandell: Yes

Brandon Morino: Yes

Richard Niederberg: Yes

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: Yes

TOTAL: YES 13 NO 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: PASSES

10d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-1340 Project Roomkey / Interim Non-Congregate Shelters / 100 Percent Reimbursement / Executive Action / FEMA / Master Leasing / Hotels and Motels / Vacant Apartment Units / COVID-19 Pandemic / The motion will renew and expand Project Roomkey through April 2022, taking advantage of the Federal extension for reimbursement funding through the CARES ACT. The motion further recommends that the Chief Legislative Officer and LAHSA to consult with members of the unhoused community and service providers and report back on ways in which Project Roomkey operations could be improved and made more successful. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [21-1340].

Public comments and Board comments.

Vote:

Dean Cutler: No

Kim Clements: No

Randall Fried: No

Ira Gold: Yes

Jeff Hartwick: Yes

Julie Houlihan: Yes

Lisa Karadjian: Absent

Lara Koraiian: Absent

Scott Mandell: No

Brandon Morino: No

Richard Niederberg: No

Karen Sarrow: Yes

Adam Summer: Yes

Abigail Velasco: No

TOTAL: YES 5 NO 7 ABSENT 2 ABSTAIN 0 RECUSE 0

Motion: FAILS

11. Land Use Committee (Lisa Karadjian, 7 mins)

11a. Motion: The Land Use Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council OPPOSES the ElderCare Facilities five story plus roof deck building at the proposed 65.5 foot height to the top of the parapet and 11.5 additional feet of height to the top of the highest rooftop structure with a maximum height of 77 feet for the main building with Case No: ZA-2021-9477-ELD-CUB-SPP-SPR ENV-2021-9478-EAF.

However, within the same application, The Land Use Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the Conditional Use Permit (CUB) for the sale and service of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption by residents of the eldercare facility and their visitors/guests in the C2 zone as an incidental use in and accessory to the operation of the main building. Project Address: 11611-11695 Ventura Blvd., & 4010 - 4028 Colfax Ave. Studio City CA 91604

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

12a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Raman to direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to investigate the traffic conditions at the Shops at Sportsman's documented in the two videos linked below. Unsafe conditions at the Coldwater Canyon Avenue entrance are occurring at a time when only some of the stores have actually opened. The SCNC has received numerous complaints from stakeholders regarding the increase in traffic as a result of this opening, and the videos document what is now a regular occurrence. This will only get worse if the adjacent property gets an Exception to the Ventura-Cahuenga Specific Plan to build 500+ apartments utilizing the same entrance on Coldwater Canyon Ave.

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12b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S196 Title Cash Bail / Reinstatement / Temporary Zero Emergency Bail Schedule / COVID-19. California voters rejected Proposition 25 which proposed ending the cash bail system in the State. We are in support of this resolution which seeks City Council and Mayoral approval whereby the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that would reinstate cash bail. Cash bail need not be an all-or-nothing proposition. Rather, a fair system that considers the accused, their criminal record, their flight risk, and their danger to the community, Covid-19 challenges, without a rigid dollar amount framework. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [21-0002-S196].

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12c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1465 Title Los Angeles Police Department / Property Crimes / RV Overpopulation. Areas populated with oversized vehicles, including recreational vehicles, contribute to certain traffic and public safety challenges including overcrowded streets, obstructed views, and decreased parking. This overpopulation of RVs also presents a public safety risk to RV dwellers as well. In order to ensure the conditions of these corridors are not contributing to the recent upward trend in crime and protect community residents, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should study the prevalence of crimes within corridors populated with recreational vehicles. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file

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13. Adjournment Time: 11:57PM