

**SCNC BOARD**

Patrice Berlin  
John Crotteau  
Claire Curet  
Alex Izbicki  
Lisa Karadjian  
Patrick Lewis  
Heidi MacKay  
Richard Niederberg  
Eric Preven  
Craig Radow  
Rob Schiller  
Keith Schwalenberg  
Andrew Sussman  
Rita C. Villa  
Richard Welsh  
Denise Welvang



**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018**

**Light Buffet 6:30 PM**  
**Meeting 7:00 PM**

4024 Radford Ave., Bldg. 8, MPR 3  
Studio City, CA 91604  
(818) 655-5400

**PRESIDENT**  
Denise Welvang  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Patrick Lewis  
**TREASURER**  
Rob Schiller  
**SECRETARY**  
Rita C. Villa  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
John Crotteau

[www.StudioCityNC.org](http://www.StudioCityNC.org)



The SCNC meetings are held on an active studio lot. Due to security issues, all stakeholders are required to park in the studios parking structure. 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 NC 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 (818) 384-1942 or [rvilla@studiocitync.org](mailto:rvilla@studiocitync.org) to request shuttle assistance at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order for the studio to arrange services for the meeting. Sign Language Interpreters, Communication, Access, Real-Time Transcription (CART), Assistive Listening Devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Due to difficulties in securing Sign Language Interpreters, five or more business days notice is strongly recommended. For additional information, please contact: contact (818) 384-1942 or [rvilla@studiocitync.org](mailto:rvilla@studiocitync.org) or email [office@studiocitync.org](mailto:office@studiocitync.org). The public is requested to fill out a "Comment Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless directed otherwise by the presiding officer of the Board. The agenda is posted for public review at: Studio City Neighborhood Council website ([www.studiocitync.org](http://www.studiocitync.org)); as well as CBS Studio Center, Radford and Colfax gates. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: [www.studiocitync.org](http://www.studiocitync.org) or at the scheduled meeting.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of January 17, 2018 Board Minutes (4 min).
3. Update by the President (4 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per stakeholder, total of 15 min).
5. **Jessica Fugate**, District 2 Field Representative (15 min).
6. **Laila Alequresh**, Executive Advisor, Office of the CAO, City of Los Angeles. She is part of a citywide project to improve public works service delivery for the City of Los Angeles and will be sharing feedback on how the city currently delivers these services. (2 min per stakeholder, total of 25 min).
7. Budget Committee Report by **Patrick Lewis** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 45 min total).

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates up to \$1,000 to repair the North Hollywood LAPD Station's "Force Options Trainer".**

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates up to \$8,000 towards the Return of the Annual Totally Awesome Picnic.**

**Motion C:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$1,500 towards the purchase of T-Shirts for Board Members and Volunteers at the Totally Awesome Picnic.

**Motion D:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the efforts of "Rediscover Studio City East", a Community Driven 501 (C 3) non-profit organization and allocates up to \$1,500 towards their website build, outreach, business cards and etc. Funds will be disbursed only upon the presentation of invoices for these operational expenses.

**Motion E:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$404.74 to reimburse Keith Schwalenberg for Facebook ads for the following events:  
Green Living Fair - Spring 2017 for \$22.50,  
October Film Festival - October 2017 for \$103.00,  
East Valley Preparedness Event - November 2017 for \$50.00  
Luminaria - December 2017 for \$229.24

**Motion F:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$14.10 for bus fare and gas to pick up and return the Rental Truck for Luminaria.

**Motion G:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$33.30 to reimburse Craig Radow for Cookies for Luminaria.

**Motion H:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$30.01 to Denise Welvang for gasoline for the Generators used at Luminaria.

**Motion I:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates \$250.00 for a timer.

**Motion J:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and allocates up to \$100 towards the purchase of DVD's for the Spring Film Series.

8. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
9. Bylaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Richard Adams** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 45 min total).

**Motion A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amending of Article V Section 1 G of its bylaws to read as follows:

**G. One (1) Youth Member.** The Board shall include one (1) youth member who is at least fifteen (15) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the then-current election who shall be elected by his or her Stakeholder peers under the same provisions as those for the election of other Board members, for a term of two (2) years.

**Motion B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves amending Article 6 B of its Operating Procedures to read as follows:

The Youth Board Member shall have all the rights and privileges of a Board member, except the right to vote on financial matters brought before the Board, prior to their attaining the age of eighteen (18) years of age and the successful completion of the prescribed City training.

**Motion C:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves adding this informational message to stakeholders on its webpage as a precursor page to its Bylaws & Operating Procedures links:

The Bylaws & Operating Procedures of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) have been painstakingly crafted from the official template provided by the City, often via direct quotes, and reflects the unique nature of Studio City, and the experiences

of the Board over the years since their initial adoption. Each & every change to them has been voted on by the Board, and then approved by the City, prior to taking effect.

However, these documents are not to be considered by SCNC stakeholders as hard & fast rules for the conduct of Board activities, but rather as more of a nebulous set of guidelines, since they can, and have been, arbitrarily & preemptorily changed, reinterpreted, abrogated, ignored or discarded by various City agencies such as the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), the offices of the City Attorney & City Clerk, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), without any explanation or justification to, nor consultation with, the Board of the SCNC.

Stakeholders should consider the content of these Bylaws and their subordinate Operating Procedures in that light.

**Motion D:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council votes to amend its Bylaws by adding an Article XV "Definitions", which reads as follows:

For the purposes of interpreting and following the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, all words used therein will be deemed to have their usual, customary and generally accepted definition and meaning in daily use, as given in the Merriam Webster On Line dictionary or its successors.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

**Motion E:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council votes to amend its Operating Procedures by adding Article 15 "Attendance" which reads as follows: A Board member shall be automatically removed from the Board upon two (2) unexcused absences from properly noticed Board meetings or upon two (2) unexcused absences from properly noticed meetings of committees of which the Board member is a member or a combination of the two during any one term of office.

An unexcused absence shall occur when a member cannot provide the President or Committee Chair a reasonable explanation for their absence, which, by definition, includes late arrivals and early departures from said meetings, either before, during or within twenty-four (24) hours after said absence occurs, unless prevented by extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, a natural disaster, traffic accident, or hospitalization. Verbal notification must be followed with notification in writing within 72 hours (text, e-mail, fax, etc) and it is the prerogative of the President/Chair to require documentation to support the given explanation.

Each Council Board Member absence shall be recorded in the Council's Meeting Minutes or Committee Meeting Minutes, and that, upon missing the required number of Board Meetings for removal, the Board President shall notify the Board Member and provide notice to that Board Member that their seat has been declared vacant.

10. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).

**Motion A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to the new draft of the Citywide Sign Ordinance released about December 12, 2017. We support the sign ordinance Version B+ as approved by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on October 22, 2015. Specifically, we urge the PLUM committee of the City Council to adopt a version of the ordinance which accomplishes the following goals that are important to the residents and stakeholders of this neighborhood:

- 1- Disapproves any amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
- 2- Disapproves the "grandfathering" of any sign districts that were not approved or applied for in April 2009 when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.
- 3- Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.

- 4- Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5 to 1 for conventional and 10 to 1 for digital.
  - 5- Adds funding to the Department of Building and Safety to hire at least 3 more inspectors to enforce sign ordinances, especially regarding unpermitted or illegally altered billboards.
  - 6- Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.
- This motion should be submitted as a CIS to council file 11-1705.

**Motion B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to SB 905, which would include the City of Los Angeles in a pilot program which would authorize, with or without conditions, the selling, giving, or purchasing of alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Studio City's many restaurants are primarily located in the commercial corridors along Ventura Blvd and along Moorpark Street. Both those corridors are immediately adjacent to suburban residential neighborhoods which would experience noise and other disruption as a result of these extended hours.

**Motion C:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to SB 827 which imposes statewide mandated zoning allowing for denser and taller zoning near transit and overrides local municipal zoning laws ignoring the adverse impact of such zoning on local communities.

The Ventura/Cahuenga Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan (VCBCSP) regulates by prevailing and superseding the LAMC Chapter 1, when the VCBCSP regulations are more restrictive. The VCBCSP regulates infrastructure and land use development and local circulation systems. It governs the balance of commercial land uses with the needs of the communities and provides for a compatible and harmonious relationship between residential and commercial neighborhoods. It also establishes coordinated and comprehensive standards for buffering, setbacks, and lot coverage.

The current zoning for height of buildings in Studio City as regulated by VCBCSP allows: (i) from Cahuenga Blvd. to Carpenter Avenue-45 feet on the Northside and 30 feet on the Southside; (ii) from Carpenter Avenue to Laurel Canyon Blvd.-45 feet on both sides of the street; (iii) from Laurel Canyon Blvd. to Whitsett Avenue-45 feet on the Northside and 30 feet on the Southside; and (iv) from Whitsett Avenue to Fulton Avenue-30 feet on both sides. SB 827 would allow for heights of up to 85 ft. within one half mile of transit. All of the VCBCSP is within that radius. Buildings of that height would adversely impact the quality of life in the adjacent residential neighborhoods by casting shadows and decreasing the airflow in our community.

The increased density that would result from projects utilizing the bonuses for density would adversely impact the quality of life in Studio City by exacerbating congestion on our already overcrowded streets. It would result in increased traffic on the corridor where peak traffic flow is already at capacity and such traffic is currently restricted by the VCBCSP.

The location of dense housing near transit does not mean that the residents will not have cars or that they will use the transit. The reduced parking requirements would make parking in an already parking impacted community even more difficult.

Studies have shown that there has been a decrease in the use of mass transit in recent years even by residents in urban areas adjacent to mass transit. *"From 2012 through 2016, Southern California lost 72 million transit riders per year, most of that centered in Los Angeles County's urban core where more than 60 percent of the region's transit riders live"* (From study from the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies).

**California is so diverse that one zoning law for the entire state is not appropriate. Local communities must be allowed to have input into and governance over the zoning laws applied in their area.**

**Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a motion at City Council adding to the Los Angeles Municipal Code that Gas Meters no be located within the front setback of all residential and commercial property within the City.**

**Motion E: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a motion disallowing for hire building and landscaping work on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

11. Treasurer's Report by **Rob Schiller** (2 min per stakeholder and Board Member, (10 min total).

**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for November and December 2017, and hereby accepts and approves.**

12. Land Use Committee Report by **Richard Welsh** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
13. Outreach Committee Report by **Keith Schwalenberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
14. Public Safety Committee Report by **Craig Radow** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
15. VANC Report by **Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
16. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
17. Comments from members on subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per member, 10 Min Total)
18. Closing comments by the President (3 min)
19. Adjournment (1 min).

**The Studio City Neighborhood Council Agenda is posted for public review at the following locations below and is posted on the SCNC website [www.StudioCityNC.org](http://www.StudioCityNC.org), CBS Studio Center, Radford and Colfaxgates.**

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item on the Agenda PRIOR to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comments On Non- Agenda Items period.

**THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least three (3) business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Studio City Neighborhood Council (818) 384-1942 or by e- mail to [rvilla@studiocitync.org](mailto:rvilla@studiocitync.org).

**RECONSIDERATION PROCESS** - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

**GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

**PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** - In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link - <http://studiocitync.org/> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda please contact [office@studiocitync.org](mailto:office@studiocitync.org).

**SCNC BYLAWS** - Please be advised that the Bylaws of the Studio City Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available during every meeting.