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# BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES Wednesday, December 12, 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. Lisa Cahan Davis - present, Jane Drucker - present, Remy Kessler - present, John Lawler- present; Richard Niederberg - present, Scott Ouellette - present; Shoshana Raphael - present, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford - present, Gail Steinberg - present, Ron Taylor - present, Rita Villa - present, John Walker - excused, Denise Welvang - present. 13 voting members; 7 to pass a motion; 85 stakeholders present.
2. Approval of October Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection
3. Comments by the Chair of the meeting, Vice-President Lisa Sarkin. **Good Evening** - Welcome to all. Please fill out and hand in the comment card if you would like to speak on an item on the board's agenda. There is confusion in the community about the Neighborhood Council system. I want to explain that the Studio City Neighborhood Council represents all stakeholders of Studio City as an advisory body of volunteers elected by the stakeholders of Studio City. From business property owners to homeless people, the 15 members of the board, who are elected every two years, represent business property owners, business owners, residential homeowners, residential renters, youths, community organizations, employees and at-large stakeholders. Each board member was elected by the stakeholders who fall into the same category as the board member. The committees research and hear public comment on the issues the president has tasked the committees to review for the board. Stakeholder participation is a crucial element of the neighborhood council system. I urge each of you to sign up on the SCNC website [[www.studiocitync.org](http://www.studiocitync.org)] and receive information monthly. Getting participation is one of the most important duties of the Studio City Neighborhood Council. The Luminaria Festival on December 2 was a fabulous event. More than 200 people attended. I want to thank Richard Niederberg, chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Lisa Davis, chair of the Outreach Committee and everyone who assisted with the event for making it a success. Let's make it even better next year. Sign in sheets are on the table. Please be aware that when you sign up to receive eblasts, you need to

watch for the confirmation. It may end up in your spam, so please check it. I want to wish everyone happy holidays and a very happy new year.

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Marilyn White-Sedel** said she is happy to hear that our councilman supported the bike lanes. She indicated that the Councilman had no desire to try to keep the landmark Henry's Tacos open. She has a pot hole in front of her house and trees are lifting the sidewalks. She is not happy about this. **Alek Bartrosouf** of the LA County Bike Coalition said that bike lanes are proposed on Lankershim and Cahuenga. He asked for the support of the SCNC and said he will take the proposal to the Transportation Committee. The Ride Lankershim event had over 100 people participate last week. Paul Krekorian was there and he supports the project. He handed out his card with the website at bottom. **Barry Johnson** stated that many times he has volunteered to leave flyers on doormats and then people come here and say they did not get the flyer. He believes they have ignored the flyers. Everyone got the county flyer to raise money for clean water. Please respond by tearing off the bottom part of the flyer and return it. We pay enough taxes already. He is disgusted by a couple of realtors that are setting up neighborhood watch meetings in an attempt to sell property. **Richard Adams** said our Councilman did not support protecting Henry's Tacos. **Brandon Pender** thanked the board for appointing him as a budget representative. He went to the budget event at city hall. He and Scott - are the budget advocates for the south valley. He is on a couple of committees including the public safety committee and they will try to have a positive impact on the city budget.
5. Responses to comments from the Board. **Lisa Sarkin** gave some background on the Henry's Tacos situation. The operator of Henry's Tacos tried to get the site to be an historical site without contacting the owner of the property. The owner now raised the rent and the operator now can't afford it. **Richard Niederberg** said the Lankershim bike ride was neat. He also expressed the opinion that the money raised by the increase in water rates should be used for buying Golf and Tennis. **Scott Ouellette** said the bike lane issue will be on the next Transportation agenda. On the Parcel tax - the water quality control board is being mandated to retrofit to treat water as it comes into the storm drain system so cleaner water goes to the ocean. This is very expensive and the municipalities can't afford it. There has to be a 51% response to stop it from being on the ballot. The flood control district is a separate taxing authority. It is not part of the county. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said when you are doing bike lanes does this include any pedestrian way to be used for walkers. **Alek Bartrosouf** said bike lanes are on the road so pedestrians are not allowed in the roadway. She is concerned about the area on Lankershim from Chandler to Cahuenga West.
6. Update from Council District 2 by **Geoffrey Yazzetta**. **Tabled** as Geoffrey not able to attend.
7. Southern California Gas Company presentation on the new work starting on its Advanced Meter Project in the City of Los Angeles and specifically in portions of Council District 2 by **Ray Verches**. **Ray Verches** said he is here to make a presentation on the advanced meter project. He passed out information to the board. He introduced Rachael Silsbee, public affairs manager with the Southern California Gas Co. She left cards on the table and invited us to contact her if we have questions. There are environmental benefits to this program. She thanked us for our time. Ray explained the project. He said that in April 2010 they began the advanced meter project. These meters communicate with the data centers. It is a one way communication. This is a five year program. They have met with 25 NC's. They have met with two other NC's in this area of the valley. This is a wireless system which will eliminate the need for a meter reader. There will be a module that will go under the existing dials and will read the usage 4 times a day. The module is battery operated. The modules will communicate with DCUs there will be 6 in our area. A DCU is a data collection unit. The DCU's work by line of site. There is redundancy in the system. Every meter is picked up by three poles. They are starting in the Los Angeles area and will be in our area in the first of the year. There is value to the customer, as the customer can

manage their usage better. It is a matter of conservation. This falls in line with the state mandates. It is a matter of convenience. Currently, meter readers have to come on to a property so gates have to be left open or a key has to be left for the reader. The 200 to 300 full time meter readers were offered other positions for which they will be retrained with the company. Many will work on the retrofit. 1000 vehicles will come off the road when the meter readers are no longer needed. This is in line with what all the other cities and utilities are doing. **Barry Johnson** asked why someone would want to "opt out" of the program? While these are being installed the Gas Co should offer a discount to install an earthquake valve on the lines as well. **Richard Adams** said he does not believe this will work as the monitors will go out. **Response** with regards to the "opt out" was that the Gas Co. is the last of the 4 utilities to do this. They have learned from the others. Basic cost will be incurred if a meter reader has to come out. **Response** The Gas Co does not install earthquake valves. If there is an issue with the meter or gas line the company will come out right away. **Richard Niederberg** asked about security. You can't get information by hacking into the system. **John Lawler** said bills have gone up when electric meters were installed. He asked if customers can get redress if their bills suddenly shoot up. **Response** new technology will increase awareness of spikes in usage that are unusual. **Ron Taylor** asked what additional information will people get and how will it help them. **Response** there will be a 90 day notice before installation. Most people who are working will not even know. Modules will be in by the end of next year. Customers will have a link from their pdas. Usage information will be more readily accessible. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said saving money is a benefit. **Remy Kessler** asked how much this will cost the consumer each month. **Response** it is already built into your bill. In 2018 rates will go down. **Scott Ouellette** asked if they can be installed without damage to landscape. **Shoshana Raphael** asked how invasive the DCU is. **Response** Installation of the monitor will take less than a day.

8. Treasurer's report by **Remy Kessler**. **Remy Kessler** said there are three bank statements to approve. He reviewed the spread sheet pages and explained them. **Lisa Sarkin** asked what the circled amount is. **Lisa Sarkin** read the motion.

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the December financial statements and the September, October and November bank statements and hereby accepts and approves them. Vote: Yes-13; No-0; abstain -0. Motion Carries.**

9. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler** for **Mark Batterman**. **No report.**
10. VANC Report by **Denise Welwang**. **NONE** as no VANC meeting.
11. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** reported that the banner motion was approved by City Council and locations will be reviewed and approved by the City in the next week. At the January board meeting she will have the new banner. Marketing projects are being discussed by the committee. She feels we need more interaction with schools. In January they will come out with some new ideas.
12. Transportation Committee Report by **Scott Ouellette**. **Scott Ouellette** said the committee put forth three motions. There is stagnant water in front of Subway and the 7/11.

**A. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that a storm drain catch basin be installed in front of 11360 Moorpark Street (North side, East of Tujunga), and the catch basin be tied into the existing storm drain to capture and mitigate recurring stagnant water.**

**Barry Johnson** said he hopes this will help drain out the gutter across Moorpark. The councilman's office just refilled this about a week ago but it comes back after every rain. **Richard Adams** said something needs to be done but the design work must consider if there is a natural spring there. That may be why the pothole comes up in the same place over and over

again. **Lisa Sarkin** read the motion. **Jane Drucker** asked if there is any evidence that there is a spring there. **Richard Adams** said there is water there several times of the year when there should be no water there. The terrain speaks to it. **Jane Drucker** said that information should be considered. **Vote: Yes-12; No – 0; Abstain – 1. Motion Carries.**

**B. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the repeal of SB211 (Robins 1991) in order to allow for light rail along the Orange Line Right-of-Way.**

**Scott Ouellette** explained the background on why there is not light- rail in this area. He said that the Orange line has been very successful. He said they are trying to get an appeal on this matter from the state. **Barry Johnson** said the state had no business making this law. Rail should have gone in originally. There were rail lines there until the 1950s. We should take a stance on this as the State should not have had a say in this in the first place. **Richard Adams** said we took out the rails when we put the bus way in. This property is not in Studio City and we should not stick out nose in this. **Lisa Sarkin** stated that the office of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said there was not time to get the light-rail approved at the time the busway went in. **Richard Niederberg** said that the Supervisor told him the same thing. **John Lawler** said our local community should have the say in this. Lisa Cahan Davis asked who gets to foot the bill. Remy Kessler said he is opposed to the motion. Most of the people impacted by this were not given notice this would be on our agenda. This area is not in our jurisdiction. We are not hearing differing viewpoints here tonight. This should be tabled or voted down. **Jane Drucker** said she agrees with Remy. The Valley voted not to extend the Orange Line. The Jewish community has a legitimate objection as the Jewish people living in the area have to cross that line on the Sabbath. **Lana Shackelford** said she thinks we need to hear from the people in the community. **Ron Taylor** said this project has been a success. We are just suggesting that we alter the type of wheels moving on this pathway. He does not think it is inappropriate for us to weigh in. We can always weigh in. We need to transfer the nature of the usage to move people in an efficient way. **John Lawler** said light-rail has the lowest carbon footprint. He said we need to look to our own interest. If a consortium of NC's supported huge development on Ventura Boulevard we would not be happy. We should be courteous. **Lisa Sarkin** said our NC agenda goes to every president in the southeast valley. **Scott Ouellette** said there is no state sponsor for this yet and there will be more opportunity for comment. The biggest issue is to have the signals operated by a timer and the Metro was willing to do this. Included design elements to make it easy to transfer from bus to light-rail **Ron Taylor** responded that there is no residential on Ventura Boulevard. If the Orange Line did not exist it might not be appropriate but this process of transition should be begun. **Denise Welvang** said she agrees with Remy we need to address the issue with the people in question. **Richard Niederberg** said he would like to know what the people who built the temple on Chandler which is on the line has to say about this. **Scott Ouellette** said the outreach that needs to be done must be done by the Metro. Rita Villa **Moved:** to send the matter back to committee. **Second:** Lisa Cahan Davis. **Vote: Yes - 7. Opposed - 4; Abstain - 2. Motion sent back to committee.**

**C. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that LADOT prohibit parking by placing "no parking" signs on the north side of Sunshine Terrace from where the street narrows east of Laurel Canyon to the corner of Sunshine Terrace and Carpenter Ave.**

**Scott Ouellette** explained the background on this motion. Valets park cars on both sides of street and police have had to be called. **Richard Adams** said it is a safety issue. This is absolutely necessary. **Barry Johnson** said that to the east they already have no parking on one side of the street and it should be continued. **Jane Drucker** said she has lived there about 25 years and she is delighted to vote yes. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked who asked about this. Was there outreach to the community? **Scott Ouellette** said the area was not flyered. **Jane Drucker** said there are only about 8 houses impacted. There is a lot of back up in the

area due to Carpenter traffic. There is no sidewalk. **John Lawler** said the area is congested and he supports this motion. **Lisa Sarkin** read the motion. **Vote: Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0.**

13. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** gave a brief update on the activities of the committee.

**Remy Kessler** took over as chair of the meeting.

14. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin**. Lisa Sarkin reported that the RFA lawsuit has been dropped. With respect to the Universal Evolution Project there will be \$300,000 set aside for Studio City and NOHO for mitigations. There is a list of items to give the conditions teeth for them to be enforced. **Remy Kessler** read the motion:

**A. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the design and placement of the pedestrian bridge from the Campo de Cahuenga/Metro Redline Station in Studio City to the Universal Studios property. Further, we request compliance with the Brown Act and notification of all MTA hearings related to this bridge.**

**Lisa Sarkin** gave the back ground. The style of the bridge did not fit into our community plan. The President of the Campo was not in favor of the placement and design. He just wants a bridge and not a tunnel. Everyone that spoke at the Land Use Committee Meeting was not in favor of the style of the bridge. They have permits and CEQA and notice not required per the Metro. The committee members did not feel this is an enhancement to the entrance to the Campo. She reviewed the questions and answers sent to and received from Metro. **Jean Marie Hance**, community outreach staff person for Metro said she is to insure that they respond to the SCNC on the details of the bridge. She wants to update the board on the proposed placement of the bridge in an attempt to respond to the comments raised by the SCNC Land Use Committee and its stakeholders. The challenge is the way the plaza is designed. **Greg Kochanowski**, senior associate with the architects' for the bridge said they went back to look at solutions to move the escalator and stairs away from the Campo. He showed the drawing and the revisions to move the escalator and stair to be as far away from the Campo as possible.

**Barry Johnson** said that at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we voted on a motion regarding this matter. The first couple of feet of the tunnel are already there. They are putting a tunnel at Chandler. We had a MOU for the building of a tunnel. **Richard Adams** said the bridge is not covered so it will be hot in the summer and wet in the winter so not a good design. The placement has changed but not style. **Lisa Davis** asked why not put the bridge on the south west corner going to the northwest corner. There was no community outreach. **Lana Shackelford** asked why not more people here with this on the Agenda and with metro here. **Response:** Because they came to the Land Use Committee Meeting. **Scott Ouellette** said the cost challenges related to the construction. Why aren't we building a tunnel? **Response:** the cost of building a tunnel is excessive. **Richard Niederberg** asked what are the future enhancements that would make a different location impossible? **Response:** there may be a problem in the future. **Lisa Sarkin** addressed the style of the bridge issue. **Ron Taylor** said he supports the motion as there are two may open issues. **Scott Ouellette** said the motion mentions the Brown Act and CEQA. There is no violation but Metro should have come back to the community. He thinks the reference to Brown Act and CEQA are issues. **Richard Niederberg** said if there was a tunnel there would be no cost to maintain the elevator. **Denise Welvang** observed that this is not the most direct route. This is just not for stakeholders. On the other side of the plaza is another bus plaza by the freeway. **John Lawler** said it is too big and is in the shape of a boomerang. **Gail Steinberg** proposed an amendment as presented below. **Second:** Denise.

**AMENDED MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the design and placement of the pedestrian bridge from the Campo de Cahuenga/Metro Redline Station in Studio City to the Universal Studios property. Further, we request compliance with the Brown Act, notification of all MTA hearings and all written reports and documents related to this bridge.**

**Vote on amendment: Yes - 13; No - 0; Abstain - 0. Vote on amended motion: Yes - 11; No - 0; Abstain: 2. Amended Motion Carries.**

**B. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the application made by Petco, Inc. located at 12800 Ventura Blvd. [ZA-2011-2440-ZV] as submitted that includes additional retail space with indoor grooming, vaccination and training services.**

**Moved to revise the above motion to change "supports" to "oppose". Moved:** Remy Kessler; **Second:** Rita Villa.

**Vote to amend Yes - 7; No - 5; Abstain - -1.**

**Lisa Sarkin** stated that there were three meetings with Petco representatives. They are taking over 11000 sq. feet of their current building and the phone store and salon are gone. For some parking spaces the parking time is limited to half hour or an hour. Employees must park down stairs. She gave the restrictions on parking on the local street. There will be more open parking spaces with the sprint store and salon being gone. This is the only Petco in the area that does not offer grooming. **Scott Summer**, attorney for Petco said that there are a couple of maps in the notebook he provided to the board which he explained. He thanked the board for supporting the motion. **Remy Kessler** explained the process and that the motion has not been approved yet. **Margit Bennett** said he was here last week. He said that nobody had a chance to talk for those opposed to the expansion. There is not enough parking and the parking problem will get worse. There are no sidewalks on the surrounding streets. **Wayne Cole** presented a petition with over 102 names on it. The signers are against the expansion. The property the Petco is on is within the Ventura Blvd Corridor Specific Plan. This is not the type of business we should support. Petco is not concerned about the neighbors. **Barbara Leinow** said that she has live on Alcove for 35 years. The SCNC should make sure that neighborhoods are happy and safe and to be sure the best thing happens for the neighborhood. The underground parking station is dark small and dangerous. **Nicole Haussen** said that she lives on Alcove. This a high traffic area and it is a dangerous area. There are many parking problems. This expansion will exacerbate the parking problem. **Michelle Allen** said she is a neighbor who has seen many near misses and potential traffic accidents. Petco is a big store and they bypass our local merchants. **Meredith Zamsky** she has tried to inform the neighborhood about this. There are about 90 homes in the area and only one of the 90 homes was in favor of this. This area is designed for boutique stores. **Jeffrey Stuart** said he is a Petco member. He raises money for the SPCA. Many of the services to be offered after the Petco expansion are available in the area already. The zoning variance would be permanent. This shopping center is supposed to be a series of small boutique stores. There is a congestion problem here already due to the location of the Ralph's loading bay. **Ron Shulem** lives a few doors up. He expressed his surprised that the SCNC would support a big box store in this location. Why not back our local businesses. He asked the board not to let this happen. **Peter Lowental** said that he is opposed to the Petco expansion. This expansion will decrease the quality of life in the area. The parking lot is small with small spaces. There are already lots of vets and groomers in the area. There will be a vet in the store. **Katherine Schik** said people who use Petco think they have the right away when entering and exiting the parking lot. No body uses the parking lot below. She said it will obviously take longer to train a dog than to get her hair done. This expansion is not being done for a few fish and birds. It is like Disneyland. **Richard Adams** said the driving and parking in the area is very bad. He can see all sides of the issues and wishes us luck on our decision. **Barry Johnson** said this is the biggest turnout he has seen for any issue before the SCNC in a long time. The community has spoken the motion should oppose not support this expansion. There is inadequate parking. **Remy Kessler** thanked the

Land Use Committee for its outreach to the community. Questions of Scott Summer – Ron Taylor said there are approvals being requested for additional aquarium uses and overnight boarding. **Scott Vaubel** introduced himself as the Petco sales manager. He said there will be reptiles and fish. **Lana Shackelford** asked if there was consideration about the use of large delivery trucks. She asked if they could they use smaller delivery trucks. Delivery trucks do not go up the residential area and they stop delivering at 8 pm. **Richard Niederberg** asked how much incremental space is being added and available to public. **Denise Welvang** asked how many groomers there will be and how many dogs a day can a groomer groom. Response: between 8 or twelve. There will be a staff of 5 in the grooming salon. All grooming will be done by appointment. Owners will drop off the dog for two to three hours. **Ron Taylor** asked if they are going to offer additional vet services beyond vaccinations. Petco's attorney said the parking lot should be better with the new usage restrictions. **Shoshana Raphael** said her main concern is traffic on residential streets. She does not see how change will make the traffic worse because there is pet grooming not a human beauty salon. **Ron Taylor** said we need to start by asking what is good for the community. The parking lot is treacherous. We regret the Walmartization of services. We are a neighborhood council and the concerns of residents should be taken into consideration. **Lisa Sarkin** said already 6 variances have been granted. We have to support businesses as well. There have been variances for Sam's Green Paw and Rusty's. **Lisa Davis** said she does not know how much foot traffic will be increased. If we support this where does this go and when there is a public outcry there is usually a give and take. Is there any quid pro quo available. **Rita Vila** said she does not think she can support this motion. Jane Drucker said she needs to be sensitive to the needs of the community. **Lana Shackelford** said we need to reach an agreement, crazy drivers come from Starbucks and Ralphs. If they are projecting only an increase of 8 to 12 customers she is not sure how bad that would be. **Scott Ouellette** said he does not like the location or the parking lot. The underground parking is not used. John Lawler said this is a difficult question. Business should be allowed to do what they need to do. From a business prospective, he is concerned about the local businesses. He sides with the small business owner. Richard Niederberg said Ventura Boulevard has a variety of different uses. There is room for everybody. **Shoshana Raphael** said there may be benefits to the fact that they are improving the parking lot. Small business is important but people vote with their feet. **Denise Welvang** said there should be signage so people can't turn into the neighborhood. Gail Steinberg agreed that should be done. **Lisa Sarkin** said there were no findings related to the parking as there is actually more parking than required. Gail Steinberg, Lisa Sarkin and Lisa Cahan Davis attempted to write another motion, however, the acting chair closed the discussion.

**Rita Villa** read the amended motion:

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the application made by Petco, Inc. located at 12800 Ventura Blvd. [ZA-2011-2440-ZV] as submitted that includes additional retail space with indoor grooming, vaccination and training services. Vote: Yes - 5; No - 6; Abstain - 2. Motion Fails.**

Note: As there was no motion passed to support or oppose to the Petco application, the Board officially has no position with respect to the Petco application.

**C. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the small lot subdivision located at 12916 Bloomfield Street in Studio City [AA-2012-1852-PMLA-SL], the reduction of driveway width, the high density and the use of a common driveway to separate the four homes. Our opposition is consistent with the SCNC's position opposing the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance.**

**Lisa Sarkin** gave background on this matter. There is inadequate parking. We have no other small lots. **Scott Ouellette** said he opposes the small lot subdivision because the driveway is too small. It should be 20 feet wide not 10 feet wide. **Richard Niederberg** said there is no curb parking and this will impact neighbors because people in those homes will use the parking of others in the area. **Gail Steinberg** said there is confusion in the community. **Lisa Sarkin** said

the lot will be broken into 4 parcels and this will be too dense. **Vote: Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0. Motion Carries.**

**D. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to exempt the Studio City Beautification Association and the Studio City Improvement Association from all city fees in connection with city-permitted improvements and maintenance in the city's right-of-ways. Moved: Lisa Sarkin. Second: Rita Villa.**

**Bill Harmond** stated that he is here representing the BID and Beautification. He gave a presentation regarding the work of tree trimming which needed to be done and stated that LA DOT charged a fee which had not previously been charged. **Barry Johnson** stated that this is one of the most ridiculous things our city has done. **Richard Adams** stated that this is a city wide problem and should not be restricted to just these two organizations. **Lisa Sarkin** said we have to start someplace. **Lana Shackelford** said our councilman should have the right waive the fees. **Scott Ouellette** said he agrees with Lisa Sarkin. These are associations that provide community wide benefits. **John Lawler** said this is an example of the increase in corruption in our city. **Richard Niederberg** said the city should sign off on a contract - saying a contract is a contract. **Vote: Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 1. Motion Carries.**

15. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** stated that the Luminaria Event was a success and that the costs came in under budget. The people liked it and it worked.

16. Public Safety Committee Report by **Richard Adams**. **Richard Adams** gave some public safety tips for the holidays. He said if you put things in your trunk at the mall and need to continue shopping you should drive away pretending to leave and park elsewhere. He suggested that when walking at night you should wear light colored clothes not dark clothes just because it is winter. To avoid home break-ins you should make noise when someone knocks on your door so they know someone is home but depending on the time of day you may not want to open the door. He also stated that we will need volunteers for national night out. **Barry Johnson** said he has been a victim of package theft. Amazon absorbed the loss but he recommended that we all use caution. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said there has been an increase in gang activity from North Hollywood moving into Studio City.

17. ByLaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Ron Taylor**. **Ron Taylor** reported that the bylaws committee met in October. There were no resolutions despite spirited discussion on the issue of whether there should be a bylaw or operating procedures regarding service on committees and service at events.

18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Lisa Sarkin** asked for new members of the board to state the committees on which they serve. She also asked all the board members if they have an SCNC badge.

19. Adjournment. **Moved: Rita Villa; Second: Scott Ouellette. Vote: Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0. Motion Carries.**