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BOARD MEETING Draft Minutes August 16, 2023 AT 7:00PM

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category			
Jen Bladen	Absent	Yes	Residential Renter			
Kim Clements	Present	Yes	Residential Renter			
Dean Cutler	Present	Yes	Employee/ IC			
Dimitri Gatsiounis	Present	Yes	At-Large Stakeholder			
Jeff Hartwick	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner			
Scott Mandell	Present	Yes	Business Rep			
Chip Meehan	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner			
Richard Niederberg	Present	Yes	Service Organization			
Laurie Rittenberg	Present	Yes	Residential Homeowner			
Adele Slaughter	Present	Yes	Service Organization			
Drew Shaw	Present	Yes	Residential Renter			
Abi Velasco	Appointed at 7:26PM	Yes	Residential Homeowner			
lan King	Appointed at 7:33PM	No	Employee/ IC			
Ainsley Ghaman	Appointed at 7:38PM	No	Youth Seat			
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Business Rep			
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TOTAL: 11 Boardmembers	TOTAL: 11 Boardmembers PRESENT: 10 ABSENT: 01 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. Welcome. Call to Order. Roll Call. The meeting was called to order by President Mandell at 7:11PM. The secretary called the roll. Ten (10) Boardmembers were present and one (01) Boardmember was absent. Quorum was met.

SCNC ITEM 1. Roll Call	
Present-10	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg,	Niederberg,
Shaw, Slaughter	

2. President's Comments, announcements. President Mandell read the 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. Stakeholders, please respect the timekeeper when you are alerted your time is up.
- b. Board vote re: appointment of Abi Velasco to Vacant Residential Homeowners seat.

Public Comment: Barry Johnson, Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 2b. Motion to appoint Abi Velasco to vacate residential homeowners' seat. Moved: Mandell Seconded: Meehan							
Yes –10 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-01							
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick,	None	None	None	Niederberg			
Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter							

c. Board vote re: appointment of Ian King to Employee/Independent Contractor Seat.

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 2.c. Motion to appoint Ian King to Employee/Independent Contractor Seat Moved: Hartwick Seconded: Meehan						
Yes –11 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-01						
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Mandell,	None	None	None	Niederberg		
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter, Velasco						

d. Board vote re: appointment of Ainsley Ghaman to Youth Seat.

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 2.d. Motion to appoint Ainsley Ghaman to Youth Seat. Moved: Slaughter Seconded: Meehan					
Yes –12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, King,	None	None	None	Niederberg	
Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter, Velasco					

The oath of office was administered by President Mandell.

- e. Announcement only. The SCNC has 2 vacant Business Representative Seats. Any stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age on the day of the election [appointment] who legally provides goods or services for compensation in Studio City and maintains a City business license or owns business real property in Studio City. Stakeholders who wish to serve and participate please send a letter of interest to the board secretary and president. aslaughter@studiocitync.org smandell@studiocitync.org
- 3. Secretary Report Adele Slaughter. Approval of the <u>regular board meeting minutes</u> of June 21st 2023 and the <u>special board meeting minutes</u> June 26th 2023. Attendance report, training compliance. Emails will be sent to King and Ghaman for training access.

Public Comment: no comments

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 3. Motion to approve June 21 st and June 26 th GBM minutes.					
Yes –13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Ghaman, Hartwick,	None	None	None	Niederberg	
King, Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter,					
Velasco					

- 4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick: Filings of CIS and Resolutions. All CISs and motions have been sent or uploaded to the portal. The Board is up to date for all fillings.
- 5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for <u>July 2023</u> Seconded by Bladen

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 5.a. Motion to the approve July 2023 MER Seconded: Bladen					
Yes -10No-00Abstain-00Ineligible-03Absent-01					
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Mandell,	None	None	Ghaman, King,	Niederberg	
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter Velasco					

- Vice President Report Chip Meehan wanted the Board to review the email that President Mandell had sent out to the Board. Meehan also reviewed the current issues with the Harvard Westlake project and what the next steps could be depending on the Planning Commission's meeting vote next Thursday.
 Public comment: Mr. Hopp
- 7. Announcements by Government Representatives.
 - a. NEA Lorenzo Briceno with an update from DONE. Absent, no report.
 - b. Other Govt representatives in attendance. Note that per CD4 staff, no representative will be attending any SCNC meeting on the Radford Studio Center lot due to the ongoing labor dispute
 - i. Council President Paul Krekorian CD2, Field Deputy Denise Shaw, <u>denise.shaw@lacity.org</u> reported that this weekend will be another movie in the park and the feature will be The Sandlot. Go to <u>https://councildistrict2.lacity.gov/</u> for more information. On September 9th will be a concert featuring an Eagles tribute band. All movies and concerts will be held at North Hollywood Park. The Council Office sees that the Short-term Rental Ordinance is not working and some solutions will be coming this week. The city is recycling 1, 2, and 5 plastic recyclables and all other numbered plastic recyclables will go into the black bin and will go to the landfill.
 - ii. Assemblymember Laura Freedman 44th District, District Director Sebastian Lozano, <u>Sebastian.Lozano@asm.ca.gov</u>, reported that the Assembly is back in session and the bills the Assemblymember is working on are due September 14th and anything that is passed will go to the Governor's desk to be signed. During August the Assemblymember's Office hosted a town hall with SAG and the Writer's Guild and it focused on what the strike is doing to the local economy. The next town hall will be on renter's rights. There were over 413,452 applications for the rent relief program received by the State. Over 364,000 households were served. There was over \$4 billion dollars paid out to help with rent relief. There is less than a 1% rejection rate and the final claims will be funded within the next couple of weeks.

- iii. President Mendell read the update from Field Deputy Walker King, CD 4. CD 4 is hosting a move night September 23rd. Go to website for more information.
- iv. President Mendell read the update from Supervisor Horvath's Office.
 Updates from Supervisor Horvath's office
 From Savannah Portillo Heap, Field Deputy (<u>sportillo@bos.lacounty.gov</u>)
 Supervisor Horvath's number one priority is advancing regional solutions to homelessness.
 - a. Six months after appointing herself to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Supervisor Horvath has been voted in as the next Chair of LAHSA.
 - b. On August 9, the County launched Pathway Home, an encampment resolution initiative.
 - The focus for Pathway Home is unincorporated LA County and small cities.
 - Pathway Home is an all-hands-on-deck approach that offers people a diverse suite of wraparound services to end their homelessness. Each operation will be different, reflecting the unique needs and challenges of the people living in each encampment.
 - c. At the Board of Supervisor's August 8 meeting, a motion was adopted to create a Homelessness Executive Committee and Leadership Table to strengthen regional collaboration.

Los Angeles County is standing up for our entertainment workers and hotel workers.

- d. At the August 8 meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted Supervisor Horvath's motion to create an ordinance to strengthen workplace safety and training for hotel workers in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- e. At the July 28 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed two motions to support striking workers in the entertainment industry.
 - A critical industry to the Los Angeles region, the Supervisors passed a motion to support SAG-AFTRA, adding to their previous support motion for the WGA. The motion urges the AMPTP calling for them to return to the negotiation table.
 - The Supervisors also supported a motion to explore ways to economically support writers, actors, and businesses that depend on the industry for their livelihood.

The Department of Mental Health is hiring. You can of help support your local community by learning more about clinical and non-clinical positions now available. Learn more at <u>www.doworthwhilework.com</u>.

Mortgage Relief for Landlords with 1-4 Units is now available in through the Mortgage Relief Program (MRP). It is intended to provide financial relief to property owners in underserved communities to alleviate their tenant's COVID-19 rental and utilities debt. Learn more and apply for funding at the link above.

Please contact Savannah Portillo (<u>sportillo@bos.lacounty.gov</u>) with any questions or concerns.

Public comment: Mr. Hopp, Barry Johnson, Brandon Morino

- 8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction.
 - a. Mr. Hopp
- Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports "CicLAvia The Valley" scheduled for December 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm. Tentative route Campo de Cahuenga/Lankershim to Ventura Blvd and then Ventura Blvd through Studio City to Sherman Oaks approximately 6.25 miles long.

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Barry Johnson

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 9. Motion to support "CicLAvia The Valley" scheduled for December 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm. Moved: Mandell Seconded: Slaughter					
Yes –13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Ghaman, Hartwick,	None	None	None	Niederberg	
King, Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter,					
Velasco					

10. Cultural Affairs

 a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the budget for Movies in The Park: Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month on Saturday, September 23, 2023 (not to exceed \$2,000).
 <u>Budget attached</u> (Abi Velasco)

Public Comment: Barry Johnson, Mr. Hopp, Brandon Morino

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10.a. Motion to approve the budget for Movies in The Park: Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month on Saturday, September 23, 2023 (not to exceed \$2,000).

Yes –10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Mandell,	None	None	Ghaman, King,	Niederberg
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter			Velasco	

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the purchase of 4 tablecloths and signs for continued use by the SCNC (not to exceed \$1,000) <u>Budget attached</u> (Abi Velasco)

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 10.b. Motion to approve the purchase of 4 tablecloths and signs for continued use by the SCNC (not to exceed \$1,000)

Yes –09	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Mandell,	Gatsiounis	None	Ghaman, King,	Niederberg
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter			Velasco	

11. Government Affairs (Barry Johnson)

a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 22-1196-S1</u> if amended to ensure a truly independent redistricting commission and an expansion of the Los Angeles City Council to 25 members, as long as the new total of City Council seats does not exceed the current total City Council budget. For example, if the total number of Council seats is increased to 25, the total City Council budget would be divided by 25, instead of currently dividing by 15. (See attached letter)

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 22-1196-S1.

Links: 22-1196-S1 (CFMS) (lacity.org) Status report (lacity.org)
 SKM_C750i23041308510 (lacity.org)

 22-1196-s1_misc_4-20-23.pdf (lacity.org)

 SKM_C750i23053011180 (lacity.org)

 SKM_C750i23053115540 (lacity.org)

 SKM_C750i23061208310 (lacity.org)

Kim Clements left the meeting at 9:20PM.

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11.a. Motion to supports <u>Council File 22-1196-S1</u> if amended to ensure a truly independent redistricting commission and an expansion of the Los Angeles City Council to 25 members, as long as the new total of City Council seats does not exceed the current total City Council budget.

Yes –11	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bladen, Gatsiounis, Ghaman, Hartwick, King, Mandell,	Cutler	None	None	Clements,
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter, Velasco				Niederberg

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes the boycott of our meeting locations (due to any strike) at the Radford Studio Center by Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, or any other elected or public official. The SCNC has met at this Studio Center for more than 20 years. Government officials are expected to send their representatives and have attended our meetings at this location for 20+ years. Like the United Nations building in New York City, the SCNC is a neutral entity at the Radford Studio Center and is not taking positions on any strike. All who attend SCNC meetings enter through a "neutral gate" where there are no picketers. Furthermore, the SCNC and elected / public officials represent ALL Stakeholders in Studio City. (See attached letters <u>Council Member Raman Supervisor Horvath</u>)

Kim Clements returned to the meeting at 9:24PM.

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11.b. AMENDMENT Motion to strike the language, "Like the United Nations building in New York City,"

Moved: Shaw Seconded: Slaughter

Yes –12	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Ghaman, Hartwick, King,	Gatsiounis	None	None	Niederberg
Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter,				
Velasco				

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp, Brandon Morino

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 11.b. Motion to oppose the boycott of our meeting locations (due to any strike) at the Radford Studio Center by Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, or any other elected or public official.

Yes –13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Ghaman, Hartwick,	None	None	None	Niederberg
King, Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter,				
Velasco				

12. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson)

 Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports <u>Council File 23-0002-S55</u> for an automated speed enforcement system pilot program in the City of Los Angeles. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file 23-0002-S55. Link: <u>23-0002-S55 (CFMS) (lacity.org)</u>

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 12.a. Motion to supports Council File 23-0002-S55 for an automated speed enforcement system pilot program in the City of Los Angeles.

Yes –11	No-02	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Ghaman, Hartwick, King, Mandell,	Cutler,	None	None	Niederberg
Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter, Velasco	Gatsiounis			

13. Ad Hoc Committee LA River Greenway Project (Chip Meehan)

a. **Motion**: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the event LA River Greenway south bank Whitsett Ave to Laurel Cyn Blvd - Removing invasives, planting natives, general cleanup and debris removal. The SCNC has the support of CD4 along with Rec and Parks. The SCNC will promote the event via social media, and the work will be performed by community volunteers. It is anticipated that this will occur over the course of multiple weekends Oct 2023 to Oct 2024. There is no request for funds at this time. Motion brought by Chip Meehan. Seconded by Slaughter

Public Comment: Mr. Hopp

Motion: Passed

SCNC ITEM 13. Motion to approve the event LA River Greenway south bank Whitsett Ave to Laurel Cyn Blvd -Removing invasives, planting natives, general cleanup and debris removal. The SCNC has the support of CD4 along with Rec and Parks.

Moved: Meehan Seconded: Slaughter

Yes –13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bladen, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Ghaman, Hartwick,	None	None	None	Niederberg
King, Mandell, Meehan, Rittenberg, Shaw, Slaughter,				
Velasco				

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

15. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:23PM

Studio City Neighborhood Council Committee Meeting Agendas are posted for public review on the SCNC website at www.studiocitync.org and at the Radford Studio Center gate on Colfax Avenue, as well as, at the gate on Radford Avenue.

The SCNC meetings are held on an active studio lot. Due to security issues, (just like Los Angeles City Hall), all Stakeholders are required to show a valid Driver's License if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot or a valid Driver's License or government issued Identification Card if you are walking onto the lot. An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). For any security questions or concerns, please contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085.

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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- 1. Radford Studio Center outside the Radford and Colfax gates.
- 2. <u>http://www.studiocitync.org</u>
- 3. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at http://www.lacity.org/subscriptions

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.

