

SEPTEMBER 9TH 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

On September 9th 2021, the Public Safety Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council held a regular meeting.

Meeting Called to order and recording started at 6:02 pm

Committee members who were present. *Scott Mandell (Board Member & Vice President, Chair), Jeff Hartwick (Board Member & Corresponding Secretary), Patty Kirby (Stakeholder),* quorum established. *Marsha Newman (Stakeholder) was absent (excused).*

August minutes were approved without objection.

The Chair delivered a brief opening message, a recap from the last meeting, a few updates re stakeholder concerns.

Public comment on non agenda items. We heard from Ruth.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0870 Illegal Street Racing / Drag Racing / Traffic Calming Measures / Vision Zero / Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force. Illegal street racing is a danger to all pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and even persons inside their homes. We look forward to seeing the results from the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force as far as recommendations to address this safety issue. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0870].

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(The Transportation Committee also voted unanimously to support this Motion)

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File Council File: 20-1267 Modified Mufflers / Noise-Sensitive Areas / Local Enforcement / Limit Use Modified mufflers on vehicles disrupt our quality of life due to their excessively loud noise. In addition to being loud, they can create backfires that are often mistaken for gun fire or explosions which lead to calls for police response. Presently, there are existing laws that govern noises emitted by vehicles by both the City and the State. We agree that the regulations for modified mufflers should be more heavily enforced and support the efforts of the Council to direct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in concert with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City

Attorney to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-1267].

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Motion passed unanimously

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-0975 Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation. Illegal street racing is a danger to all pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and even persons inside their homes. We support the City Attorney being requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San Jose. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0975].

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Motion passed unanimously.

This motion passed unanimously at the August meeting, but was missing the CIS verbiage at the end. This was ammended to include the CIS verbiate.

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. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0869].LINK

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Motion passed unanimously - Public comment from Ruth re this motion.

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0929 Title Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Schools / Signage. The LA City Council passed, and the Mayor signed revisions to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d). The first steps are to designate locations as "sensitive use", where encampments and other associated activities are to be prohibited within 500'. After which proper signage must be posted so that the ordinance can be enforced. We

support this first step in designating schools as sensitive use and directing the Dept Of Transportation to post signage. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0929].

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Sheri Herman and Patty Kirby updated us on CPAB activities and some crime stats.

The chair thanked all committee members and members of the public for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

Agenda item 3 was skipped for the moment, SLO Shawn Smith was not yet present.

Agenda item 4 skipped, no other govt. officials in attendance.

Agenda item 5 public comment non agenda items.

We heard from Rose re an issue with the sidewalk on Coldwater Cyn near Harvard Westlake, with water and safety issues. The chair asked for photos so he could investigate the problem an attempt to resolve.

We heard from Rudy who expressed interest in us agendizing a vote of no confidence re the recall of LA DA George Gascon.

We heard from Christy, Public Safety Chair from SONC who informed us about a Public Safety Alliance group that is meeting Aug 17th and that information would be forthcoming.

We heard from Puppet regarding an issue at a jewelry store on Ventura Blvd and he expressed concerns about blood clots associated with the C19 vaccines.

Agenda item 6 Discussion and possible motion with respect to council file 21-0869

Marsha 2nd. After reading the motion, we heard public comment from Puppet Round table comments from the committee.

Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda item 7 Discussion and possible motion with respect to council file 21-0869

After reading the motion we heard public comment from Puppet

Before we went to committee discussion on this, we circled back to agenda item 3 as SLO Shawn Smith joined the meeting.

Officer Smith updated us on crime and LAPD information

that affects Studio City. We heard public comments from Puppet and from Rudy.

Committee members Jeff and Marsha asked Shawn a few questions.

We then circled back to agenda item 7 to pick up where we left off.

Jeff 2nd. The committee discussed. Patty informed us that LAPD is already in the process of doing that, but that supporting the council file is still a good move especially if it brings financial support.

Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda item 8. Patty & Sheri gave an informative overview of NHPD CPAB of which they are members.

Public comment, we heard from Puppet

Agenda item 9. Marsha with an update on a recent vacant house fire 4135 Vantage whereby the gates were not secure, and apparently homeless person(s) occupied the premises and started a fire.

Public comment from Puppet.

Committee discussion re securing vacant properties and those under construction.

Possibility of working with Land Use if some sort of action letter or other steps are necessary.

Agenda item 10.

Starting off with public comment we heard from Puppet

Committee round table re guests and items for future agendas

Meeting adjourned 7:18 pm