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**AGENDA** 

Regular Board Meeting
SPECIAL DAY TO HONOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

June 20, 2024

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM 4024 Radford Avenue, MPR-3 Studio City, CA 91604

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- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
  - a. <u>Announcement only:</u> 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.
  - b. <u>Announcement only:</u> 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
  - c. <u>Announcement only:</u> Please remember that your permission to enter the private property here, is limited to access to the rooms in which we hold our meetings and any rest rooms or support facilities that exist. You are not cleared to wander the lot indiscriminately. Please do not go to areas of the facility where you have no reason to visit under your SCNC access.

- 2. **Public Comments** on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (15 mins)
- 3. Guest Speakers: Julie Rios: Los Angeles City Planning
- 4. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 mins)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approve previous minutes April 2024
- 2. Government Affairs Motions
  - a) Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 24-0294 for the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Street Lighting, to report with recommendations to determine which agencies will be responsible for maintenance of current and future pedestrian bridge and tunnel projects, as well as, the current maintenance responsibilities for existing pedestrian bridges and tunnels, including ongoing funding needs for maintenance, and to report with recommendations to ensure consistent maintenance policies across all existing pedestrian bridges and tunnels.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 24-0294

b) Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 23-0700 the General Services Department and Security Services to report back in 30 days from August 31, 2023 on the infrastructure and safety upgrades necessary to resume its pre-pandemic regular schedule by January 1, 2024 for regularly scheduled monthly or bi-monthly City Council Meetings in Van Nuys to serve as a catalyst for Valley issues where more than 40% of the citizens of the City of Los Angeles reside. This report back is now 8 months overdue.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0700.

#### 3. Sustainability Committee Motions

a) Motion A: The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports <u>Council File 24-0602</u> on the condition it urges the Council to amend the motion using the recommendations by the <u>Climate Reality Project</u>. Not only does artificial turf have PFAS and pollute ground water, it also: emits methane, cannot be recycled, creates heat islands, destroys the soil beneath the turf, and suffocates surrounding trees just to name a few of the impacts artificial turf has on the community.

This motion is to be submitted as a CIS to Council File 24-0602

b) Motion B: The Studio City Neighborhood Council recognizes the oak/walnut woodland on the Sunswept hillside, abutting Ventura Boulevard on the south side, between Sunswept and Fairway, is an important, rare, and endangered habitat. We ask CD4 to help us protect the area from development and preserve it for long term conservation. This is a request for action to CD4.

Motion brought by Chip Meehan

c) Motion C: The Studio City Neighborhood Council believes the mature Oaks and Conifer trees that occur in the southern median between Van Noord and Fulton Avenue are amongst the largest and oldest trees in Studio City. The grove has significant community and environmental value. We request CD 4 to help us certify this planting as a community asset and help ensure its preservation and maintenance in a manner that enhances its community utility. This is a request for action to CD4.

Motion brought by Chip Meehan

# 4. Transportation Motions

- a) Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0956-S2 to clarify enforcement of vehicles used as dwellings which are parked or stopped in a peak hour travel lane or at locations that do not allow stopping at any time and subject to immediate towing. These vehicles are deemed a traffic safety/hazard and have been inconsistently enforced.
- b) Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install Speed Humps on Woodbridge Street at appropriate intervals between Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue.

#### 5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PASSED MOTIONS – April and May

a) Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 23-0002-S123: SB 1509 (Stern) / Negligent Operator Treatment (NOT) in California Act / 26 mph or higher / Two-Point Violation / Drivers License Suspension / Revocation. California ranked second in the country for the most speed-related traffic fatalities in both 2020 and 2021, and in 2023 it marked the first time there were more traffic fatalities in the state than homicides. In 2021, there were 4,285 traffic fatalities. Speed-related traffic collisions are a growing safety danger to all Californians. All of us have seen reckless drivers speed through our neighborhoods with abandon. A bill in the State Senate, SB 1509, would help combat speeding vehicles by increasing points from one to two for a conviction of driving 26 mph or higher over the posted speed limit; thereby placing the driver's license at risk of suspension or revocation. The SCNC urges the City Council to support this bill to help mitigate reckless driving and speed-related collisions. This would make our community safer.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S123.

BILL: SB 1509

b) Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 24-0562: Bus Driver / Transit Rider / Safety / Protection / Assessment / Los Angeles Department of Transportation / Los Angeles Police Department / MV Transportation / Teamsters Local 572. Bus drivers of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) staged a "sick out" in April 2024 to protest assaults and other safety concerns against bus drivers. Unfortunately, such assaults are all too common on the Metro. In April, a DASH driver was assaulted by a homeless woman. A rider of the Red Line was fatally stabbed recently. This is unacceptable. While city officials want the public to use public transportation like buses and the subway more, the public will not use the city's transit system as long as safety concerns remain. Our public servants and residents should not be subjected to violence when using Metro transportation. More needs to be done, such as hiring more peace officers to patrol the Metro system. This motion instructs the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on an assessment of bus drivers' and transit riders' safety concerns and to provide recommendations to protect both workers and the public from violence.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 24-0562.

# **END CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. **President's Report** (10 minutes, extendable by chair)
- 6. **Vice President's Report** Laurie Rittenberg (5 minutes, extendable by chair)
- 7. **Secretary's Report** Adele Slaughter (5 minutes, extendable by chair)
- 8. **Corresponding Secretary** Jeff Hartwick (5 minutes, extendable by chair)
- 9. **Treasurer's Report** Kim Clements (5 minutes, extendable by chair) Discussion of 2024-2025 budget

**Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the <u>budget for 2024/2025</u> fiscal year.

- 10. Technology Update Kevin Burhart (5 minutes) extendable by chair
- 11. Outreach Committee Report- Jen Bladen

# 12. Public Safety Committee –Jeff Hartwick

- a) Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests that Council President Paul Krekorian, Councilmember Nithya Raman, and the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners take into consideration the following important attributes that the next Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Police Chief should embody:
  - 1. Someone from within the Department who is most familiar with the way LAPD operates:
  - 2. Someone who believes in public safety over politics;
  - 3. Someone comfortable with the mandate "to protect and serve";
  - 4. Someone who considers officer retention and recruitment a major priority;
  - 5. Someone who supports the Three Strikes Law;
  - 6. Someone who is dedicated to community policing;
  - 7. Someone who is media savvy and who can communicate to the press the good things and

Accomplishments of the LAPD;

- 8. Someone who recognizes the need to change when necessary; and
- 9. Someone who will listen to the rank and file's needs and thoughts.

This motion may also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to any applicable Council File.

## 13. Sustainability Committee – Adele Slaughter

a. update on Artificial turf going through City Council

#### 14. Land Use Committee -

- a. Radford Ad Hoc Committee Update
- b. Harvard Westlake River Park Update

#### 15. Government Affairs Committee – Barry Johnson

Motions continued from May 2024 meeting moved to consent agenda

- 16. Transportation Committee–Barry Johnson
- 17. **Homelessness Committee Report** (search for a Chair has begun)
- 18. Good of the Order
- 19. Motion to Adjourn

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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.