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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH, 2022
at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. President's Comments (15 mins)
 - a. Board vote re: appointment of Chip Meehan to Vacant Employee/Independent Contractor Seat.
 - b. Board vote re: position of Secretary.
 - c. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council amends its [Operating Procedures](#) by striking and eliminating Section 5(A) of Article IV as follows: "The Chair, to maintain the appearance of impartiality, will not vote on motions unless Chair's vote will affect the outcome."
Brought by Jeff Hartwick Seconded by: _____
3. Secretary Report (5 min) Approval of the [July 11th special meeting minutes](#) , attendance report, training compliance.
4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick (5 min): Filings of CIS and Resolutions.
5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements (8 min)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for [June](#) 2022.
Brought by Kim Clements Seconded by: _____
 - b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Google Workspace Business Starter subscription service Aug 3, 2022 - Aug 3, 2023 \$3.00 USD per user/month (\$6.00 USD 50.00% off)After Aug 3, 2023 \$6.00 USD per user/month. At present we have 20 users. The

number will rise and fall depending on additional board/committee members who utilize a SCNC email address. The monthly costs will be folded into our Webcorner monthly statements. The free service we have been using is no longer available.

Brought by Scott Mandell Seconded by: _____

6. Vice President Report Brandon Morino (5 min)
7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items** within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute per speaker)
8. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 min)
9. Outreach Committee Brandon Morino 10 min.
 - a. **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves up to \$500, which includes snacks and possible SCNC giveaways (of a unit value of approximately \$1 each), for the purpose of the National Night Out Event on August 2nd 2022 (10 minutes)

10. Transportation Committee Barry Johnson (20 min)
 - a. **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to install a Smart Crosswalk at Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Maxwellton Road, a dangerous intersection with schools on both sides of Laurel Canyon Boulevard
 - b. **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0491 (Raman) to designate exclusive electric vehicle parking spaces on public streets and publicly owned parking facilities unless a formula is devised to have no more of a percentage of these exclusive parking spaces than the percentage of electric vehicles in the City of Los Angeles. Over time, as the electric vehicle percentage increases, so can the percentage of exclusive electric vehicle parking spaces. To blindly create too many exclusive electric parking spaces now, would only serve to punish those who may not be able to afford their first electric vehicle at present.

This motion is also to be submitted as a separate Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0491].Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0491>

- c: **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to install "No Stopping Anytime" signs on the east side of Coldwater Canyon Avenue from Ventura Boulevard, north to the DWP Building where such signs are already placed.

Brought by Randall Fried. Seconded by: _____

11. Government Affairs Committee Barry Johnson (15 min)

a: **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-1100-S6 (City Attorney Feuer) for a "Parcel Tax" Ballot Measure for parks and recreational facilities. The property taxes that are already paid by citizens and corporations are supposed to cover such "facilities". This is yet another ploy to create yet another additional tax on property tax payers.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 22-1100-S6].

Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1100-S6>

b. **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0560 to amend the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance, including the same disclosure when a lobbyist makes an oral presentation or public comment to a Neighborhood Council as is presently only required for written communications.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-0560].

Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0560>

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (MLO) [CF 22-0560] regarding Neighborhood Councils. We also request the consideration of changes to a few minor areas of the draft MLO that we believe will benefit transparency in the city. Under section 48.08.8 of the current lobbying ordinance, a lobbyist disclosure is only required for written communications to Neighborhood Councils. We believe the ordinance should be updated to include the same disclosure when a lobbyist makes an oral presentation or public comment to a Neighborhood Council that is related to their lobbying efforts. Therefore, we deeply agree with section 48.11 of the draft municipal lobbying ordinance under consideration.

Additionally, under AB 361, we are prohibited from requiring "speaker cards," which is where traditional lobbying disclosures have happened on our council. While the SCNC can require a disclosure for its own meetings, that disclosure has no teeth for enforcement as it is not an ordinance and it also does not address the other 98 Neighborhood Councils which similarly serve as elected advisory bodies to the city.

We believe the lack of oral lobbyist disclosure requirement leaves many Neighborhood Council Board Members at an information disadvantage and

that it should be addressed for the following reasons:

- 1) Transparency. We believe every voting member at a board meeting has the right to the knowledge if a lobbyist is speaking on an item for which they are compensated to lobby.
- 2) Diffusion of responsibility. A lobbyist may send a correct written disclosure either via mail or email, but often these communications do not go to every member of the board. Unless the board member is diligent in passing along these communications, then it is possible there would be other members of the board who do not know of the lobbyist status of the individual speaking.
- 3) Lack of training. We do not receive training on identifying or looking up lobbyist activities in the city through the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. We believe the legal onus should be on the lobbyist to be as upfront and straightforward with the board as possible. Additionally, the responsibility is then on the paid lobbyist rather than the volunteer board member when it comes to the pursuit of this information.

In addition, the Studio City Neighborhood Council would like to request a similar lobbying disclosure for City Council and City Council committee meetings. This announcement could either be done by the lobbyist or by the presiding officer of the meeting in order to ensure that the public is fully aware of the associations of all speakers who are paid lobbyists. Neighborhood Council members frequently listen to or attend City Council meetings or recordings of the meetings and we strongly feel that this minor addition would bring greater transparency to the City processes. We urge the City Council to adopt this minor change.

Lastly, the SCNC urges the City Council to adopt a non profit exemption of \$200,000 in revenue or \$500,000 in assets instead of the proposed \$2,000,000. This change aligns with the IRS tax filing system and would essentially allow any non profit that files a 990-N or 990-EZ to gain exemption. This change also reflects the current San Francisco ethics ordinance. The current recommendation of \$2 million in revenue is far too high and would exempt the vast majority of nonprofits in Southern California. Only 16% of Southern California non profits have revenues above \$1 million, so an exemption set at twice that amount would have a grave effect on transparency.

Thank you for your consideration of the above,

Scott Mandell
President, Studio City Neighborhood Council

- b. **Motion.** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0002-S67 (Krekorian) which supports Assembly Bill (AB) 1791 (Nazarian) to cap rent increases on corporate-owned rental units, including single-family homes and condos, if they are owned by corporations that own ten or more rental units and have receipts of \$1 billion or more annually.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 22-002-S67].

Link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S67>

12. Homelessness Committee Jeff Hartwick (10 min)

- a. **Motion Request For Action** (RFA) The Greenway is a wonderful landscaped pedestrian and bicycle trail located on the south side of the Los Angeles River between Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Whitsett Ave. It is a vital recreational resource in the heart of Studio City, used by hundreds of stakeholders every day. Unfortunately, in recent months, there has been a noticeable decline in the maintenance of the Greenway. A large swath of the wall along the trail has unsightly graffiti. There has been a persistent homeless presence there, along with illegal drug use and littering. Many stakeholders feel unsafe to utilize this public treasure. Further, an agreement between the L.A. County Flood Control District and the City gives the City full control over maintenance and repair of the Greenway, including graffiti removal and trash collection. The City's non-compliance of its contractual duties could jeopardize the City's control over the Greenway. More needs to be done to clean up the area so children and other stakeholders can safely use the trail. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) therefore requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman request a report and status of all efforts and plans by the City's Bureau of Sanitation, Parks and Recreation Department, and LAHSA to expeditiously remove graffiti, trash, hazardous materials, and to provide outreach services to the persistent homeless who reside on the Greenway, some of whom have resided there for years.

Link to photos. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sXpDo7FeCzNwu3bm8>

13. Discussion and motion re: 2023 election forms. In 2023, the City Clerk will be using a hybrid election model for Neighborhood Councils (NC). The hybrid election model provides At-Poll elections along with the option to Vote-By-Mail for every NC. Attached is the [2023 Election Information Worksheet](#) for the upcoming NC Elections. Please use this form to provide your Neighborhood Council's preferred polling hours and location, election or outreach chair, and translation needs for your election. The Election Information Worksheet requires an official action by the Neighborhood Council board. We have included a fillable .pdf and an Election Information Worksheet google form to make

completing the form easier. Only one format needs to be completed.

[Election dates](#) are also attached for your convenience. (SCNC region 4)
Please submit the board approved Election Information Worksheet to the Office
of the City Clerk no later than Monday, August 1, 2022.

Brought by Scott Mandell. Seconded by _____

14. Adjournment

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Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Notice to Paid Representatives -

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

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