

SCNC REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/16/22

Call to Order at: 7:04pm

1. Roll Call:

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

Quorum: **YES**

2. President's Comments (Scott Mandell presiding)

Comments include: Will include Government Officials in the President's Comments, since it's not on the agenda. First LA Sanitation. SCNC should establish an Executive Committee and have more Town Halls. Will not take up Gascon recall campaign based on advice from the City.

Allison Arnold, Andrew Reguindin (NOS 29 presentation) and Thomas Woo (NOS 30 presentation) from LA Sanitation, present sewage upgrades to the Board.

Public and Board discussion on LA San presentation.

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

Comments include: 60 seconds is too short a time for public comment. Two homeless encampments on CalTrans property near Walter Reed MS. Bus stop access for disabled, should have public postings for process to access clean-up services.

4. Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for [February](#) 2022. Motion by : Kim Clements Second by: Julie Houlihan

Vote on 4a: (note: Board Members Koraiian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 11 yes 0 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the [revised budget](#) for FY 2021/2022 (passed by Budget Committee 3/5/2022).

Discussion

Vote on 4b: (note: Board Members Koraiian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 11 yes 0 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the payment of \$3,000 for [Studio City Beautification Association \(SCBA\) Vineland Median Improvement Project](#) approved by the Board in FY 2020/2021 as part of matching funds grant from councilman Paul Krekorian’s *CD2 Neighborhood Council Community Beautification Program* but not submitted for full payment from both SCNC Community Improvement Project funds and special account funds granted to SCNC from CD2/Krekorian (“special account funds” payment was submitted and paid in FY 2020/2021).

Discussion

Vote on 4c: (note: Board Members Koraian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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 Koraian:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 10 yes 1 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

d. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the FY [2019/2020](#) inventory and [2020/2021](#) inventory.

Discussion

Vote on 4d: (note: Board Members Koraiian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 11 yes 0 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

5. Budget Committee (Lana Shackleford)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves up to \$5,500 for the two events, as presented by the Cultural Affairs Committee (known as the Spring Event and Summer Event) pending a breakdown from Beeman Park, regarding the provision requiring the six park employees to staff each event.

Discussion

Vote on 5a: (note: Board Members Koraiian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 11 yes 0 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) request from the Studio City Public Safety Committee to support the purchase of the Neighborhood Staging Area Kit.

Discussion

Vote on 5b: (note: Board Members Koraiian, Steinberg, and Cultler are ineligible to vote on financial matters, pending completion of training.)

Kim Clements:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain
Dean Cutler:	yes	no	absent	ineligible	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	ineligible	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	ineligible	abstain
Abigail Velasco:	yes	no	absent	recuse	abstain

TOTAL: 8 yes 1 no 1 absent 3 ineligible 2 abstain

MOTION: PASSES (8 yes, 7 other)

[SEC NOTE: THEREE WAS NO AGENDA ITEM 6 LISTED ON POSTED AGENDA]

7. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS Council File 22-0234; Kyiv, Ukraine/Sister City of Los Angeles. The adoption of Kyiv as a Sister City is a symbolic gesture of solidarity from Los Angeles to the Ukrainian people that the City of LA stands for democracy and the freedom of speech. Los Angeles stands strongly in support of Ukraine and acknowledges that it has been attacked unilaterally and without provocation by Russia.

Brought by: Scott Mandell Second: Richard Niederberg

Discussion

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
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: 14 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

8. Government Affairs Committee (Barry Johnson)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 17-0981, (03-31-22 - Final Ordinance), because the proposed ordinance takes away the vetting process from the surrounding community.

Discussion

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
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: 14 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 22-0152 and Council File 22-0156 to combat Street Lighting copper wire theft and identify those neighborhoods most significantly impacted by copper wire theft outages.

Discussion

Vote on 8c:

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: 14 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 22-0120 for streamlining and expediting the permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) as required by the State of California amended Government Code Section 65850.7(g)(1), (AB1236).

Discussion

Vote on 8d:

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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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: 14 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

9. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer to file an injunction to halt the new terminal construction at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport (BUR) pending the resolution of the City of Los Angeles' lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MR. JOHNSON PRIOR TO DISCUSSION

Presentation by Brandon Pender of NC Budget Advocates (delayed from President's Comments) regarding upcoming Controller candidates Town Hall.

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 Coldwater Canyon Ave./101 freeway as a special enforcement zone under LAMC Section 41.18(c(2)). We thank Councilmember Raman and the CD4 staff for their efforts in clearing out the homeless encampment at this underpass. 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 Coldwater Canyon Ave./101 freeway underpass is crucial. The underpass has been a public health and safety problem for two years now, marked by incessant drug dealing, illegal drug use, and fires. Breathing diesel 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 at the underpass. To date, Councilmember Raman has failed to designate *any* special enforcement zones, unlike councilmembers in neighboring districts. It is now time for Councilmember Raman to designate this underpass as a special enforcement zone.

Discussion

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
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: 14 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 recuse 0 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

11. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter)

a. **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.

b. **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.

c. **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.

ALL MOTIONS WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR (DISCUSSION WITH MR MANDELL BEFORE MEETING) PRIOR TO DISCUSSION

12. Adjournment

Motion by: Scott Mandell

Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Time of adjournment: 10:06pm