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Sustainability Committee MEETING AGENDA Monday, May 8, 2023 - 7:00 PM

4024 Radford Avenue, Editorial 2, Room 6 Studio City, CA 91604 (818) 655-5400 **Enter at Sater Parking Structure 4200 Radford Ave**

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Committee Members: Adele Slaughter (Boardmember Resident/Business Owner, Chair), Alexander Black, (Resident), Chris Trent (Resident), Susan Schalbe (Stakeholder), Jesse Sanford (Resident), Chip Meehan (Boardmember, Business Owner/Resident), Melanie Winter, (Business Owner/Resident), Tony Knight (Resident), Andrew Epstein, (Business Owner/Resident), Scott Mandell (Board Member & President, ex-officio)

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
- 2) Announcements by Government Representatives or guests (5 min)
- 3) Public comment within the Committee's jurisdiction on non-agenda items (2 minutes per speaker)
- 4) Response(s) to public comments by Committee members (5 min)
- 5) Discussion and possible motion re: how to enforce the ban on leaf blowers

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests a report back in 30 days from Councilmembers Nithya Raman (CD4) and Paul Kerkorian (CD2) about possible enforcement of leaf blower ordinances 171440, 171890, and 172086.

- Here is the 1998 City Council file: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=86-0333
- Here is leaf blower ordinance 171440: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/1990/90-2377 ORD 171440 01-17-1997.pdf
- Here is leaf blower ordinance 171890: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/1990/90- 2377 ORD 171890 02-13-1998.pdf
- Here is leaf blower ordinance 172086: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/1990/90-2377 ORD 172086 07-30-1998.pdf

- Here is a motion proposed by Los Angeles County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn in 2022: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/169905.pdf
- 6) Discussion and possible motion on Council File 22-0002-S55

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports a resolution to include within 2021-2022 State Legislative Program support for Senate Bill 1404, "which would officially recognize oak woodlands as essential habitat areas and proposes steps for better oak tree and oak woodland conservation and stewardship."

This is to be submitted as a CIS on Council File 22-0002-S55.

- Link to Council File: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/in-dex.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S55
- 7) Discussion and possible motion on Council File 22-1469

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-1469: LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping.

California is one of six biodiversity "hot zones" on earth that are essential for life on the planet and yet, currently, there is a dearth of native habitat, open space and desert/drought tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment and urban sprawl. When plantings and new landscapes are implemented in developed areas, they typically are non-native plants which require greater amounts of water and do not support a diverse biodiverse environment. Native landscaping does not require as much water, saves energy, supports wildlife, and increases biodiversity. Planting Natives may be the easiest change we can make with respect to sustainability that addresses biodiversity, energy, water, green waste, climate change, environmental justice, and human health.

This is to be submitted as a CIS on Council File 22-1469.

- Link to Council File: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/in-dex.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1469
- 8) Discussion and possible motion to write a request for action to Councilmembers Nithya Raman (CD4) and Paul Kerkorian (CD2) regarding Assembly Bill 1423

The bill would prohibit, commencing January 1, 2024, a state entity or public entity, including a charter city, charter county, city, or county, any public or private school serving pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, a public institution of higher education, other than the University of California, or a private institution of higher education from purchasing or installing a covered surface containing regulated PFAS.

- Link to Bill: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill id=202320240AB1423
- 9) Discussion and possible motion to write a request for action to Councilmembers Nithya Raman (CD4) and Paul Krekorian (CD2) regarding Senate Bill 499 School Extreme Heat Action Plan Act of 2023

This bill bans the installation of artificial turf in school sites due to the heat island effect.

- Link to Bill: https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB499/2023
- 10) Discussion and possible motion on the outdated Studio City & Cahuenga Pass Streetscape Plan

How can we update the planting plan along Ventura Blvd? The plan calls for Mexican Fan Palms, which are invasive and of limited environmental value and Chinese Pistache, which are sterile and non-native trees.

The Streetscape plan states on page 7: "The Media Sub-District is one of the sub-districts in this area with river frontage. This presents an opportunity to create a connection between the Los Angeles River and the commercial edge of the Boulevard."

To connect the property with the LA River, we suggest that the project use the RIO plant palette as quoted in this RIO Planting Guidelines:

https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/watershed/LA/LAR_planting_guidelines_webversion.pdf

Also, the guidelines in the LA River Master plan state: Increase plant species biodiversity, and focus on the use of local California native plants.

- Link LA River Master plan: https://pw.lacounty.gov/uploads/swp/LARiverMasterPlan-FINAL-DIGITAL-COMPRESSED.pdf
- 11) Final comments by Committee members on projects that effect sustainability issues in Studio City
- 12) Adjournment (1 min)

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