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**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017
at 7:00 PM**

4024 Radford Avenue, Editorial 2, Room 6
Studio City, CA 91604
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Committee Members: Lisa Cahan Davis (Chair), Lee Davis (Stakeholder), Carolyn Casavan (Stakeholder), Richard Adams (Stakeholder), Jan Ross (Stakeholder), Ron Meyer (Stakeholder), Heidi MacKay (Board member), Denise Welvang (President, ex-officio)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Update by the Committee Chair (5 min): Need all Members to attend June 21, 2017 Board meeting.
3. Approval of March 8 and April 3, 2017 meeting minutes (1 min).
4. Public comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
5. Updates on synthetic pesticide motion and actions (5 min).
6. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to: (1 hour).
 - a. Establish due process and replacement trees for tree removal under new sidewalk repair program. Potentially "halt" rebate program until program short-term and long-term plan is defined along with key performance indicators (costs, success drivers, etc.)

- b. Request City of Los Angeles, DWP, and Department of Urban Forestry establish a proper tree care program/guideline instead of tree trimming (stop the mal-pruning, get skilled inspectors, minimize "2nd trip back", etc.) and infringement violators/violations rehabilitation program. Also, demand a quality control (backend) system to verify tree trimming processes keep to guidelines.
- c. Request Bureau of Engineering to consider Studio City for green infrastructure pilot program: sidewalk alternative materials; stormwater and bioswell infrastructure
- d. Creating a MOU and guideline for SCNC funding on Sustainable/Environmental/Green projects brought to Board. May include (a) Final maintenance/replacement plan presented at time of funding request, (b) Guidelines on what SCNC receives as to SCNC icon on site, eblast to recipients' followers/patrons/etc., (c) Establish standards of "health of projects" Year over Year for 10 year period and if any are not meeting standards, funding request will be denied until standards met (d) Articulate the financial partners tied into project besides the request to SCNC (% project owned per entity), (e) Provide 3 quotes for SCNC to pay directly for best vendor/service with funding request (f) Plans for project, including plant selection, are approved by SCNC Board if funding is 40% or more of entire project, (g) All plans are presented up front when funds are requested, (h) no "branded" signage at site for any SCNC funded projects, (i) etc. from committee.
- e. Sponsor a Neighborhood Tree Watch Program to record and protect trees.
- f. Request the City of Los Angeles to join the American Green Zone Alliance (<https://www.agza.net/about-agza/>) and move forward on its certification that ensures grounds maintenance on municipal properties — mowing, hedging, edging, trimming, sawing, and blowing — are serviced exclusively with low-noise zero-emission battery-electric machinery and manual hand tools.
- g. Request City Planning and Elected Officials to establish a certain percentage of permeable surfaces before a build out is "green lit" for Studio City (residential, commercial, and multifamily development). (i.e. Zoning ordinance for X% for planting, stormwater capture, etc. --- not concrete).
- h. Request the City of Los Angeles to set benchmarks for success and monthly reporting on the enforcement of the Gas Powered Leaf Ban aka Los Angeles City Municipal Code 112.04(c). Must be defined, approved, and initiated by August 2017 and include both noise and air quality measurements.
- i. Review the environmental impact of use of fossil-fueled heating lamps used in public spaces.
- j. SCNC Sustainability Committee co-brand with another Neighborhood Council, co-brand with another SCNC Committee (e.g. Government Affairs, Land Use, Transportation), or hold current status with quarterly meetings if no Chair is appointed by August 2017.
- k. Request South Coast Air Quality Management District to include City of Los Angeles in their annual Leaf Blower Exchange Program but remove the gasoline-powered model in the options. Also to enlist all Elected Officials, City Departments/Services, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, DWP, Libraries, etc. to promote the program and have a 12 month education/outreach to the public on the ban. <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=lawn-equipment>; County Supervisors approval : <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Agendas/Governing-Board/2017/2017-apr7-021.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

Effective on February 13, 1998 - Los Angeles City Municipal Code 112.04(c)
The following is considered to be the "gas-blower ban"

<http://www.zapla.org/present/lalaw.html>

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) above, no gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user, if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), notwithstanding the graduated fines set forth in L.A.M.C. Section 11.00(m).

6. Comments from members on subject matter within Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
7. Closing comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).
8. Adjournment (1 min).

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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) 374-9898 or by e-mail to ncsupport@lacity.org.

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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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