

SCNC REGULAR BOARD MEETING 5/18/22 MINUTES

Call to Order at: 7:03pm

1. Roll Call:

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Kim Clements:	Present
Dean Cutler:	Present
Randall Fried:	Present
Ira Gold:	Present
Jeff Hartwick:	Present
JJ Hoffman:	Present
Julie Houlihan:	Absent
Lisa Karadjian:	Present (arrived at 7:06pm)
Lara Koraiian:	Absent
Scott Mandell:	Present
Brandon Morino:	Present
Richard Niederberg:	Present
Karen Sarrow:	Present
Adam Summer:	Present (left at 7:45, returned at 8:10pm)
Alexa Steinberg:	Present
Abigail Velasco:	Present

Quorum: **YES**

2. Approval of [April](#) Minutes:

Approved without objection

3. President's Comments:

Includes: Get funding requests to Kim for 2022/23 budget. In June, Board will be electing new officers.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute per speaker)

Includes: Stakeholder happy to see the Board members with their videos turned on, Studio City pop-up CERT drill.

5. Announcements by Government Representatives:

Jason Maruca (Barger) — May 3rd approved motion re: blue ribbon commissions homelessness services. Tribute to Veteran's families.

Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2) — June 23rd event, Bernardi Senior Center. LAPD NH division, catalytic convertor etching event. City budget finalizing, Krekorian is the chair of the budget committee.

Jorge Plascentia (CD4) — Post on Medium to fund and streamline affordable housing, bike lanes. Funding for the SC Rec Center. River Greenway update. "Drive Slow" signs posted around CD4. Backpack giveaway for school kids.

Eliza Schwartz (Nazarian) — Introduction, new rep for Studio City area. Emergency rental assistance program. Major issue re: unhoused is on CalTrans property.

6. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council votes to remove Lara Koraiian from the board due to excessive unexcused absences. Per our Operating Procedures, SECTION 4: ABSENCES A. A Board Member who incurs an unexcused absence at two regularly scheduled consecutive Board Meetings or, optionally, three total Board Meetings during any twelve (12) month period may be removed by the action of the Board.

Brought By Randall Fried, Seconded By Kim Clements

Public comments and Board discussion include: Well beyond the limits of unexcused absences, She broke up with us. Has there been every attempt made to contact her. Hope she's safe and well.

Vote on 6:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lara Koraiian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 2 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

LARA KORAIAN REMOVED FROM BOARD

7. Discussion and Possible Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the submission of the [draft] Ad Hoc Committee Report, in regard to the Harvard Westlake River Project [Case #ENV-2020-1512-EIR] to the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning.

Brought by: Randall Fried Seconded by: Richard Niederberg

Public comments and Board discussion include:

Request an RDEIR, since the DEIR is incomplete. Ad Hoc never actually met as a committee. DEIR is inadequate. Single biggest development in Studio City, alongside Sportsman’s, Missed opportunity, Ad Hoc not timely, DEIR does not address all concerns, only motion tonight should be for a DEIR, going to have to make the development smaller, alternate plans not addressed, the NC usually waits for the formal report before we take a position, open to public vs. publicly accessible, public accessibility a “gift to the community”, was there feedback from both side of the aisle with Ad Hoc, in DEIR there are 4 alternate plans but there was no breakdown in comparing these plans, Save Coldwater Canyon requested a DEIR, idea for Ad Hoc was to end up with something neutral.

Vote on 7:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 1 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

8. Transportation (Barry Johnson)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-002-S58, a Resolution supporting State Assembly Bill 2336 (AB 2336 - Friedman-Ting) to authorize the City to implement a speed safety pilot program. This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0002-S42].

Brought by Randall Fried. Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Public comments and Board discussion include: Friedman doesn't seem to like cars very much, a ridiculous assembly bill, this doesn't work.

Vote on 8a:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

NOTE: TRANSPORTATION IS AGENDA ITEM 8. GOVT. AFFAIRS SHOULD BE 9, AND SUBSEQUENT ITEM PLACED ONE NUMBER AHEAD.

9. Government Affairs Committee (Barry Johnson)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0002-S61, a Resolution to oppose the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" which would amend the State Constitution to impose restrictions on the ways in which State and local governments can impose taxes, fees and other charges. Furthermore, the SCNC supports the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act". This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 22-0002-S61].

Brought by Scott Mandell. Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Public comments and Board discussion include: Trying to chip away at Prop 13, can't tax us without our permission, trying to sneak fees in to replace taxes.

Vote on 9a:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 12 yes 1 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0392 to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and Metro. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0392].

Brought by Brandon Morino. Seconded by Richard Niederberg

Public comments and Board discussion include: None

Vote on 9b:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1386's April 6, 2022 "Report from the Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA)" for the City's inventory of both improved and unimproved medians throughout the City. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1386].

Brought by Scott Mandell. Seconded by: Richard Niederberg

Public comments and Board discussion include: None

Vote on 9c:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

d. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0139 with respect to the location of a proposed dog park at North Hollywood Park *unless* the dog park is moved near parking lots in the north section of the park between Magnolia Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard along the 170 Freeway. The current proposed south tip of the park has no parking area and is adjacent to parking impacted residential streets. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0139].

Brought by Brandon Morino. Seconded by: Richard Niederberg

Public comments and Board discussion include: This is about parking, not opposing the dog park itself.

Vote on 9d:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 8 yes 5 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

10. Public Safety Committee (Scott Mandell)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Councilmember Raman designate the underpass at Whitsett Ave./101 freeway as a special enforcement zone under LAMC Section 41.18(c)(2). The SCNC has received numerous complaints from stakeholders who are concerned about public health and safety dangers created by the homeless encampment that was located there. Thankfully, the City recently cleared out this encampment. The residents and businesses in proximity to the underpass can now breathe a sigh of relief, no longer living in fear, surrounded by criminal activity, trash, open-air drug use, and a reduced quality of life. But once an area has been cleared, it is imperative to keep that location encampment-free. Otherwise, the cycle of despair will only continue for the homeless and the adjacent residents and businesses. Until there is a city-wide approach to the homeless crisis, a special enforcement designation of the Whitsett Ave./101 freeway underpass is crucial. The underpass has recently been marked by drug dealing, illegal drug use, and dangerous fires. Breathing toxic diesel exhaust fumes is also harmful to the health of those camping there. There is therefore ample evidence to support an enforcement designation resolution for a City Council vote. Such a designation would prevent individuals from sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way of the underpass. If a special enforcement designation is not given, the LAPD will only be able to cite as infractions violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act pursuant to Section 41.18(a)(1), and not for living in a tent or other shelter at the underpass. To date, Councilmember Raman has failed to designate any 41.18 special enforcement zones, unlike council members in neighboring districts. It is now time for Councilmember Raman to designate this underpass as a special enforcement zone, as stakeholders fear the encampment's return. Outreach alone will not solve the problem for the service resistant, so a legal enforcement tool must also be an option. A designation will ensure that our residents, disabled persons, and children can safely travel through the underpass without obstructions.

Public comments and Board discussion include: Received several emails regarding this, motion too long, an RFA based on input from stakeholders which is the reason for its length

Vote on 10a:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 22-0415 Title Serious and Violent Crimes / Public Transit System / Safety / Armed and Unarmed Response Models. Given the recent spike in violent crimes in and around transit, as well as the changing perceptions of the need for alternative approaches to public safety on transit systems, it is imperative that Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department be directed to report back on how to improve safety in all City transit systems and station stops as it relates to serious and violent crime. Additionally, The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is requested to report with past and upcoming efforts to curtail the issue of violent crimes on trains, buses, and transportation stops, including an analysis of armed and unarmed response models. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [22-0415].

Public comments and Board discussion include: Metro is its own district, we can't tell them what to do, Police-sharing arrangement between LAPD and LASD.

Vote on 10b:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0390 Title Catalytic Converters / Unlawful Possession Prohibition. According to the Los Angeles Police Department, reported thefts of catalytic converters in the City of Los Angeles have increased year after year from 2018 to 2021, with 972 reported thefts in 2018, 1,198 reported thefts in 2019, 3,131 reported thefts in 2020 and 5,880 reported thefts in 2021. It is important that the City of Los Angeles take all necessary steps to curb the theft of catalytic converters.. As such, the City Attorney is instructed to prepare and present a draft ordinance prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters, similar to those approved by the Cities of Lake Forest, Desert Hot Springs and Mission Viejo, Irvine and others. In addition, the SCNC also supports catalytic converter etching events such as those sponsored by the LAPD. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [22-0390].

Public comments and Board discussion include: None

Vote on 10c:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

d. **Motion:** The Board Of The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-1376-S1 An ordinance amending Section 56.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to align it with Section 41.18 of this Code and to remove references to “Bulky Items.”

The LA City Council passed, and the Mayor signed revisions to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d) which were supported by the SCNC.

This ordinance brings LAMC Section 56.11 up to date with the provisions of 41.18 as it applies to the storage and removal of property illegally obstructing public spaces. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [20-1376-S1].

Public comments and Board discussion include: This is more of a housekeeping measure, now everything that blocks the public right of way applies, not just bulky items.

Vote on 10d:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
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Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 13 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

11. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves of the purchase of 2 licenses for Zoom at a cost of \$200 per license per year.

Brought by: Randall Fried Seconded by: Richard Niederberg

Public comments and Board discussion include: These licenses would allow multiple Board members to start meetings, will have the same options as we do now, can have concurrent meetings, some NCs are buying more than 2 licenses

Vote on 11:

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Randall Fried:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Ira Gold:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Julie Houlihan:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Lisa Karadjian:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Scott Mandell:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Brandon Morino:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Richard Niederberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Karen Sarrow:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Adam Summer:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Alexa Steinberg:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 11 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 2 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

12. Adjournment: 9:28pm