

SCNC BOARD

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**APPROVED BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, Jan 16, 2008 7:00pm
at
CBS Studio Center, Annex 1,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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6:30 TO 7:00 p.m. Social half hour with light snacks and refreshment

Agenda

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by VP Barbara Monahan Burke – Present: David Burg, Melody Dosch, Remy Kessler, Michael Klausman, Michael McCue, Ben Neumann, Richard Niederberg, Lisa Sarkin, Gail Steinberg, Ron Taylor and John T. Walker (12 present – quorum is 7) Art Ginsburg, Jane Drucker, Rafi Kuyumjian, excused absent.

2. **Approval of prior SCNC Board meeting minutes:** VP asks if there are any corrections to the November 27, 2007 or December 12, 2007 minutes; none offered. VP calls for the vote.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.1 – Approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 SCNC Board meeting made by Niederberg, Steinberg 2nd.

Motion passes 10-0-1.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.2 – Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2007 SCNC Special Board meeting made by McCue, Niederberg 2nd.

Motion passes 11-0-1.

3. **Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction:** George Shea spoke about Chow Bella – no word yet. Handed out global warming materials. Said we must do something about leaf blowers. Barry Johnson spoke about mansionization ordinance – said he passed out 250 flyers in his neighborhood to encourage the seller to sell to a person who will live in the house. Commended Steinberg on pursuing buyers to retain current house size.
4. **Response(s) to comments by Board Members:** McCue said that leaf blowers are not allowed within 50' of doors. Under McCue, the GAC will have information for the board re: leaf blowers. Dale Thrush is requesting the moving of items on agenda – others need to arrive for OSULA & Platinum Live.
5. **Budget Committee Report:** (Richard Niederberg) The Budget Committee has approved \$4400 – a bid given by CREST for the SCNC office and conference room. Neiderberg urges acceptance. Taylor says that we should use the conference room more. Neumann says the furniture as is – is not a positive image. Walker did due diligence and should be commended.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.3 – The Board of the SCNC approves the expenditure of not more than \$4,400.00 for new Office and Conference Room furniture – to be purchased, delivered and set up by CREST Furniture. VP calls for the vote.

12-0-0 Motion passes.

6. **Outreach Committee Report:** (Ben Neumann) Banners for election are discussed – speaks about the Holiday Parade and its success – many calls from stakeholders who saw our bus. We have promotional items in our office for handouts. Our website now has the ability to receive a budget request for funding that goes directly to the budget chair, secretary and president.
7. **Crime & Safety Committee Report:** (Andrea Neumann) No meeting in December. Working closely with the Chamber to find out where the stakeholders have concerns. Something from each group. Is now a member of CPAB, which opens doors for better communication in the community. Neighborhood watch meetings will be coming up. Other monies collected for the VIS at the North Hollywood Police Station – SCNC only needs to contribute \$3,000 instead of the \$5,500 approved.
8. **Treasurer Report:** (Michael Klausman) We need to be aware that we do not have much money left to last for the rest of our fiscal year.
9. **Land Use Committee Report:** (Lisa Sarkin)
 - a) 4541-49 Colfax Avenue – 12 unit condominium project. Developers representative will comply with the conditions within the motion from the LUC. Several neighbors attended the LUC in opposition to the development. There is at least one old oak tree on the property. Neighbors voiced their concern about the alley improvement, the oak trees and the height increase requested. Burg questioned whether the developer attempted to save any of the mature trees on the site – including a 48" Oak identified on the developer's map and also questioned the use of a variance rather than a zone change to circumvent the Q-condition height restriction on the lot. We, as a community, have been push to the wall.

MOTION: LUC.2008-01-16.4 – The SCNC LUC requests the Board of the SCNC requests the following conditions be imposed on the proposed development located at 4541-49 Colfax Avenue, Studio City: 1) Opaque decks, 2) SCNC review of landscaping plan along with CD2, 3) 2 1/2 parking spaces per unit, 4) No decks along west side of the building adjacent to R1-1, 5) 6' block wall or fence to be installed at the expense of the developer along the western property line. 6) Replacement of the mature oak tree within the boundaries of the SCNC, preferably at the Studio City Recreation Center (Beeman Park) Only when these conditions are met will we support the applicants relief from the (Q) condition and the setback. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 6-5-1. Motion fails.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.5 – Burg moves – McCue 2nd – The SCNC opposes the proposed development located at 4541-49 Colfax Avenue, Studio City for relief of (Q) conditions and setbacks on the grounds it requires the removal of at least one mature oak tree and the applicant has failed to make a sufficient showing for the requested variance. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 8-4-0. Motion passes.

- b) 4208 Tujunga Avenue – Condo conversion. Of 7 unit apartment development. Present building to remain on the property. No neighbors in attendance, but several had attended the LUC supporting the conversion.

MOTION: LUC.2008-01-16.6 – The SCNC LUC requests the Board of the Studio

City Neighborhood Council, subject to the conditions set forth herein, supports the application of the property located at 4208 Tujunga Avenue, Studio City, with the following conditions attached to the property by written agreement that runs with the land and is binding on all successors: (1) variance applies only to the existing building and (2) no change of height or footprint shall we allowed. Furthermore, no construction within the common areas shall be initiated before all tenants have been relocated and properly compensated.

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

- c) OSULA – Bridges Academy – 3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Presentation by Mark Batterman. Discussion commending the school was stated by all board members.

MOTION: LUC.2008-01-16.7 – The SCNC LUC requests the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council support the requested changes to ZA-92-0680-CUZ-ZV by the Osula Education Center/Bridges Academy – located at 3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Studio City. Vote.

12-0-0. Motion passes.

10. **Election Committee Report:** (Jim Kaplan). Stephen Box IEA, shows the current Ad for the election on 3/11/08. Greatest outreach of the year is at this time. Straw poll and props to sign up voters to join in. Forge relationships with community. Introduced Todd Royal, who is running for the Renter's seat. Calendar of events in the paper needs to be changed. McCue asks if "The Sun" coverage of the elections will be more even handed, because a cover story and, a three page article was printed before the election about one candidate, but the other candidate statements were not printed in the paper. Kaplan was not present to answer.
11. **By-Laws & Procedures Committee Report:** (Ron Taylor) Burke comments about the completed the changes of the bylaws and will send them out to the board for review before the end of February. That is the timetable. Burg would like a redline copy – Taylor agrees.
12. **Government Affairs Committee Report:** (Barbara Monahan Burke) There is one correction #6 re: Baseline Mansionization Ordinance – it passed 3-0 to send to City Council. Saturday the LA RIO activity will meet at nine different nodes. We need communication between City and Studio City to insure our community is represented correctly. VCBCSP PRB attended meeting – no quorum, with discussion re: signage, reports. Sarkin discussed the SP Forum called by SCNC and the letter from the Ventura HOA & NC to ask the Council districts to fully appoint the PRB. Burg was on the PRB when it functioned and a motion was sent to the City Council for approval of new guidelines for appointment of a full PRB. Burke spoke about the holdup re: the appeal rights and the 912 commission.
13. Presentation, discussion and possible motion re: Platinum Live (11345 Ventura Blvd.) proposed modification of existing conditions and/or elimination of nuisance abatement decision. Proposed modification of existing conditions and/or elimination of nuisance abatement decision. City attorney asked for an opinion from the SCRA and residents present at the 1/28 hearing. Motion Picture Fund building owner has not agreed to all parking at the building. Discussion started regarding a new owner and holding the abatement until the new owner proves themselves. Burg says there are not enough facts, assuming there is a reputable owner, should we support them? Klausman remembers the whole problem with this place. Fearful to believe anything we hear. A lot of time to get it under control.

Niederberg says the abatement may reduce the worth of the property, but we have to control the only effective way to solve this particular problem.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.8 - Neumann moves, Walker 2nd - The SCNC Board opposes the proposed modifications of the existing conditions and/or the elimination of the

existing nuisance abatement provision for the property located at 11343-45 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

14. Presentation, discussion and possible motion to participate with the Southeast Valley Townhall Meeting relating to development and transportation, donating \$1,250 and appointing a representative from the SCNC Board (Lisa Sarkin). Presentation by Cary Adams (see attached update) Neumann states it's a great idea to have councils come together. Sarkin agrees. Walker finds it difficult for him to support with that much money because of where I live and we can't fight each and every battle. McCue states that it is important for us all to come together to protect our communities and endorses the motion. Dosch questions how much money do we have to give? Adams says it would be divided up accordingly. Niederberg states we should limit the amount we give. Taylor feels it's important that we bring developers into the room like we tried with the Charette. Burg says we should pay up to 1/5 of a budget up to a certain amount.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.9 - Sarkin moves, Neumann 2nd - The SCNC will co-sponsor along with the Greater Toluca, Greater Valley Glen, Mid-Town North Hollywood and Valley Village Neighborhood Councils, the Southeast Valley Vision Townhall meeting up to 1/5 equal share of the event, not to exceed \$500.00. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

15. Presentation, discussion and possible motion regarding Community Impact Statement supporting Council members Greuel's and Reyes' joint Transportation and Planning and Land Use Management Committees motion of December 12, 2007 (Lisa Sarkin).

Motion: SCNC Board 1.16.08.7 The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion jointly issued by the Transportation/Planning and Land Use Committees by Council members Greuel and Reyes. Further Information: We request a formal City Council action to fully appoint the Plan Review Board of the Ventura-Cahuenga Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan and, in addition or conjunction the appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the City Planning Department and the Department of Transportation to review those sections relating to the recently released reports from the City Planning Department and the Department of Transportation. The review is to be limited to only the spending of Project Impact Fees and the addition of residential and mixed use developments into the Cumulative Square Footage Calculations. Burg calls the question. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

16. Discussion and possible motion(s) with respect to reviewing, updating and ratifying the current mission statements for all standing committees (David Burg) Burke and McCue volunteer – the President will make the appointment.

MOTION: 2008-01-16.10 - Burg moves, Neumann 2nd – The SCNC President will form a 3 member Ad-Hoc Committee to review all SCNC Committee Mission Statements. VP calls for the vote.

Vote: 10-2-0. Motion passes.

17. Discussion and possible motion with respect to change of bylaws and extension of terms for 2009 elections (John T. Walker). Walker turned the floor over to Thomas Soong, DONE representative. There is a deadline of Feb 1 per Thomas Soong. Amendments are due March 15. You have the option of a 2 year or 4 year term. Elections can only be on even numbers

years starting in 2010. Taylor suggests that we table this till our next meeting. Thomas says there is an election rules session on Saturday that Walker will be attending and can bring back the most current information. Barry Johnson suggests that a 4 year term is too long to commit too.

18. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Sarkin announces that President Jane Usher, city Planning Commission will be attending the LUC meeting in February and that the City Council has passed the "council files" approval so NC's can enter files into the records. Walker commends Taylor for taking on such an arduous task in changing the Bylaws committee and completing the work.
19. Comments by the President (VP – Monahan Burke). Burke tells of her and Burg's upcoming meeting with Greuel in February.
20. Adjournment. Motion by Walker, Neumann 2nd. Meeting adjourns at 10:40pm.

