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BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 at 7PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of November Minutes**
3. **President's Update** (max 5 minutes)
 - a. Completion and approval of NC election form, and appointment of Election Committee Chair for 2021 NC Election [Election Form for NC](#)
4. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items** - within the Board's jurisdiction (2 mins per speaker) -
5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives** (5 minutes each)
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Budget Packet approval update
 - b. Approval of October [Monthly Expenditure Report](#)
 - c. Approval of [Inventory List](#) for 2020/2021 Budget Packet
7. **Sustainability Committee** - Melanie Winter/Raduca Kaplan (12 mins)
 - a. **MOTION:** The Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS motion 20-1225 to develop a Healthy Soils Strategy for the City to support carbon sequestration, urban agriculture, and water management, and to encourage City Department to identify opportunities to unpave underutilized spaces and utilize them for compost and mulching operations.
 - b. **MOTION:** The Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS motion 20-0838, and asks the City to make the slow streets program permanent. We believe that using permanent materials will have a positive impact on the air quality and the health of our community, and on the safety of our streets. We also support efforts by the CLA and City Attorney to explore what changes to State Vehicle Code may be necessary to legally effectuate the program and to draft a resolution to support state legislative action to make any such changes.

- c. **MOTION:** The Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS motion 20-0492 to perform an inventory of the City's insurance policies so that the City can identify and orient it's purchasing towards insurers working for a sustainable future.

- 8. **Transportation Committee - Barry Johnson**
 - a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to install bollards between the Vineland Avenue Bicycle Lane and the Vineland Avenue right vehicle traffic lane in each direction between Ventura Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard where ever they do not already exist.

- 9. **Government Affairs - Barry Johnson (7 mins)**
 - a. **MOTION:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to require businesses that are required to have restrooms for customers, under Los Angeles Building & Safety Code(s), to keep those restrooms open when the indoor portion of the business is open.

- 10. **Outreach Committee - Michael De Lazzer**
 - a. **MOTION: The Studio City Neighborhood Council agrees to** allocate up to \$3500 dollars for the printing and creation of Studio City Neighborhood Council masks for distribution to stakeholders. The masks will be made locally by Custom Supply Company on Cahuenga Boulevard. Price per unit is \$3.12 per mask.
Motion by Board Member: Michael De Lazzer 2nd: _____

- 11. **Land Use Committee - Lisa Karadjian (5 mins)**

- 12. **Bylaws Committee - Nancy Kremer**
 - a. **MOTION:** "The SCNC approves the creation of a new Standing Committee named the "Business Community Committee. Operating Procedures will be updated accordingly."

---End of Agenda---

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Transportation Committee Report:

- Sent Motion to Board to request Councilmember Krekorian to direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to install bollards between the Vineland Avenue Bicycle Lane and the Vineland Avenue right vehicle traffic lane in each direction between Ventura Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard where ever they do not already exist. This idea came from a Stakeholder on our Budget Committee with the rationale that more bicyclists would use these Bicycle Lanes with a little more protection between automobile drivers and bicyclists.
- Keeping watch on Metro's Fareless System Initiative (FSI) exploratory task force as it studies and identifies benefits, challenges and implications of a fareless system.
- Updated the progress of the implementation of Councilmember Krekorian's Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan located south of Ventura Boulevard, between Lankershim Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue, that has begun its first phase which includes speed humps.
- Further updated the start date of the fully funded new traffic signal at Ventura Boulevard and Berry Drive, which has still not moved forward due to Covid-19 delays.

November 4, 2020 Government Affairs Committee Meeting Report

- Sent Motion to the Board asking Councilmember Krekorian to make a Motion to require businesses that are required to have restrooms for customers, under Los Angeles Building & Safety Code(s), to keep those restrooms open when the indoor portion of the business is open.
- A Stakeholder asked that committee make a motion to correct a loophole in the gas leaf blower ordinance. The committee will agendize for our next meeting.
- Discussed City Council File Number 14-0163-S12, (which passed the City Council), relating to requiring the owner of a lot undergoing an improvement project or a lot with a private tree causing damage to a sidewalk, to repair the abutting sidewalk, and to waive dedication fees when a lot owner requests a sidewalk be diverted onto the owner's lot to save a tree

On November 9, 2020 the Outreach Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council held a regular meeting.

All committee members present, except Raduca Kaplan, quorum was established.

October minutes were filed.

The Chair delivered a brief message about a busy work schedule pulling time from committee business the past month, the inability of Outreach to pay outstanding bills due to frozen SCNC accounts, and an apology and explanation that a member of the public felt cut-off from his public comments the preceding month. The Chair explained no person was silenced; the user was dropping his connection. No muting occurred. Further, the Outreach committee encourages public comment and the Chair is committed to hearing public comment. Nevertheless, the Chair apologizes for any misunderstanding.

A review of the responses to the Outreach survey to date. 39 Studio City residents have participated so far. Some insights:

Studio City stakeholders most turn to LA 3-1-1 and Councilman Krekorian's office when they have an issue in their neighborhood. The SCNC is 2nd to last on their list.

The majority of respondents rate the SCNC's performance as unsatisfactory, averaging just 40 on a scale to 100.

By far, the greatest concern of any issue to the respondents is homelessness. Nearly every one of the 39 responses mentioned homelessness as their primary concern. Crime was a distant 2nd.

The respondents believe the SCNC's primary function is to distribute information from the City, and interacts with the Councilman's office.

More than 50% of respondents are willing to participate in an SCNC committee or project. Public Safety and Homelessness were the two most popular committees.

Respondents prefer being contacted by email. Facebook and NextDoor were distant alternatives.

The two most popular local organizations were the Public Library and the Rec Center. Nearly half of all respondents participate actively at those local institutions.

Cleaning up our neighborhood and getting our homeless off the streets are the two issues stakeholders who took the survey feel the SCNC should be addressing.

Emily Aaronson from the Studio City Public Library updated the Committee on the happenings at there. Among the highlights: A virtual world dance program and a reminder that Library To Go is up and working. You can check out books, and it's easy to do.

We debuted artwork for a card encouraging more SCNC residents to take the Outreach survey and spread SCNC awareness among Studio City stakeholders. The card is a work in progress. The Board

of the SCNC has allotted up to \$5000 for a mailing at a past meeting. Tweaks are still getting done, but the card project cannot move forward without our funds being free to spend.

Other possibilities include banners on Ventura Boulevard, and bus stop benches.

Alli Spotts-De Lazzer presented an idea to have the SCNC create and distribute branded face masks with the logo and website silk screened on the fabric.

Citizen Goat Puppet contributed valuable information about another neighborhood council that did the same thing.

The committee adjourned until December.