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Sustainability Committee Meeting
October 14, 2024
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
4024 Radford Avenue, MPR-7 Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 655-5400

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Committee Members: Adele Slaughter (Boardmember & Chair), Teri Austin (Stakeholder), Aaron Justis (Boardmember), Tony Knight (Stakeholder), Heather Lee (Boardmember), Jesse Sanford (Stakeholder), Susan Schalbe (Stakeholder), Chris Trent (Stakeholder), Laurie Rittenberg (Boardmember), Mimi Rhee (Boardmember/Youth Seat), Chip Meehan (Boardmember & President, ex-officio)

- 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
- 2. Announcements by Government Representatives or guests (5 min.)

- 3. Public comment within the committees jurisdiction on items not on agenda items (1 minute per speaker)
- 4. Response(s) to Public Comments by Committee Members. (5 min)
- 5. Guests speakers Casey Maddren and Melanie Winter, to lead a discussion on how the culture of Los Angeles does not support tree planting and preservation. UFD is underfunded and under the auspices of the Bureau of Street Services. Currently, maintenance and tree plantings are spread out over many different city departments with no ability to track progress and with no underlying philosophy on our urban forest.
- 6. Discussion and possible motion: The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations given in the TREE AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING AND THE CITY'S URBAN CANOPY AND TREE CANOPY COVERAGE report delivered to City Council on July 28, 2023, as well as the amendments made by Councilmembers Raman. The report back from City Planning, Streets Los Angeles-Urban Forestry Division and Board of Public gave 5 specific steps for the city to take and we are skeptical that the recommendations in the report will achieve the desired results without first establishing clear and attainable goals. Once specific goals are set, reasonable and effective policies can be designed to ensure those goals are met.

The SCNC encourages Los Angeles City Council to declare a <u>TREE CANOPY MANDATE</u> (attached) Los Angeles needs to make an urgent effort to reverse the long term degradation of our urban canopy through the planting of new trees and improved maintenance of the existing trees that compromise our urban canopy. TREE CANOPY MANDATE letter to be sent to the entire City Council and attached to the Council File below.

This motion is to be filed as a CIS to Council File: 15-04990S2

- 7. Report on the Rec & Parks Brush Clearance at Elysian Park. Discussion & Motion: To send a letter of concern to RAP General Manager and the RAP. Commission Regarding policy change needed after Elysian Park Children's Arboretum destruction and to include <u>LA Times article.</u>
- 8. Discussion and possible motion on the current state of California's Mountain lions which are solitary, elusive animals and sightings are extremely rare. Based on more than 250,000 GPS locations collected since 2002, it is clear that mountain lions prefer natural areas and attempt to avoid coming in contact with humans. Council file 20-002-S20 to stop the depredation permits for Mountain Lions died. This file supported a resolution to support the listing of the Southern California and Central Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit of mountain lions as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

As of March 2024, the Los Angeles Wildlife Ordinance <u>Council File: 14-0518</u> is being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office for legality and form. The ordinance will need to be approved by the full City Council before it can be adopted. Once approved, the ordinance will have an effective date at least 30 days after the approval date. Studio City supported the Wildlife Ordinance in 2014. It was passed by LA City Council in 2016.

<u>The California Department of Fish and Wildlife</u> is tasked with ensuring viable mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) populations persist throughout the state where suitable habitat and other environmental conditions allow. Mountain lions are classified as a 'specially protected' species in California following the passage of The California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (Proposition 117).

9. Possible motion or call to action write a letter to CD4 to pass a resolution that will urge the two governmental/public entities MRCA & LADWP to work out the repair of Franklin Canyon Park .

Franklin Canyon Park off Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive has been closed for over a year. MRCA doesn't have a timeline for reopening this entrance, but this is something they're actively working on. Here's what MRCA replied to CD4:

"The north access road was severely undermined in the 2023 storms and was deemed unsafe for use. MRCA has been operating FCP for public access and recreational use for decades at the request of LADWP, but recently learned that LADWP wants a formal agreement in order for MRCA to operate the park. We have some funding set aside to repair the road on the City's behalf, but are working on the agreement that would assign responsibilities and allow MRCA to make those repairs. We know this has been a major imposition on the surrounding community and hope to resolve this expediently so that the road can be reopened."

10. Reports:

- a. Sustainability Alliance—Susan Schalbe
- b. CFAC—Adele Slaughter
- c. Other committee reports

Adjournment

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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.

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Radford Studio Center Audience Shows & 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.