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**BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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, Richard Niederberg – present, Scott Ouellette – excused, Brain Mahoney – present, Lisa Sarkin – present, Lana Shackelford – detained – present before item 4 addressed; Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 11 voting members; 6 to pass a motion. 54 stakeholders present.
2. Approval of September 18, 2013 Regular and Special Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection.
3. Comments by the President. **John Walker** said that the Cultural Affairs will put on the SCNC's annual Luminaria at the Campo de Cahuenga, at no facility cost to the SCNC, on December 8th from 4 to 7PM. He also stated that two new board members will be seated this evening. We still have a vacant Employee Board Seat. If anyone can fill this seat please let us know. This will be the last regular board meeting for year that he will chair as there will be no meeting in December. He will be here to chair the special board meeting on November 7th regarding the Harvard-Westlake DEIR. He has read the DEIR and SCNC will review and respond to it. **John Walker** asked individuals to submit their comments on the DEIR to the SCNC and they will be incorporated into our response. [Only if they have back up or merit] He also read an article from the Daily News regarding the proposed three-cornered walkway across Lankershim and Universal Hollywood Drive (See article attached to these minutes). He also gave some historical background - the MTA was to build a tunnel. Litigation was filed because the tunnel had not been built and the litigation was settled by an agreement to build a bridge instead. NBCUniversal has agreed to pay \$3.9 million of the overage bid. [Lana Shackelford joined the meeting.] **John Walker** stated that our youth board member, Jon Epstein was recognized as a "Cool Kid" by KNBC.

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Ken Smith** spoke about the alley west of Colfax. The barricade was removed by the City and has not been replaced. Councilman Krekorian introduced a motion to close the alley. The problem now is that, as a result of that motion, homeowners are required to pay for the upkeep of the alley and they are subject to many other requirements. There will be a meeting Tuesday at the Councilman's office and he hopes a satisfactory resolution can be reached; **Sara Glaser** of **Nextdoor.com** thanked the board for working to strengthen community. She explained that Nextdoor.com is a private social network which allows neighbors to share information with one another. They can share information regarding recommendations and information about events and road closures. This site also has the ability to share documents and create events; **C. Tardio** gave time to Alex Izbicki; **Alex Izbicki** stated that after reading the DEIR he can see scale of the proposed project will have a profound impact on the community. He believes that the burden of proof should be on Harvard Westlake to prove they need the additional parking spaces. He asked the SCNC to protect the community and those that use the Canyon from the devastating impact of the project. He requested that we ask the school to use the existing land next to the school to expand their parking. Please say no to the proposal as presented. This is currently an open space worthy of protection. The project is not in the best interest of the community; **Sam Humeid** addressed the medical marijuana dispensary (MMD) issue. He is one of the owners of a Prop D eligible collective. The issue with the Prop D is that the City has not acted to control the proliferation of MMDs for 7 years. Rogue dispensaries should be closed. He asked us to hold an informational event to inform the public about the problem. He requested that we ask the City Attorney to have the office of finance stop issuing licenses; **Barry Johnson** said he wants to point out that on the alley behind the Kentucky Fried Chicken there is a swinging gate to control alley access and it is a public alley. He also stated that three streets in the neighborhood are being repaved. These streets were prepped for resurfacing three weeks ago but they have been damaged by the delay in the resurfacing. Today when the workers came to repave much of the prep had to be done again. Our city is dysfunctional. These situations waste our resources; **Marcella Bell** said that she lives in the Landale Square area and she is in charge of the neighborhood watch. During the construction of apartment building that led to the removal of the alley barricade she contacted the councilman's office regarding the issue. They sent a petition to the SCNC Transportation Committee and got letter of support from Senior Lead Officer, Mike Lewis and the apartment owner. The SCNC passed a motion to support keeping the barricade in place. The City now wants the local residents to pay to correct the city's error in removing the barricade. Councilman Krekorian is having a meeting regarding this; **Steve Vincent** said he is from the Los Angeles Parking Freedom Initiative, a citizen movement to sponsor a ballot initiative to address parking problems. They want to shape a measure that will serve the needs of all concerned. The parking resources of our city should not be used as a business opportunity or to exploit the populace for profit. We need to design a system to eliminate the problems that exist in the current system. They have a Facebook page and he handed out a flyer.
5. Responses to comments from the Board. **Lisa Sarkin** said **Geoffrey Yazzetta** would give his email address so people can contact him directly. She also said that Kevin James, president of public works commission has been informed about the problems with the street resurfacing. **Richard Niederberg** said he stopped by the booth of Nextdoor.com. He questioned where their funding is coming from. **Brian Mahoney** responded that they are working on establishing a revenue source. It may be advertising support in the future. Currently they are funded by private investors. **Jon Epstein** asked if the alley could be a park. **Gail Steinberg's** answer was "no" because the alley is used by the neighbors to access their garages. **Jane Drucker** said Reklaw Drive is in the same situation regarding street repaving. **Geoffrey Yazzetta** said he will contact Jane. **Lisa Sarkin** said there is a committee that is trying to establish zoning rules and this will be part of the Land Use report. She also said there are 15 MMD's on Ventura Blvd. **Richard Niederberg** said this resurfacing problem has happened in his area as well. **Jon Epstein** said parking enforcement is a necessary evil in this City.

6. New appointments to the Board. **John Walker** stated that the Business Owner Seat will be filled by Dr. Shilpa Sayana. He also said that he is moving the holder of the residential renter seat, Brian Mahoney, to an employee-independent contractor seat. He appointed Brandon Pender to fill the residential renter seat. **John Walker** introduced Dr. Shilpa Sayana who he met with and who is familiar with the Specific Plan. He welcomed her to the board. He also welcomed Brandon Pender, chair of our public safety committee to the board. The new board members were seated. **John Walker** reiterated that we still have an employee seat vacant; He publically appointed Lisa Sarkin and Brian Mahoney as to the liaisons to the Public Works Commission.
7. Update from CD2 by **Geoffrey Yazzetta**. **Geoffrey Yazzetta** welcomed the new board members. He gave his email address geoffrey.yazzetta@lacity.org. He reported that the trunkline work continues on Coldwater Canyon. They are about to wrap up the current work zone near the end of the year. The overall project has two years to go. With respect to the resurfacing and reconstructing streets, he explained that there is backlog. Kelsey and Chiquita have been resurfaced but Acama is still outstanding. The construction crew will get to the streets Recklaw and Oakdale. Some additional cleanup will be done in the Colfax Meadows area. Campbell Hall and Carpenter Charter are both having pick-up and drop-off issues. He is meeting with representatives of both schools to improve safety. The Moorpark Park playground equipment is being replaced using Quimby funds. **Barry Johnson** said that regarding the streets, LA street pavers should take a lesson from Burbank where the resurfacing sites are immaculate. **Jon Epstein** said he continues to see that at the trunk line work sites there are two guys working and several just watching at the construction. **Gail Steinberg** also expressed concern regarding the cuture of the streets that have been repaved.
8. Special Guest **Councilman Paul Krekorian**. **Councilman Paul Krekorian** said it is good to be back here. He feels our council sets the standard for the other neighborhood councils around the city. He appreciates the work we have put in. He provided an update on changes that have happened in the last few months. In July we got a new set of leaders in City Hall. He has never seen such a wholesale change in the Council in his lifetime. They are rethinking how things are done. The timing is important as we are coming out of the economic recession and out of the city's budget problems. There have been 5 really terrible years. He has chaired the budget committee for the last two years. The economy seems to be rebounding. This part of the valley has had job growth for each of the last 3 years. The deficit is now a structural deficit of about a \$100 million. During his time as budget chair they have increased budget reserves to the highest level in a decade. This has increased the City's creditworthiness. Mayor has appointed him to the MTA board. This is the first time there has been a council member from the valley on that board. There will be a serious discussion about the valley's transportation needs. The San Fernando Valley Council of Governance (the "SF Valley Council") has been formed and now the governing entities of the valley can work together to achieve our collective objectives for transportation and other issues. He was elected to chair the SF Valley Council. With respect to jobs development and film and television production – how do we keep the production here in Southern California? Sacramento needs to renew the tax incentive and expand it to make it more available. An ordinance has been approved to make it easier to do TV pilots here which will hopefully help to keep the series production here. If pilot is picked up it has a positive impact on local businesses. Valley Plaza was a great part of the valley's life several years ago and now it is a blighted area. He gave background on how it became blighted and foreclosed upon. Not all parcels are owned by the current foreclosure entity. He has introduced a motion to consolidate the property using eminent domain if needed to be able to revitalize the area. **Barry Johnson** said there is a lot of filming in his neighborhood. He is concerned because Colfax Meadows is easy to use so they just keep coming back. He asked if scouts can be encouraged to use other areas as well. **Paul Krekorian** responded that is what FilmLA is supposed to do. He understands the inconvenience. They should be spreading the filming around to a wider area. They need to be more aggressive in that. We don't want the filming to move out of state. It is a balancing act. If FilmLA is not doing its job his office will speak to FilmLA. A stakeholder asked "Now that you are an MTA representative – what is your position on the Lankershim Bridge?" It is going to get built? **Paul Krekorian** said it is

over budget and if the tunnel had been built originally it would have cost what the bridge is costing. There are traffic engineering issues there as well. They are concerned about closing the streets entirely for pedestrian crossing. **John Walker** asked if more investigation will take place. Approval of the contract is scheduled for the board meeting on 10/24. **Lisa Sarkin** said there are three towers on the bridge that are graffiti locations waiting to happen. The bridge will not keep the people off the street. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said there is a new outreach liaison from FilmLA. **Brian Mahoney** asked how will you keep production here after the pilot is shot. **Paul Krekorian** said if a more lucrative incentive is offered elsewhere the filming will go there. **Sam Humid** asked if there is a way to get gorilla style filming to have easy access to the tax incentives. **Paul Krekorian** said there are definitional challenges. Internet based series and non-traditional means of distribution are being taken into consideration. **Jon Epstein** said they have tried to make films in public areas and that permission has been denied. **Paul Krekorian** said there has to be a bright line on this to protect sensitive areas. Union Station is a great place to film and so is City Hall. These places are easy to film at but there are other city owned properties that are difficult to get into and the process should be streamlined. **Brandon Pender** asked how the film czar will work. **Paul Krekorian** responded that John Walker knows this person. The czar will work on getting incentives in Sacramento to be passed. He should also be working on how to make it easier to film here in California. **Jonathan Klein** asked what should be the metro's priorities in the near term? **Paul Krekorian** responded that his objective is to make the pieces of the puzzle work better together. We need to integrate Metrolink, the red line, orange line, the east/west bus service in the valley and to make it more accessible to bikes. We need to extend the dash service. The North Hollywood station of red line should be used for getting to downtown. After 8:30 in the morning there is no place to park. They need to improve that by adding more parking there. It would increase ridership. We should add wifi to trains and increase customer friendliness. For the longer hall we are looking to improve big pieces of infrastructure. The orange line is maxed out in its current format. We may consider putting light rail on the orange line thoroughfare to feed into the red line. With respect to the 405 corridor north/south through the valley, a plan is being developed through Van Nuys Blvd. The question is what to do in the Sepulveda Pass. A tunnel using rail through that area is being considered. We need to change the game. **Rita Villa** asked the councilman to please be sure to connect whatever is built to the Los Angeles Airport. **Paul Krekorian** said there is a plan developed for an intermodal transfer station to connect the Crenshaw line to the Los Angeles Airport. There will be connectivity between rail and the airport. Councilman Mike Bonin feels it is a top priority. **Paul Krekorian** his staff that were present: **Geoffrey Yazzetta** and **Karo Torossian** planning director.

9. Special presentation from Rec & Parks on the new equipment for Moorpark Park. **Darrel Ford** from the Department of Rec and Parks introduced himself and showed a rendering of the new play equipment. The current equipment is out of date. They will remove the sand and replace it with a poured in place surface. The playground will be disabled assessable. The play area will cost \$250,000 and will constructed using Quimby fees. The project will take 4 to 6 weeks to get done. **Jon Epstein** said the equipment looks the same as what is currently there. **Darrel Ford** responded that this is a state of the art playground. This will fit in the footprint of the existing playground. They wanted to retain the swing set. **Lana Shackelford** said this looks brand new compared to what is there and she likes the poured in place surface. **Remy Kessler** asked if these plans have been presented to the Studio City Park Advisory Board. **Richard Niederberg** asked what will happen to the concrete edge around the playground. **Darrel Ford** responded this will be level with the poured in place. There will be wheel chair access. **Barry Johnson** asked why there is no restroom at this park. **Darrel Ford** responded there is no restroom if users of the park will be there less than an hour. The capital and maintenance cost of restrooms is very high. **Jane Drucker** asked about the umbrella structures – what are they made of? She is concerned that they will not last. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if this is something kids would really like. The brown and rust color is sad. Kids should have an opportunity to weigh in. **Brian Mahoney** asked about the sand removal. Why is it being removed? They are reducing the size of sand areas in all parks for safety and reduce maintenance. **Brandon Pender** asked if this is the only freestanding play apparatus that is at the park. He thinks there should be a bathroom.

10. Treasurer's report by **Remy Kessler**. **Remy Kessler** explained there is \$28,027 dollars left unexpended at this point. The City's form is attached to this email. **John Walker** read the motion.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for September, 2013 and hereby accepts and approves them.

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I.

11. Budget Committee Report by **Denise Welvang**. **Denise Welvang** said there was a meeting on September 30. Two groups made presentations. **Rick Rabins** explained his proposed project. There is a cement slab which they want to change into a mixed medium mural. When he has more information he will come back with costs and a rendering. The second presentation was from the SCRA on the Winter Festival. They asked for a \$2,500 sponsorship of the snow play area. The budget committee couldn't get answers to some of their questions. There were issues regarding booth placement last year that impacted the decision of the committee. We need a specific item to pay for like: security, snow or something else. There was a concern that we did not get the bang for the buck in the past. The budget committee wants input from everyone tonight. **Lana Shackelford** said since the date coincides with the Luminaria event she would prefer that no more money be given to an event that takes place on the same date. **Jane Drucker** said she agrees with Lana. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said \$1,200 is a good amount. **Brian Mahoney** said he defers to chair of outreach. **Remy Kessler** said he is disappointed about the date of Luminaria being on the same date as the winter festival. **Richard Niederberg** said our date was picked because set up takes place on the 7th and we hold the event on the 8th. **Lisa Sarkin** reminds the board that our date was set before the Winter Festival, but the SCRA still chose the 8th. **Remy Kessler** issues are still unresolved. The SCNC money must be used to purchase something and he does not like the location we had previously. The SCRA does not help sponsor any SCNC events. **Brandon Pender** said it seems to him there is a bone of contention between the two organizations. We need to work out how to work together. We should withhold funds this year. **Richard Niederberg** said we can work independently of them. He does not want personnel needed for Luminaria divided. **Gail Steinberg** said she agrees with Remy but taking a stance on the extreme will great animosity between the two groups. The events should not be on the same date but we should give some money. **Denise Welvang** said our booth is not in a position to give us enough outreach. The SCRA comes to us but we get nothing in return. **Lisa Sarkin** said we have limited money and she has explained this to the SCRA board and we must spend our funds on outreach. She does not think there is a detriment to the Luminaria being on the same date. **Rita Villa** said that the SCNC represents all the stakeholders of Studio City and we should be the organization that reaches out and supports the other organizations in our community. We should get along with everyone. **Jon Epstein** said we should do this outreach but he sees the problems regarding the conflicting dates but he supports the contribution. **John Walker** said the problem with the Campo has been resolved and it was not our fault. **Barry Johnson** said the SCNC needs to be at the winter festival to get people that are young families involved with the SCNC. We got email addresses for our mailing list and people to go to the Luminaria last year as well. **Barry Johnson** said he is on the SCRA board and is on the SCNC GAC. He has a history of being in the middle of these two groups. Last year's motion did not guarantee the SCNC anything. Universal is sponsoring all of the snow. Last year there was a problem with the location. All service and community organizations will be grouped together in one area this year. The area has not been determined yet because the food area has not been approved by the board of public health. He said we should sponsor at the same level we did last year of \$2,500. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said that \$1,200 is not the only dollar amount we can contribute at. **Gail Steinberg** said we could go to \$750. **Rita Villa** said we should amend the motion to contribute at the \$2,500 level. There was no other support for that idea among the board members.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves a funding request from the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) for a sponsorship of \$1,200 for the annual "Winter Family Festival" scheduled for December 7, 2013 at the Studio City Recreation Center (aka "Beeman Park"). Such funding shall be conditioned upon the SCNC receiving appropriate credit as determined by the Board at its meeting.

Brought by: Remy Kessler

Seconded by: Rita Villa

After discussion the motion was amended to comply with DONE funding rules.

Amended Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves a funding request from the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) for a sponsorship of \$1,200 for the annual "Winter Family Festival" scheduled for December 8, 2013 at the Studio City Recreation Center (aka "Beeman Park"). Such funding shall be conditioned upon the funds being used (for the payment for a portion of the ice for the snow and the SCNC receiving appropriate credit for the level of event sponsorship as set forth below.

- **Company name and logo prominently displayed on event materials**
- **All event collateral and advertising prior to and on day of event posters, flyers**
- **Inclusion in event news releases**
- **Acknowledgement in event program**
- **Acknowledgement by MC during event**
- **Acknowledgement in the SCRA newsletter (distributed to 1,500 households) and SCRA e-blast "News & Notes"**
- **Business name and domain name listed on the SCRA web site with link to business' web site**
- **Operational: informational booth at the event for company collateral, community "meet and greet" opportunity and interactive promotion, e.g. contest, giveaways, etc. (no product sales)**

Brought by: Remy Kessler Seconded by: Rita Villa; Vote: 10 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain. Motion Carried

12. VANC Report by **Denise Welvang**. **Denise Welvang** said that Gracie Liu spoke on the factual basis stakeholder issue. She told them that the new checking account system will be ready by November. Elections will be held on March 20th. It is a Thursday. Mayor Garcetti challenged the Neighborhood Councils to increase voter turnout. Whichever council has the largest increase in voters to the polls, he will come and swear in that council. Due to issues in the northern part of the valley DONE is pushing for sexual harassment education for all board members. There is a motion pending to require this. **Denise Welvang** reminded the board members about budget day October 26th from 8:00am to noon at city hall. **John Walker** said it is a good way to learn how funds are allocated.
13. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin**. **Lisa Sarkin** gave her report on the land use committee meeting and the Xen Lounge. She gave the background for our original support for this business. The maximum number of people allowed is 60. There were 12 parking places required originally but only 4 were required to be on site because of the Enterprise Zone. They opened with temporary certificate of occupancy. She has spoken to the head of the department of building and safety about the problems with this business location. They opened in July 2012 but in two months there were numerous complaints and the police was called out many times. The owners now want to expand by getting their already expanded premises permitted. They have removed all parking spaces. They have increased the number of people who they are seating on the patio. They are showing movies outside. The applicant said they are applying for a new CUB but this has not happened. **Lisa Sarkin** said she has spoken to many city employees to try to get this business to go back to what was originally approved. They have never applied for their plan review. There are

many conditions that they originally agreed to and Lisa showed the numerous violations that have taken place. The owner wants to be able to serve liquor to those seated on the patio. This is supposed to be a restaurant so there should be less liquor sales than food sales. The owner said he had no idea what the percentage of food to liquor is. **John Walker** read the motion.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes any changes to Case No. ZA-2009-1634(CUB)(CU) at Xen Lounge located at 10628-10630 Ventura Blvd. Studio City and require DBS and Plan Check Approval to remove all non-permitted uses.

Jennifer Osborne-Caton said she is the house furthest away, about 6 or 7 houses away. There are 9 houses on this cul de sac. There were conditions under which the restaurant was allowed to go into this property. They are not complying with their conditions and are just going on violating their conditions. The vision of the club as it is operating is very disruptive to the neighborhood and it should be in a larger location. **Richard Brown** said he has worked with building and safety and they have done an undercover investigation and said this would be taken care of. He is not sure why there is no follow up to get this done. The lounge has said they do not care about the neighborhood they are running a club. The owner intends to just continue doing what they are doing. On Friday night they will be having a DJ which they are not allowed to have. He wants the business to succeed as a restaurant that is quiet and peaceful. They called the police last night due to the noise. **Joseph Lasell** thanked the SCNC for advocating on their behalf. This lounge absolutely alienated the neighborhood by their non-responsiveness to neighborhood request to comply with their CUP. **Barry Johnson** said this motion from 2009 was the result of the owner promising to comply with the agreed to conditions. He is the worst case of someone agreeing to do something and then not doing what he agreed to. The SCNC can't allow this to continue. The fence is next to the curb and this is not allowed. He supports the motion. ; **Curt Cassingham** said he lives next to Jennifer. His issue is the parking situation. The traffic on the street is terrible. He can't get to his house because the valets stop him from getting to his house. The street is narrow and they park on both sides of the street. No emergency vehicle could possibly get through. This is his greatest concern. He has had to have cars towed many times. The owner has implemented short term measures but they only last a couple of days. He thinks the owner wants to address it but the size of the crowds he has prevent him from complying with the conditions he originally agreed to. **Gail Steinberg** read a statement from a neighbor who is across the street from the lounge. The letter listed the numerous problems. **Brian Mahoney** asked why Officer Lewis dropped the ball. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that our council member has addressed it with another council member who has interceded on behalf of the lounge. **Remy Kessler** called the question. **Brian Mahoney** asked if we pass the motion will there be some teeth. **Rita Villa** explained that we are an advisory group not an enforcement group.

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

Lisa Sarkin continued with her report. She said that Max Reyes will be our representative for the Mayor's Office. His title is West Valley Mayorial Deputy. She has a meeting with Max and will suggest his title be changed to represent all of the areas he will work with. 64 stakeholders attended the Land Use Committee meeting. There was an MMD discussion with Tamar Galatzan, Neighborhood Prosecutor answering questions. The biggest problem is the city attorney ability to deal with the MMBs. The only thing they can do is work on misdemeanors and hand out letters. Tamar Galatzan is responsible for the North Hollywood and Van Nuys LAPD areas. Those MMDs located in Chatsworth moved to North Hollywood and Van Nuys LAPD areas, which include Studio City. We have violations of the specific plan from the 4 new ones. The ones not legal are supposed to be closed and the legal ones should be in their new locations soon by December 22, 2013. One closed down by the city two years ago has reopened. We need to call the police to report violations of Prop D. The advisory committee will come up with a list of conditions for the MMDs to follow. Killer Shrimp will not be going into the Platinum Live location. We are getting \$163,000 for the sidewalks.

14. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** reported that they have a new member on the committee. Two events are happening this weekend. The Universal City event and the SCNC Library event "50 years of CBS Production." She had a call with Joseph Rosin who made a presentation at our meeting last month. She is trying to have an event where there will be a presentation to explain what to do to take advantage of the existing enterprise zones and what the new ones will be. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said she is working with Jon Epstein on a youth outing to City Hall. She is coordinating this with **Geoffrey Yazzetta**. We have a Farmers Market request for December 1st. She is also working with Guy Langdon from FilmLA and he will be put on a future agenda. Nov 11 will be the next outreach meeting.
15. Public Safety Report by **Brandon Pender**. **Brandon Pender** said his meeting was combined with land use and the Xen lounge situation has now moved from a nuisance to a public safety issue. Fights are taking place. He will address this at his next meeting. He will also be addressing some MMB issues. They have a new committee member Patti Kirby. John Lawler has resigned from the committee. He is looking for other people to serve on the Public Safety Committee.
16. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** reported that there was no GAC meeting in October. – adjourn to special agenda. Returned from the special agenda.
17. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** reported that the "50 Years of CBS Production" will be this weekend. The Luminaria will be December 8th. Volunteers are in place. It will be lots of fun. **Richard Niederberg** said we will ask for money later. **John Walker** read the motion. **Barry Johnson** said it is wonderful we are sponsoring this event. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said regarding the Luminaria we may try to get more entertainment – such as a coral group with the schools. **Remy Kessler** said there has been no funding request yet. **Lana Shackelford** said we just found out we have a location for the event so now we will go to budget to get funding request.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the co-sponsorship of an event with the Studio City Library on October 19, 2013 reviewing the best of the "50 years of TV Production at CBS Studio Center."
Vote: 13 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain. Motion Carried
18. Transportation Report by **Scott Ouellette**. No report as **Scott Ouellette was** unable to attend.
19. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jane Drucker**. **Jane Drucker** said they now have a new member Brian Mahoney. They are looking at the definition of the various types of committees.
20. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Lana Shackelford** said renters are complaining about illegal usage of the gas leaf blowers. If you know of any illegal usage of these please let her know. **Jane Drucker** said there is a law on the books but the police have to see them in the act of doing it. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said we have a U tube video and she will send it to Lana. **Rita Villa** asked that the GAC motion be reconsidered at the next meeting. **Lisa Cahan Davis** agreed to bring that motion at the next meeting. **Lisa Sarkin** explained some procedural matters to the new board members. A printing company will be used in the future that is in Studio City. **Jane Drucker** asked those who had motions tonight to please send them to her again. **Jon Epstein** discussed the event against distracted driving - "In Honor of Conor." **Brandon Pender** reminded the board that the 26th of October is NC Budget Day. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Breakout sessions will be taped. The SCNC still needs another budget advocate. **Richard Niederberg** said the police will not collect evidence about the gas blower. **Lana Shackelford** said the Red Light Traffic Organization, an organization that works to eliminate human trafficking, is having an event Friday evening and she will give anyone interested information.

21. Adjournment. **Moved:** Rita Villa; **Second:** Gail Steinberg. **Vote:** 11 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain.
Motion Carried.



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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Lisa Cahan Davis – present, Jane Drucker – present, Remy Kessler – present, Richard Niederberg – present, Scott Ouellette – excused, Brain Mahoney – present, Brandon Pender – present, Lisa Sarkin – present, Dr. Shilpa Sayana – present, Lana Shackelford – detained – present before item 4 addressed; Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 13 voting members; 7 to pass a motion. 54 stakeholders present.
2. Comments by the President. **NONE**
3. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **NONE**
4. Responses to comments from the Board. **NONE**

Presentation, discussion and possible Motion on the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report. **Barry Johnson** said he supports the motion. **Richard Niederberg** said he supports this but questions whether the river is truly navigable.

MOTION:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the selection of Alternative 20 as it is described in the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study rather than Alterative 13 which was tentatively selected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Rationale:

Alternative 20 should be the alternative selected because it is the alternative that is most closely aligned with the vision for the Los Angeles River that is set forth in the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan. Additionally, as is clearly evident in Table ES-4 RED Assessment, the regional economic development and other social **benefits** of Alternative 20 are far superior to those of any of the other alternatives being considered therein. The impact of these benefits will last for many years into the future. This alternative presents a unique opportunity to begin the process of returning the Los Angeles River its historical function as a nurturing stream that sustained the population of the area. Alternative 20 will enable the Los Angeles River to again be a body of resources of regional importance.

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

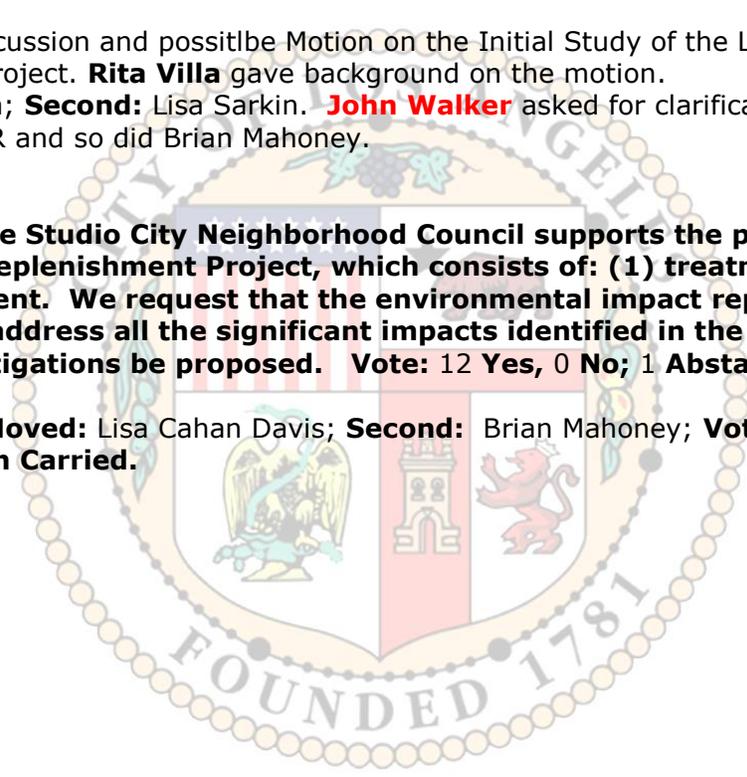
5. Presentation, discussion and possible Motion on the Initial Study of the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project. **Rita Villa** gave background on the motion.

Moved: Rita Villa; **Second:** Lisa Sarkin. **John Walker** asked for clarification of the request related to the EIR and so did Brian Mahoney.

MOTION:

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project, which consists of: (1) treatment, (2) conveyance, (3) replenishment. We request that the environmental impact report that is being prepared fully address all the significant impacts identified in the initial study and that appropriate mitigations be proposed. Vote: 12 Yes, 0 No; 1 Abstain. Motion Carried.

Adjournment. **Moved:** Lisa Cahan Davis; **Second:** Brian Mahoney; **Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.**



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