



Minutes of the Board
October 19, 2005

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

Recording Secretary: Alan Levy

Officers and Board Members Present: Rafi Kuyumjian (President), Joe Goodman (Vice-President) Michael Klausman (Treasurer), Alan Levy (Secretary), Jessica Carron (Corresponding Secretary) Mark Batterman; Julian Bull, David Burg; Art Ginsburg; Allen Ravert, Polly Ward;

Members excused: Wendy Dio, Lynda Wadler, Paul Waters

Members absent: Vahe Tawilian

Call to Order:: by Kuyumjian 7 PM

Approval of the September Board Minutes.

Motion 2005.10.19-1

Ginsburg moved to accept the amended minutes. **11-0-0, motion passes**

President's comments,

Kuyumjian spoke to errors made by the Board regarding voting procedures. It was previously believed a simple majority caused a motion to pass with abstentions not counting "for" or "against." This goes against SCNC by-laws which overrule Robert's Rules of Order. According to DONE'S reading of the SCNC by-laws, motions only pass when a majority of Board Members present vote "yes." He introduced Mildred Higgins as Chair of the Election Committee. Kuyumjian delivered a new procedural form to Board Members that should be filled out before any motion is placed on the Board's Agenda or funding is requested. He presented Alvin Gross, former Board Member / Renter's Seat, with a certificate from Councilmember Greuel for his year and a half of service to the SCNC.

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

Jane Drucker (stakeholder) asked the Chair why the Board's open renter's seat had not been filled after being vacated three months ago.

Presentation: Department of Public Works

Reina Pereira, P.E., Sanitary Engineer, (323) 342-6251 informed the Board of the “Integrated Resource Plan for Los Angeles” and the four alternatives under consideration by the City to increase water conservation and improve waste disposal. The EIR report will be available late November and she will make copies available to the Board upon its release.

Nick Demos, Civil Engineer, (213)847-9600 spoke more specifically. The tunneling portion of the sewer expansion project will reach Studio City in 2010. Three locations are presently under consideration for the shafts necessary to bring dirt to the surface. Studio City Park (Beeman), Weddington Park, and Woodbridge Park. As 1 ½ acres of ground space around the shafts are necessary for work crews, these parks would essentially be shut down for a long period of time.

Outgoing Correspondence Report

The following letters regarding board motions previously passed were sent to the proper City Departments a) Bus transit shelters b) LA River Project

Treasurer’s Report

Klausman reported a \$51,604 balance available in the SCNC budget.

Outreach Report

Levy reported that the new SCNC website should be up and running by the November meeting. The Band Together event has been pushed to November. The Farmer’s Market Booth needs volunteers one Sunday a month. We are still looking for Special Guests to speak at our meetings and any suggestion would be appreciated.

Community Budget Day Report

Ward reported that the event was well attended. Neighborhood Council’s were asked to weigh in on the Mayor’s budget. A survey from the Mayor’s office was handed out to Board Members then collected, asking where they believed the emphasis on city spending should be placed.

Animal Welfare Report

Bill Lamand, (Chair) informed the Board his committee had not yet had reconsidered the Chow Bella motion. **2005.8-17.6**

Land Use Committee

The Studio City Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee requests the Studio City Neighborhood Council Board to pass the following motion:

Motion 2005.10.19-2

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 ½ to ¼ spaces per unit; and the developer's request for a density bonus because of the lack of infrastructure.

Remy Kesler, (Chair) urged the Board to vote unanimously in favor of the motion, even though a Planning Commission Meeting was held yesterday to consider the project.

Ravert wondered how Kesler knew CD2 was against the project and wanted to hear from the Developer to get both sides of the story. Kesler explained the developer had been invited but had rebuffed the LUC. LUC members learned of CD2's opposition directly from Dale Thrush, (CD2 Planning Deputy)

Spirited discussion followed. Burg asked that a friendly amendment be made, striking the words "*in general*". Seconded by Ward.

Motion 2005.10.19-2a

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Motion 2005.10.19-3

In furtherance of Motion No. 2005.6-15.2 passed unanimously by the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council on June 15, 2005, the SCNC requests that Councilmember Wendy Greuel and all other officials, agencies, and personnel of the City of Los Angeles refrain from making any recommendation, considering, or taking any action with respect to the adoption or amendment of any Interim Control Ordinance, Zoning Overlay, or Specific Plan proposed to govern all or any part of Studio City unless and until it is approved by the SCNC Board.

Burg made friendly amendment striking "*unless and until it is approved by the SCNC Board.*" replacing it with "*without first considering the position of the SCNC Board.*" Seconded by Goodman

Motion 2005.10.19-3b

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Motion 2005.10.19-4

Motion to appoint the Corresponding Secretary and Secretary as the designated submitters of Community Impact Statements that are approved by the SCNC Board.
2nded by Ginsburg **11-0-0, *motion passes***

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

Batterman spoke about the voting conflict between by-laws and Roberts rules. He disagrees with DONE'S reading and asked that his interpretation be placed in the minutes.

Adjournment.

Motion 2005.10.19-5 Ginsburg called for adjournment at 8:48 pm