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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15 , 2023 AT 7:00PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. President's Comments, announcements. (3 mins)
 - a. Announcement only. Barry Weiss is our Budget Committee chair.
 - b. Announcement only. Our Outreach Committee chair resigned. Teri Austin has agreed to be acting Outreach Committee chair until a permanent chair is appointed. Anyone interested in the position of chair or committee member, please contact me at smandell@studiocitync.org with a statement of interest.
 - c. A reminder to those attending, during public comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The SCNC has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech, as this is protected under the 1st amendment. Board members are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with stakeholders during their allotted time.
3. Secretary Report Abigail Velasco (5 min) Approval of the [Special Board meeting minutes](#) January 12th. Approval of the regular board meeting [January minutes](#), attendance report, training compliance.
4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick (5 min): Filings of CIS and Resolutions.
5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements (15 min extendable by chair)
 - a. **Motion:** Presentation and discussion of SCNC financial position, outlook and current budget. [Current Budget](#). [Remaining Funds Allocation](#).

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for [January 2023](#)
Seconded by: _____

6. Vice President Report Brandon Morino (5 min)

7. Announcements by Government Representatives.

- a. NEA Lorenzo Briceno with an update regarding in person meetings. (20 min extendable by chair)

- b. LA Sanitation TOC Project - Presentation of the upcoming North Outfall Sewer (NOS) Unit 30 repair. This project will rehabilitate the City's NOS sewer line in phases, and will take place on Woodbridge from Radford to Whitsett. The first phase of work is located at the intersection of Woodbridge & Radford, and is expected to begin in mid-February of 2023. Link to [construction notice](#).

- Presentation limited to 10 minutes** followed by Q&A for 15 minutes extendable by chair

- c. Govt representatives in attendance (20 min extendable by chair)

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute 30 sec per speaker 15 minute total extendable by chair)

9. Budget Committee (Kim Clements/Barry Weiss 15 minutes extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the hiring of an administrative service to prepare minutes for the upcoming in-person board meetings, at the [City contracted rate](#) for up to \$1000 for 4 meetings.

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the hiring of a vendor to record the upcoming in-person board meetings, up to \$2000 (\$500/meeting for 4 meetings).

- c. **Motion:** The Budget Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council recommends that the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approve the [Neighborhood Purpose Grant](#) request from Northeast Trees for up to \$5,000

10. Homelessness Committee (Julie Houlihan 15 minutes extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File [12-1690-S18](#) which asks the City Administrative Officer to identify funding to increase support for LAHSA's Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter Program, which runs from Nov. 1, 2022 to February 12, 2023. The program is accessed through LAHSA Home Engagement Teams (HET), or a person can call 2-1-1 to be connected to a Winter Shelter. If a bed is not available, a motel voucher can be accessed.

The motion further requests LAHSA to report on increasing bed capacity and expanding Winter Shelter sites and ensuring equitable access across the city. The current capacity is 143 beds across five sites; 142 hotel vouchers per day in the city of Los Angeles and 367 vouchers in LA County.

This motion is also to be submitted as a separate Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 12-1690-S18]. CF 12-1690-S18 – Introduced 12/13/22 and Adopted 1/27/23 2022-23 Winter Shelter Program / Augmented Winter Shelter Program Expansion / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / Adverse Weather Annex
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-1690-S18>

The Winter Shelter Program

<https://homeless.lacounty.gov/news/winter-shelters-now-open/>

- b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File [22-1475](#) to coordinate use of state funds granted to Medi-Cal providers in LA County to meet the local needs and goals with regard to homelessness, housing navigation and mental health services in conjunction with LAHSA. This motion coordinates the efforts of California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

The Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) has provided a one one-time allocation of \$1.288 billion dollars to fund Homeless programs through Medi-Cal. It is anticipated that two Medi-Cal Providers in LA County will receive \$405 million dollars, which can be spent on their program the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP.)

The motion seeks to find ways to partner and coordinate priorities with LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority), especially in terms of housing navigation, and to identify funding to continue expand street medicine and mobile health/mental health van programs in the City.

This motion is also to be submitted as a separate Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-1475].

Council File: 22-1475 – Introduced 11/22/22 and Adopted Jan 11, 2023

Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) / Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) / Local Homelessness and Investment Plans / Managed Care Plans Date Received / Introduced 11/22/2022

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1475>

11. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson 15 minutes extendable by chair)

- 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 left-turn arrow on southbound Coldwater Canyon Avenue at Moorpark Street.

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Cal Trans District 7 to trim the decades old dead palm fronds from the palm trees on all Cal Trans District 7 property after decades long neglect.

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests the inaccurate new signage along the Los Angeles River be corrected (see attached list). [Link to photos](#), click each photo for detailed description and location. Each photo can be zoomed in to read text.

12. Government Affairs (Barry Johnson 20 min extendable by chair)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 22-1476](#) to preserve consistent roadway widths and curb lines on each block to eliminate spot road widenings and have consistent sidewalk/parkway widths.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-1476].

Link: [S14KONICA_C22112215380 \(lacity.org\)](#)

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services - Urban Forestry Division to trim the decades old dead palm fronds from the street palm trees on Ventura Boulevard and other main streets in Studio City located outside of the Studio City Business Improvement District.

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 22-1070](#)'s Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.) 95 page report ([EmpowerLA Report to CF 22-1070 \(EVG\) CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT](#) (lacity.org)) dated January 27, 2023 for viable options for conducting Neighborhood Council meetings, including virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings, and further requests Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman to make a Motion for a Resolution to support [State Senate Bill \(SB\) 411](#) (Portantino).

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-1070].

Link: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1070_misc_1-27-23.pdf
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1070_misc_1-27-23.pdf

13. Public Safety Committee (Jeff Hartwick 20 min extendable by chair)

a. **Motion** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 22-1594](#): Title, Hazardous and Illegal RV Parking / Resident Complaints / Oversized Vehicles / Parking Enforcement. After a deluge of complaints from Los Angeles residents about the proliferation of immobile and unsafe recreational and oversized vehicles in the City, the Board of

Transportation Commissioners recently investigated the chronic problem. The Transportation Commissioners found that there was an increase in crime on impacted streets, enhanced risk of fires, illegal drug use, dumping of trash, and blocking of cyclists. Offending Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and oversized vehicles were also not being cited by authorities. The Commission drafted a report with recommendations for the City Council to implement. These important recommendations include:

- (1) Begin immediate parking enforcement of oversized vehicles in violation of LAMC Sections 80.69.4 and 80.69.
 - (2) Request that the Mayor declare an emergency regarding the proliferation of these vehicles so that the impacted streets can be immediately cleared.
 - (3) Immediately install parking restriction signage in impacted areas.
 - (4) Adopt a citywide ordinance prohibiting oversized vehicle in all residential-zoned areas, like many municipalities have done across the U.S.
- The Board supports these common-sense recommendations for immediate action that will bring order to chaotic areas that have become drug dens, hubs of criminal activity, and sources of environmental pollution and public health hazards.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [22-1594].

LINK: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1594>

Report: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1594_misc_12-1-22.pdf

B. Motion The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 21-1465](#): Title, Los Angeles Police Department / Property Crimes / RV Overpopulation. In February 2022, the City Council adopted the Public Safety Committee report of this council file seeking reports from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Fire Department (LAFD) about crime and fires along Recreational Vehicle (RV) corridors in the City. The LAPD drafted a report in May 2022 addressing the RV crime issue, which was approved by the Los Angeles Police Commission in December 2022. There are 216 specific locations where oversized vehicles and RVs have a positive correlation with increases in crime. The 49 most problematic RV areas were spotlighted, including seven RV encampments in the North Hollywood district. In the North Hollywood area encampments, there was between an 83%-150% increase in crime, the worst being the Tujunga Ave./Hartland St. encampment.

Noteworthy findings/conclusions include:

- (1) Crime numbers are elevated within RV encampments.
- (2) There will be an increase in RV presence unless more restrictive parking regulations are enacted.
- (3) Outreach efforts should occur prior to enforcement.

(4) There should be a Modus Operandi (MO) reporting code associated specifically with RV crime to get more data.

(5) There needs to be more RV salvage recycling facilities to dispose of scrap RVs.

The Board urges the City Council to address these findings with new ordinances and funding to stop the proliferation of RV encampments and associated increases in crime.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [21-1465].

LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1465>

Report: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1465_misc_12-23.pdf

14. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Case No. [DIR-2022-1022-SPP-SPPA-WDI](#) at 12218, 12220 and 12222 Ventura Boulevard for the following reasons:

1. The intent of the Ventura-Cahuenga Corridor Specific Plan's 30 foot height limit on the southside of Ventura Boulevard between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue is to not have 3-story buildings. Page 9 of The Planning Department's [Determination Letter](#) even states:

"The surrounding properties are developed with one or two-story commercial retail buildings along both sides of Ventura Boulevard and single-family dwellings across from the alley at the rear of the property. The Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan designates the subject property for Community Commercial land uses which are a 'focal point for surrounding residential neighborhoods and containing a diversity of land uses, such as small offices, retail, cultural facilities, schools and libraries, in addition to neighborhood-oriented services' ".

Currently, there are no 3-story buildings on Ventura Boulevard between Vantage Avenue and Rhodes Avenue, the block where this 3-story building is proposed. The block is comprised of mainly 1-story buildings with a few 2-story buildings mixed in.

To say (on Page 12 of the [Determination Letter](#)):

"The strict application of the Specific Plan would result in practical difficulties and would render the proposed project infeasible",

This is, of course, true, because the Applicant wants to build 3-stories high on a block where there are no 3-story buildings.

To say (on Page 12 of the [Determination Letter](#)):

"The Specific Plan's 30-foot height limit is impractical as it would not permit a commercial building with sufficient height to accommodate three floors of uses...",

is also true because, again, the Specific Plan's intent is to prevent 3-story buildings on the southside of Ventura Boulevard between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue.

To say (on Page 12 of the Determination Letter):

"The development standards are limited by the Specific Plan."

YES, that's the reason for a Specific Plan in the first place.

"While appropriate for maintaining a reasonable amount of commercial development in the midst of low-density housing".

Yes, single-family homes are directly adjacent to the same subject property alley from Vantage Avenue all the way to Whitsett Avenue.

To say (on Page 13 of the Determination Letter):

"The unique design requirements and building characteristics of a commercial building cannot be accommodated within the parameters of the Specific Plan regulations, specifically the site's height limitations, and without the adjustment, it is impractical and infeasible to build such a building on the subject property",

is again, only true because the Applicant wants to build 3-stories high on a block where there are no 3-story buildings. How is this (on Page 9 of the Determination Letter), a:

"... focal point for surrounding residential neighborhoods..." ?

2. The SCNC opposes the proposed project's "Roof Terrace". This essentially places an open-air 4th story on the building, and even though it may be at the front of the building, noise will carry to the single-family residences immediately behind the proposed building.

3. The SCNC opposes the proposed project's front yard setback of 3 feet, 7 inches. The rest of the buildings on this block of the subject property only have an 18 inch setback. There is absolutely no need to make this proposed building further stand out in the crowd with an increased setback.

Motion brought by: Scott Mandell. Seconded by _____.

15. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 23-4118-S2](#): Title, Designation of Prohibited Locations / Riverside Drive and 134 Freeway / North Hollywood Red/Orange Line Station / North and South Weddington Park / Vineland Avenue and 134 Freeway, etc. / Council District 2/ Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18. Homeless encampments are again on the rise in and around Studio City, including at Riverside Drive/134 freeway, Vineland/134 freeway, Tujunga/101 freeway, the Red/Orange Line station, and South Weddington Park.

Open drug use, fires, litter, unsanitary practices, sidewalk obstructions, and criminal activity is rife in these areas. Residents and stakeholders have complained about these unsafe and growing encampments and want more to be done. A 41.18 special enforcement zone designation would prevent individuals from sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right of way. The SCNC applauds Councilmember Krekorian for introducing this important resolution that will give the LAPD an enforcement tool to deal with the service resistant. We hope that Councilmember Raman also supports this 41.18 designation to ensure that our residents, disabled persons, and children can safely travel through these troubled areas of Studio City.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-4118-S2>

Motion brought by Jeff Hartwick. Seconded by _____

16. Outreach Committee (Teri Austin and Election Ad Hoc 15 min extendable by chair)

Presentation, discussion, possible motion, The Board Of the Studio City Neighborhood council (SCNC) supports/opposes the concept of election mailers up to \$11,000.00. See current design samples. [Flyer 1](#). [Flyer 2](#). [Idea V2](#)

17. Good of the Order. Brief comments from Board Members on items not on the agenda (7 min)

18. Adjournment in memory of P-22

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