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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022
at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. Approval of [February](#) and [March](#) Minutes
3. President's Comments (5 mins)
 - a. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Harvard Westlake River Project DEIR - if interested in serving, please email adhoccommittee@studiocitync.org
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items** within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute per speaker)
5. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 min)
6. Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements, 3 mins)
 - a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for [March 2022](#)
 - b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) request in the amount of \$5000 for the Community Disaster Preparedness Foundation to support the purchase of [2 Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) staging area disaster kits](#). (Previously approved by Board, March 2022)
 - c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to Board Member, Richard Niederberg, in the amount of [\\$283.09](#) for the purchase of beverages and snacks for the upcoming April 13 movie night event. The purchase was made at Costco which would not accept use of the Los Angeles City credit card.

7. Sustainability Committee Meeting (Adele Slaughter 15 min)
- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the adoption of the Resolution Council File (CF 22-0002-S55) to support SB 1404 which would enhance the conservation of oak woodlands by officially recognizing oak woodlands as essential habitat areas, identify mitigation strategies for better oak tree and oak woodland conservation and stewardship. Oak woodlands still exist in Studio City. They contribute significantly to biological diversity but are not afforded the priority they deserve in the conservation planning process. [SB 1404](#) (Stern) would close the gap in existing law. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File ([CF 22-0002-S55](#)). This motion supports the Senate Bill SB 1404 (Stern).
 - b. **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 incorporate the goals established in the City's Green New Deal, LASAN's Biodiversity Report, and the City's Climate Change goals, to preserve and grow the City's urban tree canopy by incorporating requirements to include space for large native shade trees to grow in private open space. The City shall require all plans to comply with LAMC 12.12C.1.(g) and shall require each parcel to preserve significant mature trees (measuring 8" and bigger at Diameter Breast Height *DBH*), and to plant (or preserve) a minimum of 1 large native shade tree per unit. Application of the City's Tree Guarantee Fee (aka In Lieu of Fee) shall be excluded. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [[CF21-1414](#)]
 - c. **Motion:** The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) strongly supports Council File 21-1470 for an ordinance to amend City code to ensure the City provide the right of first refusal for the purchase of City-owned surplus property in the Santa Monica Mountains to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, as required by State Law. The City of Los Angeles is the owner of many environmentally sensitive parcels in the Santa Monica Mountains, including land that contains the highest concentration of biodiversity, habitat for protected species such as the local mountain lion, protected native trees, and sensitive natural woodlands. In the past, the City has sold these parcels off for development. This practice is in opposition to a conservation and environmental standpoint and conflicts with state law - which provides that the resource agencies such as the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy should be provided the first opportunity to acquire these parcels for permanent preservation of open space. We agree with the comment submitted to the file by CLAW: "It is important that the City never again make shortsighted attempts to sell away and develop irreplaceable city-owned land which has an inherent value and long-term benefit for the well-being of the environment and all Angelenos". We urge City Council to approve the ordinance. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [[CF 21-1470](#)]
 - d. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the Healthy Streets For All ballot initiative. We ask that the Los Angeles City

Council create an ordinance that automatically implements the Mobility Plan 2035 when repaving streets, using the exact language as written in the initiative.

8. Homelessness Committee (Luis Oliart 15 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0002-S36, Title: AB 2020 (Gallagher) / Gravely Disabled Definition / Lantermin-Petris-Short Act /Involuntary Commitment and Treatment / Mental Health Disorders / At-Risk / Bodily Harm /Basic Personal Needs.

LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S36>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2020

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0002-S33, Title: Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court / Governor Newsom Proposal / Mental Health / Medication / Supportive Services / Housing / Court-Ordered Treatment / Constitutional Rights Protection.

LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S33>

9. Government Affairs Committee (Barry Johnson 15 mins)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0280 for a proposed Fair Chance Housing Ordinance to prohibit landlords from inquiring about a tenant applicant's criminal history or using that history to disqualify that tenant's rental application.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 22-0280].

Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0280>

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0002-S22 for a Resolution strongly condemning the egregious actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0002-S22].

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- c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) OPPOSES the D.O.N.E./B.O.N.C. Neighborhood Council-specific Code of Conduct Policy unless the following concerns and amendments are adequately addressed and/or accepted:

(1) Provides verifiable supportive data regarding the extent of the problem that justifies the proposed restrictive Code of Conduct.

(2) Presents the standards by which such disciplinary determinations outlined in the Code of Conduct are made by DONE, and the qualifications of such individuals who make such determinations.

(3) What safeguards are guaranteed to prevent an adjudication that is arbitrary and capricious?

(4) Amend Section 6(b) by deleting the no appeal sentence and adding "The Board Member or Committee Member may appeal the suspension decision within ___ business days by written communication to the General Manager. An appeals board composed of 3 Neighborhood Council Board Members from different Neighborhood Councils shall meet and review any DONE findings and input from the accused Board Member and affirm or overturn the suspension by a majority vote. Said appeals body shall decide within ___ days of meeting and inform all interested parties of the decision. The ruling of the appeals body shall be final."

(5) How can D.O.N.E partake in direct disciplinary action against the NC system if Article 9 of the Los Angeles City Charter created DONE to "assist," "arrange," and "advise" Neighborhood Councils, and the words "discipline" or "disciplinary body" do not exist?

(6) Has the City Attorney's office done an analysis about the likelihood of lawsuits by elected Board Members because of the due process or other problems in the proposed Code of Conduct?

(7) The Attachment A restrictions to the proposed Code of Conduct potentially violate the First Amendment rights of elected Board Members and Committee Members.

- d. **Motion:** WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Charter, Article II, Section 200 includes as "city officers" "the members of the boards and commissions of the departments"; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office conducts official City elections for Neighborhood Council Board Members and well as City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Council Board Members are subject to the same Oath of Office, mandatory training, and City, County, and State regulations as other elected and appointed officials.

WHEREAS, Board Members of the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are arguably city officers by virtue of being elected or appointed members; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) refers to Neighborhood Council Board Members as “volunteers who are public officials elected by their communities and serve in an advisory role to municipal government”, rather than elected and appointed public officials who volunteer their time; and

WHEREAS, DONE’s draft Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct proposes the disciplining of elected Neighborhood Council Board Members by unelected, appointed DONE employees;

IT IS RESOLVED that:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests clarification from the City Council, the City Attorney and BONC as to (1) whether Neighborhood Council Board Members are city officers under the City Charter; and (2) the legal basis for unelected DONE/City employees being able to suspend or otherwise discipline elected and appointed Neighborhood Council Board Members.

This motion is to be submitted as a Request For Action to Councilmembers Nithya Raman and Paul Krekorian, as well as the City Attorney of Los Angeles and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

10. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson 10 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0002-S42, a Resolution supporting Senate Bill (SB) 922 (Wiener), which would eliminate the January 1, 2023 sunset date in existing law and provide for a statutory exemption to CEQA for sustainable transportation projects forever.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 22-0002-S42].

Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S42>

Brought By: Randall Fried Seconded by: _____

11. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves a SCNC sponsored social occasion "meet and greet board members". This will take place at Studio City Recreation Center on a weekend, and last approximately 2 hours. The exact date and time to be determined. The estimated costs are as follows:

10 CPK pizzas – 6 slides

@ \$16 - \$17 each

Total \$ 187.79

Alternate option

Dominos

10 Large pizzas – 3 toppings @ 15 each

Total \$153.19

Assorted drinks and snacks from existing SCNC inventory.

Miscellaneous items, tablecloths, napkins, ice, paper plates...

\$25

Brought by: Scott Mandell Seconded by: _____

12. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the design and purchase of SCNC t-shirts and hats for promotional purposes. Estimate of costs, [CLICK HERE](#)

Brought by: Scott Mandell Seconded by: _____

13. Adjournment

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