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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA - SPECIAL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022
at 7:30 PM**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. President's Comments (5 mins)
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items** within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute per speaker)
4. **Multi-Agenda Item Comment** (20 minutes) Members of the public who wish to speak on items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of three minutes per meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements, 3 mins)
 - a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for [January 2022](#)
6. Outreach Committee Report (Brandon Morino 7 mins)
 - a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes the Digital Communications Policy (current draft as of 2/16/22) as presented by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and EmpowerLA, representing the City of Los Angeles.

This motion is to be submitted to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Councilmember Nithya Raman, Councilmember Paul Krekorian.

- b. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** In support or in opposition to the proposed changes to the BONC Code of Conduct. Supporting material:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KwEpMhpURX-8r_UQSuaP0sHjCgBIGnuD/view?usp=sharing

7. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter 15 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to the council file: 21-0828; LA Zoo Addition Plan. The proposed Zoo Vision Plan is profoundly inconsistent with City environmental priorities. The Project radically turns its back on Los Angeles's Sustainable City Plan, and snubs the 30 x 30 Initiative, along with the Biodiversity work by the Department of Sanitation and Environment. The plan is to clear native habitat for a native habitat exhibit and will destroy a Sensitive Natural Community. The proposed plan and its emphasis on providing a recreational amenity rather than an educational and conservation center and therefore will tarnish its image as a serious player in species conservation.

Fortunately, with the reduced project Alternative 1, little is lost toward the Zoo Vision's 14 Project Goals. Alternative 1, per the EIR, "would reduce environmental impacts identified in the EIR associated with the development and loss of natural resources within these areas (e.g., visual resources, native habitat, sensitive plant species, protected trees)." According to the EIR Alternative 1 is the "Environmentally Superior Alternative,"

With Alternative 1, the Zoo will meet AZA standards. The EIR clearly states that the Zoo can become a "World-class Destination" while meeting many other project goals with Alternative 1.

And finally, the proposed parking structure/additional parking encourages increased traffic and emissions in Griffith Park. We propose that the City Of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering work with Department of Transportation and Metro to expand multi-modal transit alternatives to support equitable access the the Zoo. The Zoo expansion should support our basic commitment to green house gas emission reduction.

This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File: [21-0828] LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0828>

Friends of Griffith Park letter:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0828_pc_10-12-2021.pdf

- c. **Motion:** Studio City Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File 19-0603. We recommend that the City of Los Angeles vote against this measure to expand Fire District 1. The motion proposes to exclude Type IV (heavy timber) and V (wood framed) construction from being utilized in Height Districts 2, 3, 4, and Regional Centers of Los Angeles. We urge the City

Council to vote down this proposed expansion and instead use this opportunity to repeal the entire outdated and archaic Fire District 1 classification. While the Studio City Neighborhood Council applauds the attention to fire safety measures, the limiting of building materials will harm the production of affordable housing and contradicts existing City sustainability policies, all while providing virtually no increase in fire/life safety for our City's residents. Also, this limitation of acceptable building materials does not align with the statewide California Building Code (CBC/Title 24), which is updated every three years, nor is it justified by the CBC which is seen as the benchmark for building safety and energy-use standards nationwide. The manufacture of concrete and steel is the source of about 16% of the world's CO2 emissions, whereas responsibly farmed timber is a carbon sink. Our City is already being ravaged by wildfires whose severity is directly magnified by the effects of CO2 on the atmosphere. The City should be looking at ways to mandate construction that involves less CO2 emissions (such as mass-timber), not mandating construction that is more CO2 intensive (such as concrete and steel). This ban on Type-IV (heavy timber) and Type-V (wood-frame) construction would eliminate one of the main mechanisms by which we are currently able to produce low- and mid-rise housing. If these construction types are banned, the only projects that will pencil in this new District will be much taller, much denser towers which can amortize the increased construction cost over more units and more-expensive units. The cost to build new homes in Los Angeles is already too high, which has reduced the amount of permanent supportive, affordable housing constructed in recent years and contributed to a severe increase in homelessness and housing costs. The Department of Building & Safety's report to Council on the proposed ordinance estimates that this one change would increase the per-unit construction cost between 10.6% to 47.1%. Expanding Fire District 1 will reduce the financial feasibility of 6 housing construction and result either in less affordable housing built in the City, or will require increasing the public subsidies for these projects. The last thing any member of our City Council should be proposing is even larger costs and ever larger deficits between the demand for housing in our City and its supply. As a neighborhood with many homes in the VHFHSZ and wildland-urban interface, we are deeply troubled that the effects of limiting medium height wood-framed construction elsewhere in the City will further exacerbate the severity of climate-change-magnified wildfires and make it even more difficult to meet our housing and sustainability goals.

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8. Cultural Affairs Committee (Karen Sarrow 7 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests Council Members Nithya Raman and Paul Krekorian to make a motion to insure the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation is tied to historic buildings and places, not building-fragments, salvage, or "site of" commemoration only, and to expand the parameters of the designation to include community significance.

9. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

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