

SCNC BOARD

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BOARD MEETING Draft Minutes
June 21, 2023 AT 7:00PM

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Kim Clements	Present	Yes	Residential Renter
Dean Cutler	Present	Yes	Employee/ IC
Fiona Duffy	Absent	No- A	Youth Member
Randall Fried	Absent	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Ira Gold	Absent	No-E&F	At-Large Stakeholder
Jeff Hartwick	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Julie Houlihan	Absent	No-E&F	Business Rep
Scott Mandell	Present	Yes	Business Rep
Chip Meehan	Present	Yes	Employee/ IC
Brandon Morino	Present	No-E	Residential Rep
Richard Niederberg	Present	Yes	Service Organization
Wren Sarrow	Present	Yes	Service Organization
Adele Slaughter	Absent	Yes	Business Rep
Adam Summer	Absent	Yes	Residential Renter
Alexa Steinberg	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
Abigail Velasco	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner
TOTAL: 16 Boardmembers	PRESENT: 10 ABSENT: 06 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 7:04PM. Secretary Abigail Velasco called the roll. Ten (10) Boardmembers were present and six (06) were absent. Quorum was met.

SCNC ITEM 1. Roll Call	
Present –10	Absent-06
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Steinberg, Velasco	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Slaughter, 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. Board members are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with stakeholders during their allotted time.

- b. This is the last regular meeting for the term of this Board. A special meeting will be held on Monday for the Harvard Westlake Project. The new Board is scheduled to be seated July 19th.

- 3. Secretary Report Abigail Velasco Absent objection, approval of the regular [board meeting minutes of May 17th 2023](#) Attendance report, training compliance. Boardmembers have already been submitted their training certificates. Ms. Velasco presented a video on the events the SCNC put on along with Movies in the Park with CD 4 and others. https://drive.google.com/file/d/14lgA-LjvSWHitENO4yGm_HhAl0Ovle6Y/view?ts=649a374b She thanked everyone for all their help.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 3. Motion to approve the May 17,2023 minutes. No objection				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Slaughter, Summer

Adel Slaughter joined the meeting at 7:17PM.

- 4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick: Filings of CISs and Resolutions are all filed and submitted except for the sustainability motions that are missing from the March General Board meeting that were passed.
- 5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements reported that there was a little over \$10,000 remaining in the budget and that the SCNC will carry \$10,000 over to the next fiscal year. We need tighter budgeting for the better.
 - a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for [May 2023](#) Seconded by: Hartwick

Public Comment: Barry Johnson

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5a. Motion to adopt April 2023 MER				
Yes -11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the [2023-2024 Budget](#). This is to allow a continuous, fluid transition into the new fiscal year but will be brought before the new Board, as a complete administrative packet, for discussion and approval at July’s meeting. Seconded by: Morino

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5b. Motion to adopt the SCNC 2023-2024 Budget				
Yes -11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	None	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

- 6. Vice President Report Chip Meehan no report

- 7. Announcements by Government Representatives.

- a. NEA Lorenzo Briceno with an update from DONE. absent
- b. Savannah Portillo-Heap - Field Deputy County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3- The office has received Harvard Westlake issue received the letter that the SCNC sent and afterwards met with Public Works and had private meetings on the issue to figure out what the County's role will be in this. Land that was leased by the golf course along the southeast area of the property will be leased to the Harvard Westlake project and will continue to lease the one acre. Harvard Westlake is in negotiations to purchase an additional 5200 sq ft. area of the lot for fire and emergency access. Based on these meeting, regardless of what the County does, the project will move forward. If the County does not sell the 5200 sq ft. lot, the project will have to relocate the emergency road elsewhere on the property. Final EIR came out in May and the staff is reviewing and preparing to brief the Supervisor. That is the County involvement of the project and the rest of the project is in the City of Los Angeles, although we still want to be involved in the project process.
 - i. Public comment: Barry Johnson
 - ii. Board comment: Adel Slaughter asked about the location of the land for purchase. Scott Mandell spoke about the Zev Greenway and if any of that land will be touched.
- c. Other Govt representatives in attendance
 - i. Natalie Vartanian, Field Deputy, County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5 reported that she is the new deputy and her office is located in Toluca Lake. At the June 6th Board of Supervisors' meeting, she co- authored a motion for the WGA strike and urged the parties to return to negotiations. Joined as co-chair for national mental health as one of 14 county leaders across the nation to advocate for federal mental health reform. At a May 17th meeting, she motioned to support continuation of the extension of filming tax credits that will sunset in 2024. The Supervisor also launched a texting alert, Keeping up with Kathryn Barger. She also has a weekly newsletter that goes out each Friday.
<https://kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov/>
 - 1. Public comment: Barry Johnson
 - 2. Board comments Hartwick stated that there is a huge homelessness population with mental health challenges on the street. Will there be more resources available to address the issue? The state is working on it and it is complicated. Mandell wanted to know if there was funding available for the wash. Public Works is repairing the fencing and there is discussion to replace the fencing.
 - ii. Walker King, Field Deputy, Councilwomen Nithya Raman CD4- Thanked the SCNC for all their hard work and Ms. Velasco for her presentation. The Harvard Westlake hearing will be on July 12 and it will be a remote meeting. August 24th will be the Planning Commission meeting in person. Clean ups at the river and all the debris on the Edison property removed and the fence repaired. The Council Office is providing more outreach to get homeless people inside. There will be a connect day on June 27th from 9:00AM-2:00PM that will provide county and city services.
 - iii. Denise Shaw, Field Deputy, Council President Paul Krekorian CD2 reported that the first movies in the Park will be held on July 15th. There was a question on graffiti on waste management dumpsters. They will provide 3 cleanings a year and after that they will charge. Maintenance crews are cleaning the weeds. Email to report the location.
 - 1. Public comment: Barry Johnson

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction

- a. No comments

9. Government Affairs (Barry Johnson)

- a. **Motion:** Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes the current design of Metro's Regional Joint Development Project for only 25% of the residential units for affordable housing. ([See attached Letter:](#))
 - i. Link to [plans](#)
 - ii. Link to [SCRA letter](#)
 - iii. Link to [NoHo NC motion](#)
 - iv. Link to [NoHo Home Alliance letter](#)
 - v. Link to City Planning case no. [CPC-2019-7239-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SP-SN-BL](#)
 - vi. Link to [DEIR](#)
 - vii. Link to [Reimagine No Ho District Housing](#)

Steinberg left the meeting at 8:25PM

Brought by: Scott Mandell. Seconded by: Wren Sarrow

Public Comment: Truman Caps, Elain

Motion: Failed

SCNC ITEM 9a. Motion to oppose the current design of Metro's Regional Joint Development Project for only 25% of the residential units for affordable housing.				
Yes-04	No-06	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-06
Meehan, Morino, Sarrow, Slaughter	Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Niederberg, Velasco	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Steinberg, Summer

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman to make a Motion to change the building code for Remodeling Permits to require leaving at least 51% of a building's original structure to qualify for "grandfathered" building codes when adding on or essentially rebuilding on a Remodeling Permit.

[Section 12.23 Nonconforming Building and Uses](#)
[SECTION 503 ALTERATIONS](#)
[PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE METHOD](#)

Steinberg rejoined the meeting at 8:39PM.

Brought by: Scott Mandell. Seconded by: Chip Meehan

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 9b. Motion to request Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman to make a Motion to change the building code for Remodeling Permits to require leaving at least 51% of a building's original structure to qualify for "grandfathered" building codes when adding on or essentially rebuilding on a Remodeling Permit.				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Velasco	None	Steinberg	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

- c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman to make a Motion to change all the Department of Recreation and Parks restroom facility's toilet paper roll "bar" holders so the toilet paper will actually turn when pulled. The status quo also has ADA violation ramifications.

- i. [Link to video](#)

Brought by: Scott Mandell. Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 9c. Motion to request Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman to make a Motion to change all the Department of Recreation and Parks restroom facility's toilet paper roll "bar" holders so the toilet paper will actually turn when pulled. The status quo also has ADA violation ramifications.				
Yes-08	No-03	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Clements, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Slaughter, Velasco	Cutler, Sarrow, Steinberg	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

10. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson 15 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman to support a Preferential Parking District (PPD) for the Alcove Avenue, Goodland Avenue, Valleyheart Drive, Woodbridge Street & Bloomfield Street neighborhood north of the Los Angeles River, east to Goodland Avenue and west to Ethel Avenue. ([See attached letter.](#))
 - i. [CUP](#)
 - ii. [Letter Of Clarification Determination](#)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10a. Motion to request Councilmember Nithya Raman to support a Preferential Parking District (PPD) for the Alcove Avenue, Goodland Avenue, Valleyheart Drive, Woodbridge Street & Bloomfield Street neighborhood north of the Los Angeles River, east to Goodland Avenue and west to Ethel Avenue.				
Yes-09	No-02	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Niederberg, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	Morino, Sarrow	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

11. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter/Chip Meehan)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 23-0142](#) and requests Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman take the following actions regarding the practice of unlawfully using gas blowers in Studio City.
 - i. Explore methods for alternate enforcement that are able to respond to gas blower complaints and proactively respond to the issue of unlawful use of gas blowers.
 - ii. Revise the citation fee schedule to increase the deterrent element and direct the citations to where they will have a maximum effect i.e., to property owners and/or management companies.
 - iii. Develop an advertising and education program consistent with [AB 1346](#) about the existing and future incentive programs for the purchase of zero emission tools. This program will focus on educational campaigns, which will include:
 - 1. Spanish language digital and print media, as well as radio advertisements
 - 2. Property management companies
 - 3. Neighborhood Councils as key partners

This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement CIS to: Council File 23-0142:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0142>

Link to Assembly Bill 1346 Air pollution: small off-road engines:

Link to battery powered tool incentive programs: <https://californiacore.org/>

Public Comment: Barry Johnson

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11a. Motion to support Council File 23-0142 and requests Council President Paul Kerkorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman take the following actions regarding the practice of unlawfully using gas blowers in Studio City.				
Yes-09	No-02	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Cutler, Mandell, Meehan, Morino, Niederberg, Sarrow, Slaughter, Steinberg, Velasco	Clements, Hartwick	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Council President Paul Kerkorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman issue a motion in support of [AB 1423](#), which prohibits the installation of synthetic surfaces on school athletic fields that contain regulated toxic chemical (PFAS). AB 1423: Product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances: artificial turf or synthetic surfaces
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1423

Public Comment: Joan Deutch

Motion: Failed

SCNC ITEM 11b. Motion to request Council President Paul Kerkorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman issue a motion in support of AB 1423, which prohibits the installation of synthetic surfaces on school athletic fields that contain regulated toxic chemical (PFAS).				
Yes -04	No-07	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Meehan, Sarrow, Slaughter, Steinberg	Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell, Niederberg, Morino, Velasco	None	None	Duffy, Fried, Gold, Houlihan, Summer

- 12. Good of the Order. Brief comments from Board Members on items not on the agenda. Jeff Hartwick stated that the Board voted last year to oppose the appointment of the BONC commissioner representing the Valley. She is no longer on the commission. Scott Mandell stated that it was good to have Richard Niederberg back.
- 13. Adjournment 9:49PM.

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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.

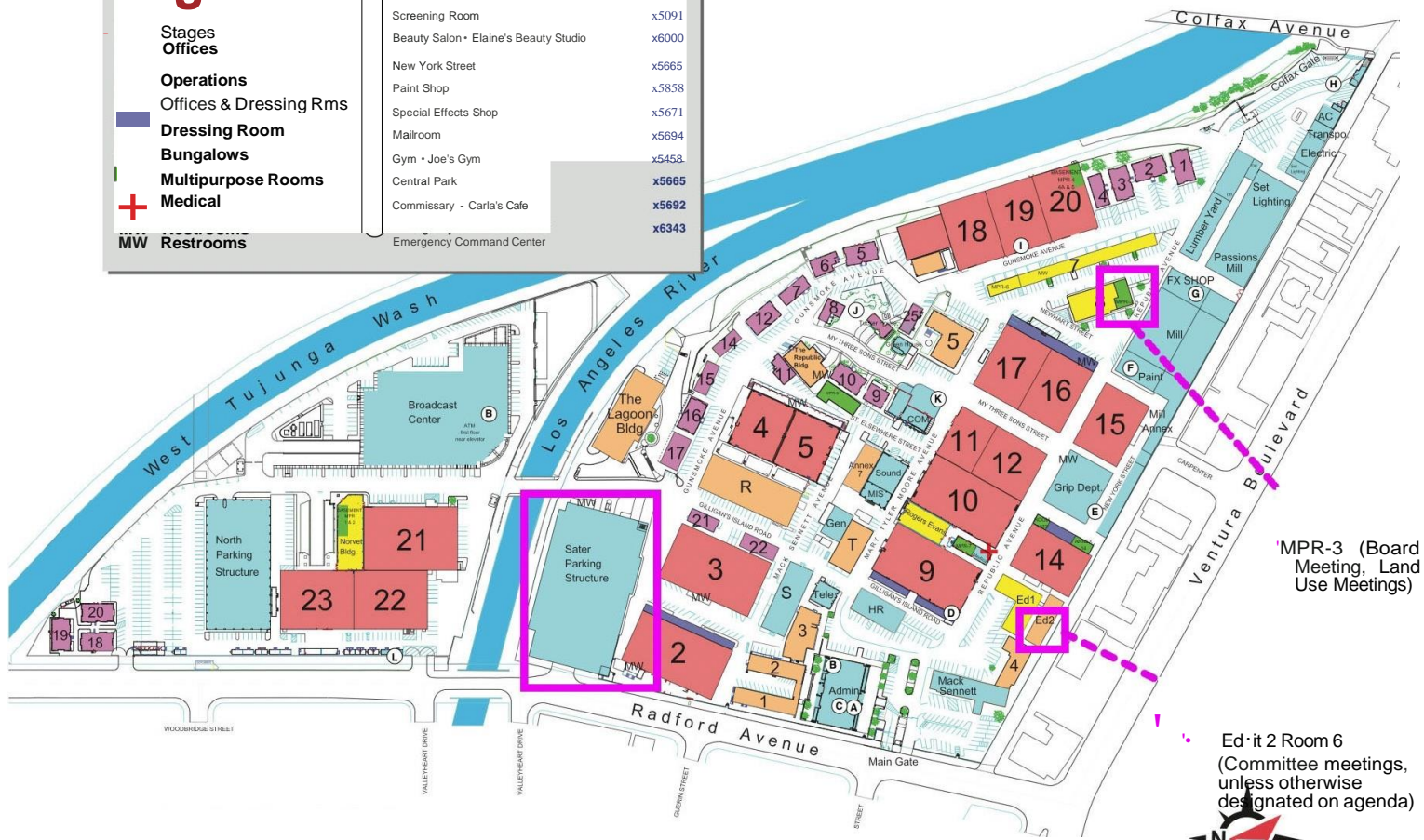
If, at any time, an audience member or guest, wanders away from their event or meeting space, into an unauthorized area, that person is subject to immediate dismissal from the lot.

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

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ATM	x5889
Screening Room	x5091
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New York Street	x5665
Paint Shop	x5858
Special Effects Shop	x5671
Mailroom	x5694
Gym • Joe's Gym	x5458
Central Park	x5665
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MPR-3 (Board Meeting, Land Use Meetings)

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