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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22,
2017**

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

4024 Radford Avenue, Bldg. 8, MPR 3
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of February 2017 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. 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 January 2017, and hereby accepts and approves.

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

6. Budget Committee Report by **Patrick Lewis** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 5 min total).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the SCNC BBQ for June 2017. Budget and DONE required documents to be approved by the Budget Committee and brought to the April Board Meeting.

Brought by Rob Schiller

Requires a Second _____

7. Public Safety Committee Report by **Craig Radow** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
8. Bylaws & Procedures Committee Report by **Alex Izbicki** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 30 min total).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article III, Section 2 of its bylaws by adding the following language:

Area #1: From the centerline of Ventura Blvd and the SCNC western boundary east to the center line of Laurel Grove Ave. until it intersects Sarah Ave., then north to the 101.

Area #2: North of the centerline of Ventura Blvd, the center line of Laurel Grove Ave. east to the center line of Beck Ave.

Area #3: North of the centerline of Ventura Blvd., the centerline of Beck Ave east to the SCNC eastern boundary.

Area #4 South of the centerline of Ventura Blvd., the center line of Laurel Canyon Blvd. west to the SCNC western boundary.

Area #5: South of the centerline of Ventura Blvd., the center line of Laurel Canyon Blvd. east to the SCNC eastern boundary

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article V Section 1 of its bylaws to read as follows:

The Board shall be made up of fifteen (15) At-Large Stakeholders, three (3) from each of the five areas listed in Art. III, Sec. 2, who are at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the election. In addition, there shall be a Youth Member.

At Large Definition: Any person over the age of eighteen (18) who resides in, works in, manages, owns a business or who owns real property in which they themselves do not reside, or who has a bona fide and ongoing participation in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations, within an area defined in Article III, Section 2.

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, except that they may claim stakeholder status anywhere inside the SCNC external boundaries.

Upon attaining the age of eighteen (18), the Youth Member shall be entitled to vote on all matters presented to the Board.

Each Board member must be a Stakeholder. If a Board member no longer qualifies as a Stakeholder during his or her term of office, then his or her membership on the Board shall immediately terminate.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the amendment of Article V, Section 6 of its bylaws to read as follows:

Section 6: Vacancies

Another stakeholder from the same area as the previous member, pursuant to the following procedure, shall fill a vacancy on the Board:

- A. Within forty-eight (48) hours of a vacancy on the Board, the President shall notify all stakeholders of the vacant seat.**
- B. Any Stakeholder(s) interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board shall submit a written application to the Secretary.**
- C. The Secretary shall promptly forward to all members of the Board copies of the applications of all Stakeholders interested in filling the vacant seat.**
- D. The Board shall elect an applicant to fill the vacancy not later than the second Board meeting following the vacancy, via majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting.**

When the aforementioned process fills a vacant seat, that seat shall be filled only until the next Board election, at which time the seat shall be filled by election of the Stakeholders. In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where the next Board election is scheduled to be held within ninety (90) days from the beginning of the vacancy.

- 9. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson** (2 min per stakeholder and member, total 10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Councilmember Krekorian reinstitute the City's median grass mowing of the 1.9 mile Vineland Avenue City Designated Scenic Highway that was regularly maintained for the first 50 years of its existence before being discontinued a few years ago.

- 10. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
- 11. VANC Report by **Richard Niederberg** (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
- 12. Land Use Committee Report by **Richard Welsh**, (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 in total).
- 13. 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 supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-2018 city budget to cover the cost of 4 staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first

responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

MOTION B: Board of the SCNC approves the submission of a letter from its president to the Department of City Planning to the attention of Yi Lu (yi.lu@lacity.org) containing the following comments with respect to CASE: CPC-2017-455-CA & ENV-2017-591-CE Temporary Signs on Construction Walls Code Amendment:

1. This ordinance should apply citywide to all properties, not only commercial and industrial as proposed, but residential as well.
2. The only materials mentioned in the proposed ordinance are temporary construction walls and wood fences. The primary fence that is used around commercial construction sites and residential as well, is chain link covered with green mesh or green vinyl. These regulations should cover those types of materials as well.
3. The proposed ordinance states: "Allowed: Temporary signs are allowed on temporary construction walls only if: 1)The site is an active construction site, 2)there is no operating business on the site, including an operating parking lot, and 3)the construction wall is required for public safety by the Department of Building and Safety.

Time limit: Temporary signs on construction walls are allowed to remain for as long as the building permit associated with the construction site is valid, or 2 years, whichever is less." The concern here is with enforcement. Who is going to be responsible for enforcing this, and where will the budget for enforcement come from? Who will police this to make sure the permit is valid or that it is only 2 years old?

4. There is a concern that when fencing around vacant lots is addressed, that this is encouraging someone to build a fence around a vacant lot, with this comes the elimination of visual of open space.
5. These fences with signs will bring additional visual blight.
6. The materials that will be allowed for signs are "paper, vinyl or other similar material." This would include cardboard. Signs of paper and cardboard will deteriorate after the first rain or after being in intense sun for a period of time and will be a mess. Vinyl would be more acceptable because it will last.
7. There is no mention of how far apart signs can be from one another and how many will be allowed at any one address.
8. The current prohibition against temporary signage should continue and we are expressly opposed to signs with advertising. In Studio City, there is a Specific Plan which supersedes any city code. "Chapter 3, A, 2: Whenever this Specific Plan contains provisions which require different setbacks, restricted yards, lower densities, lower heights, restricted uses, greater parking requirements or other greater restrictions or limitations on development than would be allowed pursuant to the provisions contained

in LAMC Chapter I, the Specific Plan shall prevail and supersede the applicable provisions in that Code." The following portion of the Studio City Specific Plan related to temporary signs on construction walls shall continue to be enforceable in the Studio City Specific Plan area: Section 8, B, Subsection d, Temporary Signs, #1 Construction Signs, #1 Number of Signs: "No more than one non-illuminated construction sign (i.e., a temporary sign announcing and identifying a future use or Project under construction) shall be permitted for each lot frontage for which a building permit has been issued for a Project on the lot. Construction signs are permitted on a temporary basis only and notwithstanding LAMC Section 91.6215 to the contrary, shall be removed prior to the issuance of certificate of occupancy or within 30 days of completion of the Project, whichever is sooner."

9. There is no provision in the proposed code amendment regarding which department responsible for budget for the administration and enforcement of the proposed ordinance.
10. There is no provision in the proposed ordinance that the contact information of the construction company at that location should be posted, as is required by law, and that it should be exempt from signage requirement.

MOTION C: The Board of the SCNC opposes California Senate Bill 231 which would change the legal definition of sewer service to include stormwater, allowing local governments to charge property owners for the construction and operation of stormwater management projects.

14. Motion regarding the Budget Advocates White Paper dated March 8, 2017 by Rita Villa (2 min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).

Brought by Rita Villa Second Required _____

Motion: The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file: 17-0600.

15. Sustainability Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan-Davis** (2min per stakeholder and member, 10 min total).
16. Outreach Committee Report by **Alex Bosschaerts** (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, total 20 min).
18. Closing comments by the President (3 min).
19. Adjournment (1 min).

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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.

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