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AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

Meeting starts at 7:00pm
4024 Radford Avenue, [MPR -3](#)
Studio City, California 91604
818-655-5400

Please enter at the [Radford Gate](#), just north of Ventura Boulevard

Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should notify a Radford Studio Center Security Officer or call 818-655-5085 to request assistance

1. Welcome. Call to Order. Roll Call
2. President's Comments, announcements. (5 mins extendable by chair)
3. Announcement only: 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 that is protected under the 1st Amendment. Board members are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with stakeholders during their allotted time. Stakeholders, please respect the timekeeper when you are alerted your time is up.
4. Announcement only: Please remember we are guests of Radford Studios. It is important that we remain courteous and respectful to all Radford staff we may encounter during our time on the lot. We need to respect and comply with all regulations on the lot. We should also ensure that we do not interfere with the work other tenants on the lot are undertaking while we are visiting.

5. Vice President's Report: Laurie Rittenberg (5 minutes, extendable by chair)
6. Secretary's Report. Adele Slaughter. (5 minutes extendable by chair)

Minutes from November 2023 will be forthcoming. Minutes from [December 2023](#)

7. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick (5 min, extendable by chair)

Reports of Filings of CIS and Resolution

8. Treasurer Report Kim Clements (10 min extendable by chair)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure report for [November 2023](#)
 - b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure report for [December 2023](#)
9. Announcements by Government Representatives. (20 min maximum extendable by chair)
10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute 30 sec per speaker 15 minute maximum total extendable by chair)
11. Election of New Board Members.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council has one board opening, for a Business Representative. We are still soliciting candidates for this position and hope to have a board member selected in the next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting in February. Please contact Adele Slaughter or Chip Meehan if interested in serving on the Board. We'd love to have you.

Business Representative seats:

A Business Representative is a person who legally provides goods or services for compensation in Studio City and who maintains a valid City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as City of Los Angeles business license)

12. Sustainability Committee

Motion A: The SCNC requests that Councilmembers Nithya Raman (CD4) and Paul Kerkorian (CD2) introduce and second a motion in the City Council to ban any new installation of artificial turf /synthetic grass in the City of Los Angeles. This motion is supported by the newly-passed [State Bill SB676](#) signed by Governor Newsom allowing municipalities to impose their own bans and specifies that drought-tolerant landscaping does not include the installation of synthetic grass or artificial turf.

[Link](#) to statement prepared by CFAC in support of a motion to ban the installation of synthetic turf in the City of Los Angeles.

Motion B: The Sustainably Committee requests that the SCNC continue to engage with the community and stakeholders regarding Harvard-Westlake's current plans for the Weddington Golf & Tennis property adjacent to the Los Angeles River and the Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway; including the consideration of alternative plans for the property and additionally monitor any negotiations and seek opportunity for input.

13. Land Use Committee

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *opposes* the 2018 requested renewal application for Jalapeno Pete's.

The SCNC *does* support the original CUP as described in the October 22, 2010 document for case number [ZA 2010-0899\(CUB\)\(ZX\)](#) for 11612 West Ventura Blvd, specific items noted below:

1.The continued capacity limitations of 117 indoor and 26 outdoor/patio customers.

2.Keeping the establishment's business hours to the following existing hours:

Sunday -Thursday 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

Friday / Saturday 11:00 AM-1:30 AM

3. The hours of operation for the sidewalk dining must be limited to 26 customers and the hours of 11:00AM-10:00PM daily. Noise has been a consistent stakeholder complaint since the installation of the Ventura Boulevard frontage sidewalk windows. The audio must be turned off on the outside TV monitors and music loud speakers at all times of operation, because this sound can be heard on the outside of the building and throughout the surrounding neighborhood. Unless the amplified sound can be limited to the legally permissible level, the roll-up garage door-style windows must be closed at all times.

4. The Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan requires the covenant for the 30 off-site parking spaces within 750 feet from the project site. This requirement must be submitted and accepted by the Planning Department before the current renewal is approved.

14. Transportation Committee:

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 23-1177 for the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of L.A.D.O.T., to report on any existing state, federal, and local laws or regulations that govern the use of autonomous vehicles on the public right-of-way, as well as, a report from Los Angeles World Airports on rules, regulations and policies for determining access to the Central Terminal Area and how they apply to autonomous vehicles.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-1177](#).

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 23-0363 (file not available at this time) for the resources needed to conduct a public education

campaign to educate Angelenos about AB 2147 and AB 1909 that are focused on motorists' obligations to exercise due care for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Law enforcement agencies also need to be educated about the new laws to ensure that they are being enforced effectively.

15. Government Affairs Committee

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *opposes*, [Council File 23-0623](#) to transfer decision making authority from appointed and elected officials to planning staff for "all affordable" housing projects. The proposed ordinance would authorize an administrative-only approval process for projects providing 100% affordable housing, and incorporates the so-called streamlining provisions of Mayor Karen Bass's Executive Directive 1. The proposed ordinance bypasses due process including site selection, public hearings, community impacts, the right of appeal and competitive bidding. It would also unjustifiably grant unaccountable power to City employees, circumvent dissent or opposing views and remove transparency. This sets the stage for potential abuse and threatens democratic principles.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-0623](#).

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Mayor Karen Bass to add the "[Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement](#)" (CIRCLE) response program to the portion of Studio City east of Coldwater Canyon Avenue in L.A.P.D. North Hollywood Division. Currently the program is only in the portion of Studio City west of Coldwater Canyon Avenue (including Sherman Oaks) in L.A.P.D. Van Nuys Division.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* the Los Angeles Planning Department's effort to update the CEQA thresholds of significance and methodologies to analyze impacts for construction noise and vibration, as well as, to historic resources. The SCNC won't pass final judgment on any updates until the final recommendations are released and a Council File is created.

Link: [CEQA Thresholds](#)

16. Good of the Order: Brief comments from Board Members not on the agenda. (10 minutes)
17. Adjournment

Studio City Neighborhood Council Committee Meeting Agendas are posted for public review on the SCNC website at studiocitync.org and at the Radford Studio Center gate on Colfax Avenue, as well as, at the gate on Radford Avenue.

The SCNC meetings are held on an active studio lot. Due to security issues, (just like Los Angeles City Hall), all Stakeholders are required to show a valid Driver's License if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot or a valid Driver's License or government issued Identification Card if you are walking onto the lot. An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). For any security questions or concerns, please contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085.

All Stakeholders are required to park in (or walk into) the studios' Sater parking structure at 4200 Radford Avenue. There are a limited number of accessible parking spaces in front of the meeting room and while there is no direct path of travel to the meeting room via a sidewalk, the studio and SCNC want to assure that Stakeholders with disabilities are able to access the meeting without difficulty. Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085 to request shuttle assistance at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order for the studio to arrange services for the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board (or Committee) on any item from the Agenda PRIOR to the Board taking action on any item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's (or Committee's) jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board (or Committee) is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board (or Committee) meeting. Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board (or Committee Chair). Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required.

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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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1. Radford Studio Center outside the Radford and Colfax gates.
2. <http://www.studiocitync.org>
3. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

Radford Studio Center
Audience Shows and Events Policies

To attend an audience, show, event, or public meeting at Radford Studio Center, the following items are required:

- Valid Government issued Driver's license if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot.
- Valid Government issued Identification card if you are walking onto the lot. A Military ID and Passport ID will suffice.
- An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). Student ID cards are preferred for those who have them.

The following items are prohibited on your person while attending an audience show, event, or public meeting on Radford Studio Center property:

- Knives
- Mace/pepper Spray
- Sharp Objects
- Firearms
- Alcoholic beverages
- Drugs (including marijuana for medicinal purposes)

All guests are subject to security screening and search. Guests will be required to pass through a metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.

- Once the audience member has emptied their pockets and turned over any prohibited items, the audience member will be instructed to proceed through the metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.
- Should the audience member activate the metal detector, the person will be asked to step to the side and will be scanned (entire body length front and backside) by the Security Officer with the hand-held metal detector.
- The audience member will not be allowed into the Studio until the Security Officer is satisfied that the individual has nothing on his/her person that constitutes a danger to others.
- Should the guest refuse to be screened, they are subject to being denied access to Radford Studio Center property.
- **NO FIREARMS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE STUDIO.** Security Officers who detect that a guest is in possession of a firearm should notify the Security Supervisor and P.O. IMMEDIATELY.
- Off-duty Law Enforcement in possession of a firearm will be instructed to either return the weapon to their vehicle or turn it over to Security where it will be kept, UNLOADED, in a SAFE, located in the security manager's office.
- Any props or toys that resemble weapons in any way are to be denied or confiscated. This includes props / accompanying costumes.

Each guest/audience member will be required to submit a form of identification which will be tagged with an item that is confiscated and held with security. Guests and audience members will be instructed to pick up their confiscated items at the first (1st) level of the Sater parking structure near the elevators at the completion of the event. No personal pets are allowed at any time on the Studio lot.

If, at any time, an audience member or guest, wanders away from their event or meeting space, into an unauthorized area, that person is subject to immediate dismissal from the lot.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Security. Security office phone number, (818) 655-5085.

