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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday,
June 20, 2012
Light Buffet 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm**

at

**CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of May 18, 2012 Board Minutes (2 min).
3. Comments by the President (10 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 minutes each) [Pasha Vafae].
5. Responses to comments from the Board (2 minutes each).
6. Update from Council District 2 by **Geoffrey Yazzetta** (5 min).
7. Special Guest Speaker: **Jan Perry**, Candidate for Mayor (30 min).
8. Treasurer's report by **Remy Kessler** (5 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the May Bank Statements and the June Financial statements and hereby accepts and approves them.

9. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler** Committee (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and adopts the following budget (attached) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year (FYE 2013) in accordance with the SCNC Bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

10. **VANC** Report by **Arlene Samek** (5 min).

11. Transportation Report by **Ben De Benedetto** (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Street Services and Council District 2, Councilman Paul Krekorian, investigate and complete a permanent solution to the street erosion on the north side of Moorpark Street and Tujunga Avenue and Bakman Avenue caused by inadequate drainage.

12. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa** (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the submission of a Community Impact Statement with respect to Council File 11-0262 substantially in the form attached hereto:

Community Impact Statement:

The SCNC requests adoption of the CCFO attached to Report no. R11-0339 from the City Attorney dated September 13, 2011. However, **we request that the ordinance be revised to prohibit community care facilities serving 7 or more residents to be located in low density residential zones and to permit such facilities in higher density zones only after obtaining a conditional use permit subject to public hearings.**

Additional information:

We are concerned that the health and safety of our communities will remain at risk should the Planning Dept. report of March 8 be adopted. The enforcement mechanisms defined in the CA's report provide greater and much-needed protections to our neighborhoods. The CA's recommendations include clearer definitions and provide objective mechanisms that will allow for more effective enforcement and regulation. We urge you to reject certain of the recommendations and suggestions in the March 8 Planning Dept. document. We are specifically concerned about the following recommendations (underlined):

1. "...it (City Council) may wish to remove the lease limitation altogether and rely solely on "markers" in addition to precluding it from being a boarding/rooming house business..."

The option of "markers" listed, such as "relatively permanent or non-transitory" is subjective and very vague. Enforcement would be severely hampered. Clearer guidelines are required. The lease agreement designation solves enforcement challenges because it is simple, objective and explicit. ***The 2 or more lease stipulation is the key component that defines a boarding/Rooming House Business and must be maintained.***

2. "Regulating licensed facilities of seven residents and over as public benefits."

Public benefits or "by right" determination violates the fundamental principles of fairness, due process, and shuts out public comment and review. ***Because of the significant impact that a large facility (as many as 100-200 residents) could have on the surrounding community, a Zoning Variance must be required as a means of regulation.***

3. "...the Department recommends that the City Council remove the parolee/probationer definition and conditional use from the proposed ordinance and resolve these issues at a later date."

Considering that the State early prisoner release program is under way, the issue of parolee/probationer housing is an urgent matter that must be dealt with immediately. Many group and sober living homes have upwards of 50% of the residents that are parolees/probationers. According to the LAPD there are many of these homes opening and they are currently impossible to track or monitor. Many cities have ordinances that regulate parolee/probationer houses. ***There is no viable explanation or justification for the removal of the parolee/probationer definition from the proposed ordinance.***

Passage of this ordinance will regulate group houses and community care facilities in a manner that will offer protection to the surrounding communities while safeguarding the residents within those facilities. The CCFO will balance the rights and needs of all of the City's constituents. It is not appropriate for the City to ignore its own zoning regulatory framework in order to permit CCF's to operate in single-family zoned areas. Many homeowners have made great sacrifices to buy a home in Los Angeles and they do not expect their own City and its City Council to destabilize their neighborhoods, to diminish their property values and/or to sacrifice the quality of their life with an ordinance designed to address the needs of those who rely on CCF's for their housing. CCF's provide a valuable and much needed housing option.

However, that option cannot be exercised by severely compromising the quality of life of others. We urge the prompt adoption of the CCFO as defined in the City Attorney's September report. Thank you for your consideration.

13. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (5 min).
14. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis** (10 min).
15. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin** (5 min).
16. By-Laws Committee Report by **Ron Taylor** (10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby strikes two uses of the word "regularly" from its definition of Residential Homeowner in Art. V Section 1 (B) of its Bylaws.

Revised text will be: Four (4) residential homeowners (including condominium owners). A Residential Homeowner shall be any person who is deemed by law to have an ownership interest in residential property located in Studio City and who regularly resides at such property. Owners of multi-unit residential buildings who regularly reside at that property are included within this definition.

17. Public Safety Committee Report by **Richard Adams** (5 min).
18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction (10 min).
19. Adjournment (1 min).