



Minutes of the Board
September 21, 2005

Location of meeting: CBS Studio Center, Annex 1, Meeting Room

Recording Secretary: Alan Levy

Officers and Board Members Present: Officers and Board Members Present: Rafi Kuyumjian (President), Joe Goodman (Vice-President) Michael Klausman (Treasurer), Alan Levy (Secretary), Jessica Carron (Corresponding Secretary) Mark Batterman; David Burg; Art Ginsburg; Allen Ravert, Lynda Wadler; Polly Ward; Paul Waters; Vahe Tawilian (Youth Representative)

Members excused: Julian Bull, Wendy Dio

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Kuyumjian

Approval of Minutes of prior meeting

2005-9-21.1 Motion to accept the amended August 17, 2005 minutes made by Waters, seconded by Goodman 9-0-0, Motion passed

Review of Agenda:

Kuyumjian moved Presidents comments to the end of the agenda.

Public Comments on non-agenda items in the Board's jurisdiction and brief response(s) by Board Members

Stakeholder Marilyn White-Sedel asked who would represent the SCNC at the Tagger Task Force Meeting 9/29/05 and Ad Hoc Committee meeting 10/15. WARD said she would attend both.

Stakeholder Lisa Sarkin spoke of the 93 multifamily developments built within the last two years, ongoing and properties for sale now. The Studio City Residents Association is attempting to have an ICO worked up by the Council Office.

Treasurer's Report Klausman reported as of 9/21/05, the SCNC had \$50,344 in non-committed available.

Public works report

Waters discussed the \$100,000 proposed for street repairs that is under the control of Neighborhood Councils. Many NCs (including SCNC) have requested the recommendation of Street Services with respect to this work, “sign off” by all interested parties for Street Services to proceed has not happened. Waters recently met with Cynthia M. Ruiz, President of the Board of Public Works regarding both this, and the Annual Service Plan prepared for SCNC as a consequence of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department and SCNC. Commissioner Ruiz is a strong supporter of NC involvement in the Public Works affairs. There are likely to be additional developments with respect to this issue, and the Public Works Committee will continue to keep the Board informed.

An interesting aside is that because of how NCs are elected/appointed, in fact, the \$100,000 is not under discretionary control of the NCs. Rather, it’s a “handshake agreement” that the decision of the NCs with respect to how this money is directed will be honored by the Department of Public Works, the Mayor, and the City Council.

The SCNC Public Works Committee will be having a presentation regarding the MOU between NCs and the Department of Water and Power. The committee will then make a recommendation to SCNC whether or not SCNC should sign on to this MOU.

Budget Committee Report

9.20.2005.2 Motion to authorize an additional \$4450.00 to total \$7,950.00 for SASDESIGN to create/ host / maintain a redesigned SCNC website.

9.20.2005.2a Motion made by Waters to strike “SASDESIGN to create/ host / maintain” seconded by Goodman. 11-0-0, motion passed

9.20.2005.2b. Motion made by Wadler to add after \$7,950 “during the fiscal year totaling \$9,500.00” 2nded by Ward 0-11-0, motion failed.

9.20.2005.2c. Motion to authorize an additional \$4450.00 to total \$7,950.00 for a redesigned SCNC website. 11-1-0, motion passed.

9.20.2005.3 Motion to authorize up to \$1000 to be spent on Outreach activities for an SCNC sponsored concert, BAND TOGETHER, a fund raiser to be held in October featuring young musicians from every school within SCNC boundaries, with proceeds going to purchase musical instruments/supplies lost after devastating Hurricane Katrina. 12-0-0, motion passed

9.20.2005.4 Motion to authorize \$200.000 to purchase the software necessary to develop an SCNC e-bulletin for electronic mailing to all stakeholders 11-1-0, motion passed.

Wadler (Chair) expressed concern with the lack of members on the budget committee and asked that past members return.

Outreach Report

The SNC presence will return to the Farmer’s Market on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Levy distributed a sign-up sheet for board members to staff the booth. A second sign-up sheet was circulated for the Outreach booth at the Valley Pride Event to be held 10/09/05.

Report on the Neighborhood Valley Alliance, Polly Ward

A forum will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, at Airtel Plaza. Ward & stakeholder Barbara Monahan will attend and hoped others would join them. Ward also hoped Board Members and stakeholders would attend the Planning 101 event sponsored by the SCRA 09/25/05 at Vitellos Restaurant. Kuyumjian thanked Ward and stakeholder Arlene Samek for taking the time to represent the SCNC at the Valley Alliance meetings.

New Area Representative from the Mayor’s Office

David Rahimian introduced himself as the Neighborhood & Community Services Representative for the East San Fernando Valley. 818-778-4990. He brought the City-Wide Day of Service to be held 10/08/05, 8 am to 1 pm, at North Hollywood High School, to improve grounds, facilities, and the surroundings to the attention of the board.

Animal Welfare Committee Report.

**9.20.2005.5 Motion to reconsider Motion 2005.8-17.6: (Application for zoning variance Case Number ZA-22005-3268-ZV; overnight boarding of dogs etc.) Reason for the reconsideration motion is as follows: Request from the Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee that this committee review the proposed operation: Over thirty stakeholders, among other things, are in opposition the proposed variance allowing this facility and have signed a petition to that effect. Out of the fifteen member SCNC board only five voted for the motion, four opposed and three abstentions. This indicates a split board: it is not the overall decision of the board
Motion made by Kuyumjian. 2nded by Ward**

Bill Lamand, new Committee Chair, could not attend. Allen Dymond (past SCNC President, current Animal Welfare Committee member) spoke on his behalf saying this was an Animal Welfare Committee issue as well as LUC issue and as they had not had an opportunity to weigh in. He hoped the Board would vote for the motion so it could receive further inquiry.

Robert Lamishaw (JR Zoning Services, Inc.) spoke on behalf of Chow Bella opposing this motion as unnecessary and grossly unfair.

Officer J. Bastian (Dept. of Animal Welfare) spoke saying nothing about the planned kennel caused her concern. Spirited conversation followed. Kuyumjian requested a roll call vote.

For	Against	Abstained
Wadler	Burg	Batterman
Ward	Ginsburg	Carron
Waters	Goodman	
Kuyumjian	Klausman	
	Levy	

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9.20.2005.5 4-6-2, motion fails

Land Use Committee Report

9.20.2005.6 The Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee requests the Studio City Neighborhood Council Board to pass the following motion: It is the position of the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council that because of the severe overdevelopment of the Laurelwood Drive area, the burden it is putting on our streets and infrastructure, and the threat to the safety of the children of the Carpenter School because of increased traffic, the Board opposes the proposed development at 11805 Laurelwood Drive, Studio City, 91604 in general, and specifically opposes the developer's request to vacate the 30 foot street easement; the developer's request to lower the ratio of guest parking spaces from 1/2 to 1/4 spaces per unit; and the developer's request for a density bonus because of the lack of infrastructure.

Jane Drucker (Stakeholder and SCNC LUC member) spoke for a yes vote.

Leesa Freed (former stakeholder) spoke for a yes vote.

Gary Watts (Stakeholder) spoke for a yes vote.

Lisa Sarkin (Stakeholder and SCNC LUC member) spoke for a yes vote.

Batterman spoke for the LUC insisting responsible planned development is important but this project stretches the street's infrastructure to far. Batterman, after a meeting with Dale Thrush, said CD2 was against this development. Batterman requested a roll call vote.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Batterman		Ginsburg
Klausman		Burg
Carron		Levy
Kuyumjian		Goodman

9.20.2005.6 4—0- 4 motion failed

Parks and Open Space Report

9.20.2005.7 It is the position of the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council that it unconditionally supports that CD2 and all involved city departments follow the landscape plan indicated by The River Project's Re-Vegetation Plan (incorporated by reference and attached below) during the refurbishment of the drainage, surface, and re-design of the south bank of the Los Angeles River between Whitsett Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard that is scheduled between September 2005 and June 2006 .
9-0-0, motion passed.

9.20.2005.8 In order to extend the Los Angeles River Greenway through our community, provide for pedestrian and bicycle trails, increase native riparian habitat, and create interpretive facilities to increase awareness of the importance of our historic river, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council unconditionally supports a joint application between the City of Los Angeles and The River Project for Prop 50 River Parkway funds to sustainably design and implement the stretch of Los Angeles River Greenway between Colfax and Tujunga Avenues.

Lisa Sarkin (Stakeholder) informed the board she was speaking for Colfax Meadows residents who were for the project as long as the dog park was retained.

Melanie Winters (Director of the LA River Project) spoke for 9.20.2005.8 insisting healthy trees would NOT be removed.

Maricela Gomez (Legislative Deputy, CD2) promised to return to the board in a few months with new plans and sources of money for the landscape concept along the LA River. She asked for a letter of support from the SCNC that it is supporting CD2's application.

9.20.2005.8a Motion to 9.20.2005.8 made by Burg to add the words “and the north bank between Whitsett Avenue and Laurel Canyon” to the end of the amendment. A friendly amendment followed to add “Sycamore Park”
8-0-0 motion passed

9.20.2005.8b In order to extend the Los Angeles River Greenway through our community, provide for pedestrian and bicycle trails, increase native riparian habitat, and create interpretive facilities to increase awareness of the importance of our historic river, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council unconditionally supports a joint application between the City of Los Angeles and The River Project for Prop 50 River Parkway funds to sustainably design and implement the stretch of Los Angeles River Greenway between Colfax and Tujunga Avenues and the north bank between Whitsett Avenue and Laurel Canyon Blvd. including the Sycamore Pocket Park. 9-0-0 motion passed

Crosswalk at the corner of Moorpark Avenue and Elmer Street.

9.20.2005.9 Motion that the SCNC will join in with other local community groups issuing a letter of support to the DOT & Councilman Greul asking that a cross walk be installed at the corner of Moorpark Avenue and Elmer Street to allow the safe crossing of students/parents attempting to enter the school. 2nded by Wadler

Chris Olsen (Field Deputy, CD2) informed the Board that the DOT will reinstate a traffic study with a determination within two months. CD2 is in support in concept of crosswalk and wants to partner with interested groups to fund a smart crosswalk (approx \$70,000).

9.20.2005.9b Motion by Batterman asking to add “smart” before crosswalk.
9-0-0 motion passed

9.20.2005.9c Motion that the SCNC will join in with other local community groups issuing a letter of support to the DOT & Councilman Grueul asking

that a smart cross walk be installed at the corner of Moorpark Avenue and Elmer Street to allow the safe crossing of students/parents attempting to enter the school. 2nded by Levy. 9-0-0, motion passed

Comments from Board Members from subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

None.

President's Comments

None.

Adjournment. 9:55 PM