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BOARD MEETING Draft Minutes APRIL 19, 2023 AT 7:09PM

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Kim Clements	Present	Yes	Residential Renter
Dean Cutler	Present	Yes	Employee/IC
Fiona Duffy	Present	No- A	Youth Member
Randall Fried	Absent	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Ira Gold	Absent	Yes	At-Large Stakeholder
Jeff Hartwick	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Julie Houlihan	Present	Yes	Business Rep
Scott Mandell	Present	Yes	Business Rep
Chip Meehan	Present	Yes	Employee/IC
Brandon Morino	Present	Yes	Residential Rep
Richard Niederberg	Absent	Yes	Service Organization
Wren Sarrow	Absent	Yes	Service Organization
Adele Slaughter	Present	No- E	Business Rep
Adam Summer	Absent	Yes	Residential Renter
Alexa Steinberg	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Abigail Velasco	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
TOTAL: 16 Boardmembers	PRESENT: 11 ABSENT: 05	at ROLL CALL	

*Funding vote eligibility key: A=age less than 18 yrs.; E=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; X=expired

1. Call to Order & Roll Call- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Mandell at 7:09PM. Secretary Abigail Velasco called the roll. Eleven (11) Boardmembers were present and five (05) were absent. Quorum was met.

SCNC ITEM 1. Roll Call					
Present –11	Absent-05				
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan,	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow,				
Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	Summer				

- 2. President's Comments, announcements.
 - a. Announcement only. A reminder to those attending, during public comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The SCNC has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment. Boardmembers are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with stakeholders during their allotted time.
 - b. Ira Gold statement-President Mandell read the statement of Ira Gold that some members of the SCNC want to attend, but are unable to attend due to medical concerns. These Councilmembers had reached out to DONE and the City Attorney's Office multiple times for a solution accommodation and have been ignored and have yet to receive a response. We would like to convey this message to let the stakeholders know that they have not willfully abandoned their positions.
- 3. Secretary Report Abigail Velasco Approval of the <u>regular board meeting minutes</u> of March 15th 2023 and the <u>special board meeting minutes</u> March 29th 2023. Attendance report, training compliance. No objections. All members eligible to vote.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 3. Motion to adopt the March 15, 2023 minutes and the March 29, 2023 minutes.						
Present –11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05		
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Summer		

- 4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick: Filings of CIS and Resolutions All CISs have been submitted except for the March 29th meeting CISs as Mr. Hartwick has not received any documents. After submitting the SCNC opposition to the anti-bias training, Councilmember Nithya Raman's Office called to get clarification on the motion. Mr. Hartwick forwarded the request to President Mandell who responded to the request.
- 5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements
 - Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for <u>March 2023</u> A revised budget will be presented at the May meeting. There is about \$6000 remaining in funding.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5a. Motion to approve the March 2023 MER. Second: Houlihan					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05	
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco		None	Duffy	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Summer	

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of <u>\$406.55</u> for the purchase of beverages and snacks for the Movie Night event of April 8, 2023. Purchase was made at Costco which would not accept use of the Los Angeles City credit card.

Board Comment:

1. Brandon Morino asked if the amount will be an issue with the City Clerk.

Public Comment: Barry Johnson

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5b. Motion to approve \$406.55 to Boardmember Mandell for reimbursement for beverages and snacks for the April 8, 2023 Movie Night. Second: Hartwick					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05	
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell,	None	None	Duffy	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Meehan, Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco				Sarrow, Summer	

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of <u>\$61.09</u> for the printing of flyers notifying the adjacent public of our Land Use Committee meeting of April 12, 2023 in relation to the proposed Elder Care facility on Colfax Ave and Ventura Blvd. Purchase was made at Staples, Studio City.

Public Comment: Barry Johnson

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5c. Motion to approve \$61.09 to Boardmember Mandell for reimbursement for printing of flyers. Second: Slaughter

Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell,	None	None	Duffy	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,
Meehan, Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco				Sarrow, Summer

d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the purchase of small <u>beach balls</u> with SCNC logo from Quality Logo Products for purposes of outreach and promotion at upcoming June movie night and other events plus a nominal amount (under \$30) for air pump to fill them. Total with air pump not to exceed \$600.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5d. Motion to approve up to \$600.00 for the purchase of small beachballs and a pump for Outreach events. Second: Houlihan

Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell,	None	None	Duffy	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,
Meehan, Morino, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco				Sarrow, Summer

Meeting recessed and moved to special meeting at 7:18PM. Meeting resumed at 7:46PM.

6. Vice President Report Chip Meehan reported on April 8th LA river as a public space had a walk and meeting. Tree people were there to provide maintenance on the greenway. First time that it showed 20 to 30 people that the river was a public artery. More information next year. Vision plan which will be rolled out to the Board and general public that the flats, hillside, and the river each has its own challenges and attributes. In the near future will be able to look at key issues and attributes to generate a policy. We will look at projects near the river and have a greenway context so as not to encroach on the river. We will be looking to have a park.

- 7. Outreach Committee update Teri Austin reported that the last several weeks we have been able to use the farmers market as it is free to use the market for outreach. We will be there May 14th, 17th, and June 6th and we will continue to ask to have a booth there. While at the Farmer's Market, we were able to get four new people to run for the Board. If you have anything to promote, send it to Teri Austin. Only need 100 flyers. Currently working on the banners that have a nominal fee. It is to make the public aware of the SCNC. Come out for an hour. Kim Clements asked to remind the NC of the dates. So much to do for outreach and we can do our best to inform our neighbors.
- 8. Announcements by Government Representatives.
 - a. NEA Lorenzo Briceno with an update from DONE. Absent, no report.
 - b. Other Govt representatives in attendance 43:26
 - I. CD 4 Nithya Raman, Walker King, Operations Manager <u>walker.king@lacity.org</u> 213-500-7357- Draft EIR Harvard Westlake High School there have been objections raised and those will be addressed in the final EIR that will be subjected to public comment and final review. Direct public comments to the Planning Commission as public comment was extended for 15 days. Thank you to everyone that came out on April 8th to movies in the park. Another movies in the park will be held on the first Saturday in June on the 3rd. The movie will be Disney's Moana. New office space for CD4 will be opening at Ventura and Ethel and will be the main Valley post for CD4. Open to the public in two to three weeks.
 - II. CD 2 Denise Shaw Council Ad hoc committee meeting was held on April 13th and the next meeting will be held on April 20th and the topic of the meeting will be Size and Council Districts. While these two meetings are not in the Valley, there will be a Valley meeting on May 22nd and the topic will be Commission Selection. There will be additional meetings on June 1st and June 12th so that there can be public input on redistricting. Free groceries May 4th at Whitsett Sports Complex from 3:00PM to 5:00PM.
 - III. Public comment: Barry Johnson, Teri Austin, Melody, Joan Rivas, Drew Shaw, Dominic Curran, Richard Hopp
 - IV. Board comment:
 - 1. Brandon Morino asked about intersections of Woodman and Ventura and any ingress/ egress for ADA. Are there any other intersections in Studio City?
 - 2. Jeff Hartwick wanted to know why the vote against the catalytic converters' theft penalties. Homeless man in front of library. Is he service resistant and what are the efforts of CD4?
 - 3. Scott Mandell stated that the explanation from CD4 does not make sense on the homeless man's situation if front of the library. There was a \$10,000 fundraiser for the homeless man and he still refused services and prefers homelessness.
 - 4. Chip Meehan has been having meetings and creating best practices with Toluca Lake to define their area, Riverside Drive, for a downtown area and thanked Denise for attending the meeting.
 - V. Council Office Responses:
 - 1. SB 411 No comment
 - 2. AB 659 No comment

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items

- a. Richard Hopp
- b. Drew Shaw
- c. Barry Johnson

- d. Tess Taylor
- e. Joan Rivas

10. Land Use

 a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) SUPPORTS The Proposed Project: Studio Village (Sprouts). Project address 11263-11325 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City CA. City Planning Case Number <u>ZA-2023-1634-CUB-SPP-WDI</u> Change of Use to Grocery with beer and wine sales; 1,064sf partial demo; exterior alterations; Sign Program for new and replacement signage. LINK to <u>slides</u> presented to the Land Use Committee 4-12-23. LINK to documents folder <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UsO7uCv35VDk994wE8FCJh-2WBzBLCBt?usp= sharing</u>

The representatives addressed the full landscape plan. Eucalyptus trees do not provide shade and drop acidic leaves that damage any plants below. Mature trees will be planted. The project needs to meet code requirements to meet 50% shade and low water intensity water use. The 41 eucalyptus trees removed will be replaced with 41 mature, native trees. Water drainage is mandated by the code and all requirements of the code will be met.

Board comments:

- Adel Slaughter stated that the plant list is nonnative, invasive plants and what do we want in downtown Studio City? The plant plan is not sustainable. You will lose canopy and increase the heat island. All projects need to be 80% native. The plant list needs to be revised. Trees are sterile and bugs will not come.
- 2. Chip Meehan was glad the developers came to the meeting and to update the 1980s landscape. Needs more of a native plant palette and 80% native. Habitat Island would be functionally important, but would be overrun with exotics. There needs to be pest free plants.
- 3. Julie Houlihan wanted to know the period of time for a tree canopy to develop over time. Do you have to remove the 41 trees?
- 4. Kim Clements is not excited about Sprouts development and the current location is not overbuilt and you could go into the stores and there was easy parking.
- 5. Brandon Morino asked about the loading docks and noise and if they face the river. Are there time restrictions on the loading docks.
- 6. Dean Cutler wanted to know if what the developer was proposing is against code.
- 7. Adele wants studio city to look 80% native and we get resistance because people do not understand native plants.

The developer would arrange a call to work with the Land Use committee to look at other options to consider if there is a sound reason.

Adel made a motion to amend to increase the percentage of native plants and a native palette. No second, motion failed.

Brandon Morino was recognized and called the question.

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10a. Motion to stop debate. Moved: none Second: Morino					
Present –10	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	Slaughter	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Summer	
Velasco					

Public Comment: Barry Johnson, Melody, Teri Austin, Richard Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10a. Motion to support the proposed Studio Village Sprouts Project as written.					
Present –09	No-02	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05	
Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco	Clements, Slaughter	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Summer	

Meeting recess at 9:03PM Meeting resumed at 9:16PM.

Adele Slaughter left the meeting at 9:16PM.

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council President Paul Krekorian's proposal to have a 13 member Ventura-Cahuenga Corridor Specific Plan (VCCSP) Review Board consisting of 1 mayoral appointee, 1 from each of the 6 communities appointed by the councilmember(s) of each community, AND 1 from each of the 6 communities appointed by the Neighborhood Councils of each of the 6 communities. If any of the 6 communities is represented by more than 1 councilmember, the multiple councilmembers of that community shall jointly choose that community's councilmember appointee regardless of where the VCCSP boundaries fall in that community. The above ensures that even if the whole VCCSP was in the same Council District, (and that's not an impossibility in 2031 or any other decennial census redistricting year, given that CD4 is currently over 17 miles long), that the single councilmember could appoint 12 out of 13 members (*a majority*). If there were a 7 member VCCSP Review Board without Neighborhood Council appointees, that same councilmember could appoint 6 out of 7 members (*also a majority*). This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 17-1071-S1]. Brought by: Scott Mandell. Link: 17-1071-S1 (CFMS) (lacity.org)

Barry Johnson read the motion and explained that it is done by Council Districts. It has to be redone by communities and not by Council Districts. The SCNC wants to appoint one member.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10b. Motion to support the VCCSP Review submit a CIS. Seconded: Morino					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco				Sarrow, Slaughter,	
				Summer	

- 11. Government Affairs (Barry Johnson 20 min extendable by chair)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-1468-S1</u> for an Amnesty Program for non-permitted illegal Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). (<u>See attached letter</u>.) This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-1468-S1]. Brought by Scott Mandell. Link: <u>16-1468-S1 (CFMS) (lacity.org)</u> Barry Johnson read the motion.

Board Comment:

1. Julie Hoolihan is in agreement that there can be problems and bad things can happen. It is not smart to support.

Public Comment: Tess Taylor

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11a. Motion to oppose CF 23-1468-S1 and file a CIS Seconded: Clements					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer	

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-0002-S26</u>, a Resolution opposing Senate Bill (SB) 52 (Durazo) to require large cities in California to have independent commissions for the drawing of City Council districts. This would bring districting practices in these cities in accord with State policy, as reflected in California's use of independent districting commissions for both the California legislature and the seats in the United State House of Representatives. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0002-S26]. Brought by Brandon Morino. Seconded by _. Links: Council File - <u>23-0002-S26 (CFMS)</u> (lacity.org) SB 52 Bill Text:

<u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB_52</u> Letter, etc., to the City Council from Senator Maria Elena Durazo <u>23-0002-s26_misc_2-15-23.pdf (lacity.org)</u> Barry Johnson read the motion.

Board Comment:

- 1. Scott Mandell the city is opposed to this based on the backroom deals that happened during the last redistricting. The SCNC is opposed to the City Council's own Council File.
- 2. Chip Meehan it is a conflict and needs to be independent.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11b. Motion to oppose CF 23-0002-S26 and file a CIS. Second: Meehan					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer	

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-0002-S30</u>, a Resolution supporting <u>Senate Bill (SB) 4 (Wiener)</u> to streamline the process for religious organizations and nonprofit educational institutions to develop housing on their property regardless of local zoning restrictions. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0002-S30]. Brought by Chip Meehan. Link: <u>23-0002-S30 (CFMS) (lacity.org)</u> Link: <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB4</u> Barry Johnson read

the motion

Board Comment:

- 1. Brandon Morino commented on the fact that is not where the religious organizations are located, it is the additional property that the organization could own. You do not know where they own other property.
- 2. Julie Houlihan is against anything that is against zoning laws.
- 3. Chip Meehan has heard that Notre Dame has been buying properties around their field and could build five story buildings on those properties if the state passes this bill.

4. Scott Mandell stated that there are price and labor restrictions that can add costs to construction. Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11c. Motion to oppose CF 23-0002-S30 and file a CIS Second: Hartwick					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Slaughter,	
Velasco				Summer	

d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Councilmember Nithya Raman's 10/25/22 Original Motion, as well as the 3/2/23 Communication from Councilmember Raman - "Proposed Amendment", both in Council File 22-0560, to strengthen the proposed updates to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance in said Council File. The SCNC opposes the 3/17/23 Communication from the Council President - "Draft Amended Municipal Lobbying Ordinance Language" in Council File 22-0560 which takes all of the teeth out of Councilmember Raman's original Motion and Proposed Amendment. (See attached letter.) This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0560]. Brought by Adele Slaughter. Links: Council File -22-0560 (CFMS) (lacity.org) Original Motion from Councilmember Raman (10/25/22) - S14KONICA C22102512420 (lacity.org) Proposed Amendment from Councilmember Raman (3/20/23) S14KONICA C23032018270 (lacity.org) Barry Johnson read the motion.

Board Comment:

1. Julie Houlihan there is a letter from a lawyer about nonprofits, but we need to support.

2. Scott Mandell stated that Jamie York spearheaded this and that we need to support.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11d. Motion to support CF 22-0560 and to file a CIS Second: Meehan						
Present –09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-06		
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Steinberg, Velasco	None	Morino	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer		

12. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson 15 min extendable by chair

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-0360</u> to eliminate the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) policy requirement to replace any parking spaces when a L.A.D.O.T. facility is utilized as interim, supportive, or affordable housing. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0360]. Brought by: Chip Meehan. Link:<u>23-0360 (CFMS) (lacity.org)</u>

Barry Johnson read the motion.

Public Comment: No comment

SCNC ITEM 12a. Motion to oppose CF 23-0360 and file a CIS. Seconded: Houlihan					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Slaughter,	
Velasco				Summer	

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 23-0002-S39</u>, a Resolution to support allowing adult riders of bicycles and electric bicycles to treat "Stop" signs as "Yield" signs, ONLY IF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ARE REMOVED FROM THE LEGISLATION. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0002-S39]. Brought by: Scott Mandell. Link <u>23-0002-S39</u> (CFMS) (lacity.org) Barry Johnson read th motion

Board Comment:

- 1. Julie Houlihan is opposed to the motion because of liability for the driver.
- 2. Brandon Morino is opposed to the motion and this will create more litigation.
- 3. Kim Clements is opposed because of the electric bikes being taken out and should not be singled out.

Kim Clements made an amendment to strike out ONLY IF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ARE REMOVED FROM THE LEGISLATION. Seconded: Morino

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 12b. Motion to strike out ONLY IF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ARE REMOVED FROM THE LEGISLATION. Second: Morino

Present –07	No-03	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Mandell,	Hartwick,	None	None	Fried, Gold,
Meehan, Morino, Steinberg	Houlihan, Velasco			Niederberg, Sarrow,
				Slaughter, Summer

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 12b. Motion to support CF 23-0002-S39 as amended. Second: Hartwick					
Present –07	No-03	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Steinberg,	Houlihan, Morino, Velasco	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer	

13. Public Safety Committee (Jeff Hartwick 30 min extendable by chair)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-0036</u>: Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation /Unarmed officers. In recent months, there have been a number of uncivil disruptions and unrest at Los Angeles City Council meetings by members of the public. These disruptions have effectively shut down the conduct of the

people's business, resulting in meeting delays and the Council being unable to address important stakeholder concerns. Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez has introduced this resolution to develop mediation methods, rather than enforcement, to deal with uncivil and unlawful disruptions at meetings. The motion also seeks a report on disarming police, who protect our City Council members. Such changes would be unworkable and dangerous. Speakers and audience members at meetings should follow the rules while engaged in civic discourse, not break them. The proposals would only encourage lawlessness and more disruptions of Council operations, and threaten the safety and security of our elected representatives. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0036. LINK:

<u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=2</u> <u>3-0036</u> Jeff Hartwick read the motion.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13a. Motion to oppose CF 23-0036 and submit a CIS.					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer	

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council File 23-0002-S28</u>: Title, <u>AB 28 (Gabriel)</u> / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. Assemblymember Gabriel has introduced an Assembly bill that would impose a state excise tax on firearms and ammunition costing Californians \$110 million each year. This bill would only result in further, unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. It would prevent many Angelenos from being able to afford a firearm for self-defense in crime-plagued neighborhoods. A tax on ammo and firearms simply would not prevent criminals and gangs from committing violent acts. At a time when crime rates are up and local district attorneys are not prosecuting many crimes, the right to self-defense by law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and not hindered. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S28. LINK:

<u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=2</u> <u>3-0002-S28</u> Jeff Hartwick read the motion.

Board Comment:

- 1. Brandon Morino is opposed to any excise tax, Where is the tax going to go?
- 2. Julie Houlihan stated that this will not deter criminals.
- 3. Scott Mandell stated that gun stores in Las Vegas will support and this will create a black market and not stop gun violence.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13b. Motion to oppose CF 23-0002-S28 and submit a CIS.						
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06		
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,		
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Slaughter,		
Velasco				Summer		

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 23-0002-S29</u>: Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. Catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise throughout the state. 1,600 catalytic converters are stolen every month in the state. Thousands are stolen every year in Los Angeles alone. More needs to be done to stop this criminal scourge. <u>Senate Bill 55</u> has been introduced in the Senate to prohibit the sale of new or used vehicles unless the VIN has been engraved or etched onto the converter. This would make it more difficult for thieves to fence stolen converters, and thereby reduce thefts. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S29.

LINK:<u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-</u> <u>S29</u>

Jeff Hartwick read the motion and stated that Raman had opposed a similar motion. There are constant posts about the theft and we need to stop the theft.

Board Comment:

- 1. Scott Mandell stated that this is a no brainer.
- 2. Julie Houlihan discussed the cost and time to get a new catalytic converter.
- 3. Brandon Morino stated that Toyota Prius are the hot cars with more valuable catalytic converters.
- 4. Kim Clements claims that the burden on the person and that each individual should protect themselves. Why are we making them do it?
- 5. Jeff Hartwick explained that this would not be a burden on use car sellers and this will be a multi prong approach to help stop the thieves.
- 6. Chip Meehan stated that they are stealing them for the metals and that the VIN would be removed as soon as it got to the recycler.
- 7. Scott Mandell stated that this will help to eliminate the Black Market.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13c. Motion to support CF 23-002-S29 and file a CIS.					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Slaughter,	
Velasco				Summer	

d. **Motion**: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 23-0002-S43</u>: Title, <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB43</u> / Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. This bill would revise the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) that governs involuntary detention and mental health treatment for individuals found to be a danger to themselves or others. It would expand the definition of what constitutes being "gravely disabled" to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or substance abuse disorder. This change in the law would make it easier for authorities to get mentally ill and drug-addicted homeless individuals off of the streets and into life-saving treatment programs. This is a practical way to deal with the service resistant homeless who continually refuse help by outreach workers. It would benefit not only the affected individuals and their families but local neighborhoods adversely affected by criminal activity and open drug use of the service resistant. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S43.

LINK:<u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-</u> <u>S43</u> Jeff Hartwick read the motion.

Board Comment:

- 1. Scott Mandell stated that something has been triggered in Sacramento because of the sponsors of the bill. We need to support this bill.
- 2. Chip Meehan wanted to know what is the burden of proof. Will it not be used viciously against the homeless?
- 3. Jeff Hartwick responded that there several layers and due process is required.

Public Comment: Peter Cole

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13d. Motion to support CF 23-0002-S43 and file a CIS.						
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06		
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Summer		

e. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 23-0002-S32</u>, Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. State <u>Assembly bill 1082</u> would weaken the laws on removing vehicles that have been issued 5 or more parking citations and prevent DMV registration for unpaid parking penalties. The bill would: (1) prevent a peace officer from removing a vehicle with 5 or more parking citations; (2) repeal the authority to conduct a lien sale of a towed and stored vehicle; and (3) extend the authority to remove a vehicle with an expired registration from 6 months to one year. The lessening of penalties on parking scofflaws would only encourage more lawlessness and increase the number of abandoned vehicles in our city. Councilmember Lee's motion OPPOSES this impractical Assembly bill. LINKS: <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB</u> <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB</u> <u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=2 3-0002-S32</u> Jeff Hartwick read the motion.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13e. Motion to support CF 23-0002-S32 and file a CIS.					
Present –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06	
Clements, Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Fried, Gold, Niederberg,	
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Sarrow, Slaughter,	
Velasco				Summer	

The meeting was recessed at 10:21PM. The meeting was resumed at 10:24PM.

Kim Clements left the meeting at 10:25PM.

14. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter, Chip Meehan 30 min extendable by chair)

a. **Motion**: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council file: 03-1459-S3</u> to strengthen the City's <u>Protected Tree Ordinance</u> <u>No.177404</u>, as detailed in the <u>Motion</u> introduced

by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin on November 22, 2017. Since 2017 it has been demonstrated that Protected trees are too easily removed under the "protected tree ordinance" leading to significant losses in canopy coverage and native habitat throughout Los Angeles. By way of example - there were 175 known Southern California Black Walnut Trees removed between 2017-2020 in the City of Los Angeles (based on Tree Removal Notices submitted to the BPW). Black Walnut trees are classified as near threatened and are legally protected by Federal Programs. Over 78% of all protected trees that are removed are based on development. Of those 175 Southern California Black Walnut Trees removed only 59 black walnuts were proposed to replace them. This is significantly less than what is currently required under the current "Protected Tree Ordinance." Southern California Black Walnut Trees are a keystone species (defined as a species that supports other species in a woodland habitat) therefore removing a Southern California Black Walnut negatively impacts other species' ability to survive. The City of Los Angeles has allowed this threatened species to be removed once every 7.2 days. This is not responsible management and stewardship and the City needs to do better. We request urgent action on this long overdue report back.

Source: <u>research</u> by Travis Longcore researcher, educator, environmentalist, <u>https://ericbrightwell.com/2022/08/24/those-useless-trees-the-california-black-walnut/</u>

SEE attached Tree Report: https://www.studiocitync.org/assets/documents/15/meeting642cf962a1fed.pdf

This motion is also to be submitted as a CIS to Council File: 03-1459-S3

<u>https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-S3</u> Chip Meehan read the motion.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 14a. Motion to support CF 03-1459-S3 and file a CIS.						
Present –09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-07		
Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Clements, Fried, Gold,		
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Niederberg, Sarrow,		
Velasco				Slaughter, Summer		

 Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Councilmembers Nithya Raman and Paul Krekorian introduce a Council Resolution in support of <u>AB 1423</u> and <u>SB 499</u>. AB 1423 seeks to prevent further installation of artificial turf in light of PFAS "Forever Chemicals". SB 499 bans the installation of artificial turf in school sites due to the heat island effect. Assembly Bill 1423 which will prohibit, commencing January 1, 2024, a state entity or public entity from purchasing or installing a covered surface containing regulated PFAS. Link to the Assembly Bill: <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB 1423</u> The Senate Bill 499 bans the installation of artificial turf in school sites due to the heat island effect. Link to Senate Bill: <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB 499</u> Chip Meehan read the motion.

Motion withdrawn by Chip Meehan.

c. **Motion**: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request that Councilmember Nithya Raman and Council President Paul Krekorian introduce a motion requesting a report back from the Bureau of Sanitation's Biodiversity team and Department of Rec and Parks on available alternatives to artificial turf in light of the emerging regulatory environment. Chip Meehan read the motion.

Board Comment:

1. Scott Mandell reported that the city was installing turf everywhere in the name of the environment. If the city was supporting this, it must be bad. There should be a study. Why not?

Public Comment: Peter Cole

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 14c. Motion to a. request that Councilmember Nithya Raman and Council President Paul Krekorian introduce a motion requesting a report back from the Bureau of Sanitation's Biodiversity team and Department of Rec and Parks on available alternatives to artificial turf in light of the emerging regulatory environment.

Present –09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-07
Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan,	None	None	None	Clements, Fried, Gold,
Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Steinberg,				Niederberg, Sarrow,
Velasco				Slaughter, Summer

d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and Council President Paul Kerkorian introduce a Council Resolution in support of <u>Assembly</u> <u>Bill 1322</u> written by Laura Friedman, which seeks to govern the possession, sale and use of pesticide and rodenticides which are particularly harmful to wildlife, especially those located in the Santa Monica Mountains. Link to bill:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1322 Chip Meehan read the motion.

Board comment:

1. Julie Houlihan wanted to know if there was alternatives to rodenticides.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 14d. Motion requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and Council President Paul Kerkorian introduce a Council Resolution in support of Assembly Bill 1322 written by Laura Friedman, which seeks to govern the possession, sale and use of pesticide and rodenticides which are particularly harmful to wildlife, especially those located in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Present –09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-07
Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell,	None	None	None	Clements, Fried, Gold,
Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco				Niederberg, Sarrow,
				Slaughter, Summer

e. **Motion**: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes <u>Council file 22-0268</u> and <u>CPC-2023-1083-CA</u> Title Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Units / Site Plan Review Exemption / City Zoning Code / Amendment. Giving ministerial freedom to developers on structures with over 50 units of affordable housing will diminish our urban forest by removing thousands of trees every year and limit our planting palette to smaller trees. While there is a need for more affordable housing units, waiving the Site Plan Review for new affordable housing will allow developers to devastate our urban

forest as clearly articulated by the <u>Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) letter</u>. There are better alternatives than those presented by LA City Planning. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 22-0268 Motion brought by Chip Meehan. Chip Meehan read the motion.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 14e. Motion to oppose CF 22-0268 and CPC-2023-1083-CA and file a CIS. Second: Mandell						
Present –09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-07		
Cutler, Duffy, Hartwick, Houlihan, Mandell,	None	None	None	Clements, Fried, Gold,		
Meehan, Morino, Steinberg, Velasco				Niederberg, Sarrow,		
				Slaughter, Summer		

15. Good of the Order. Brief comments from Board Members on items not on the agenda. No action taken.

16. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:58PM without objection.

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All Stakeholders are required to park in (or walk into) the studios' Sater parking structure at 4200 Radford Avenue. There are a limited number of accessible parking spaces in front of the meeting room and while there is no direct path of travel to the meeting room via a sidewalk, the studio and SCNC want to assure that Stakeholders with disabilities are able to access the meeting without difficulty. Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085 to request shuttle assistance at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order for the studio to arrange services for the meeting.

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Radford Studio Center Audience Shows and Events Policies

To attend an audience, show, event, or public meeting at Radford Studio Center, the following items are required:

- Valid Government issued Driver's license if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot.
- Valid Government issued Identification card if you are walking onto the lot. A Military ID and Passport ID will suffice.
- An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). Student ID cards are preferred for those who have them.

The following items are prohibited on your person while attending an audience show, event, or public meeting on Radford Studio Center property:

- Knives
- Mace/pepper Spray
- Sharp Objects
- Firearms
- Alcoholic beverages
- Drugs (including marijuana for medicinal purposes)

All guests are subject to security screening and search. Guests will be required to pass through a metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.

- Once the audience member has emptied their pockets and turned over any prohibited items, the audience member will be instructed to proceed through the metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.
- Should the audience member activate the metal detector, the person will be asked to step to the side and will be scanned (entire body length front and backside) by the Security Officer with the hand-held metal detector.
- The audience member will not be allowed into the Studio until the Security Officer is satisfied that the individual has nothing on his/her person that constitutes a danger to others.
- Should the guest refuse to be screened, they are subject to being denied access to Radford Studio Center property.
- NO FIREARMS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE STUDIO. Security Officers who detect that a guest is in possession of a firearm should notify the Security Supervisor and P.O. IMMEDIATELY.
- Off-duty Law Enforcement in possession of a firearm will be instructed to either return the weapon to their vehicle or turn it over to Security where it will be kept, UNLOADED, in a SAFE, located in the security manager's office.
- Any props or toys that resemble weapons in any way are to be denied or confiscated. This includes props / accompanying costumes.

Each guest/audience member will be required to submit a form of identification which will be tagged with an item that is confiscated and held with security. Guests and audience members will be instructed to pick up their confiscated items at the first (1st) level of the Sater parking structure near the elevators at the completion of the event. No personal pets are allowed at any time on the Studio lot.

If, at any time, an audience member or guest, wanders away from their event or meeting space, into an unauthorized area, that person is subject to immediate dismissal from the lot.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Security. Security office phone number, (818) 655-5085.

