

SCNC BOARD

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**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES (Draft 1)**

**Wednesday, Jul 16, 2008, 7:00pm
at
CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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1. Call to Order at 7:38 PM. Roll Call- Present: Ben Neumann, John Walker, Michael McCue, Lisa Sarkin, Barbara Monahan Burke, Richard Niederberg, Todd Royal, Ron Taylor, Remy Kessler, Victor Helo. Excused Absent: David Burg, Gail Steinberg, Ezra Dweck. Unexcused Absent: Melody Dosch.
2. Approval of June 18, 2008 Minutes – MOTION: Niederberg, Sarkin seconds. VOTE: 8-0-2 motion passes.
3. Comments by President – move to end of meeting.
4. Public Comments – Evan Roosevelt submits flyers regarding CD2 community meeting on Sunday, July 20 and invites all. Elaine Flans discusses the City Council has approval of electronic billboards. Thomas Soong invites the board to the annual DONE forum. Marilyn White-Sedel tells of the \$1,000 fine imposed for defacing city property with signs.
5. Response by Board Members – questions about billboards and sign fines.
6. President's board member appointment of Tony Richman: Mr. Richman makes a short introduction of himself. Board members ask questions. MOTION: McCue, Helo seconds – Move that the vote be postponed until next month to allow public participation in the process and insure stakeholders have been notified about the vacancy on the board for a business property owner. VOTE: 6-3-1 motion passes.
7. Burbank Airport Curfew - Mayor Dave Golonski supports mandatory curfew of night flights from 10pm to 7am. Encino Homeowners Association and others support this curfew. Has a letter from Villiagrosa opposing curfew and there is a resolution before City Council opposing because it has the potential to shift flights to other airports like Van Nuys. Asks for us to work together to seek noise relief. Seeks support from Brad Sherman and City Council member. Board members ask questions. Commerce and Tourism Committee, chaired by Janice Hahn handles it. Public Comment: Barry Johnson-supports the curfew for Burbank and suggests for Van Nuys as well. Connie Elliot-supports the curfew and is a retired flight attendant - doesn't want private jets shifted to Van Nuys. Curfew for both airports is best. MOTION: McCue - The SCNC supports the permanent 10pm-7am no-fly curfew at Bob Hope/Burbank Airport. The Board urges City Council to adopt the curfew immediately. AMENDED MOTION: Kessler, Sarkin seconds. The Board of the SCNC supports the application of the Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Airport Authority for a curfew on operations between 10pm to 7am and opposes any effort by the City of Los Angeles to pass a contrary resolution. VOTE TO AMEND MOTION: 9-0-1 motion passes. VOTE: 9-0-1 motion passes.
8. SCRA Beautification - Bill Harmond: Requesting support for beautification of three areas within Studio City – Oasis project, Moorpark Parkway and Studio Oaks.

MOTION: The Board of the SCNC supports the SCRA's efforts to adopt the following three Studio City median projects: the Oasis project on the hillside across from Marshall's, the Moorpark Parkway project on the two medians east of Laurel Canyon across from Moorpark Playground, and the Studio Oaks project along Ventura from Van Noord to Fulton.

Public Comment: Barry Johnson – two medians do not require cement sidewalks. Asks to include the sidewalk across the Oasis on Ventura Blvd. as a first priority—supports motion but with conditions.

Board Comments: Monahan Burke – would like to hold until motion it is made more specific and the River Improvement Overlay is complete. Moves to postpone vote. No second. Sarkin comments on the issue that the Oasis project on Ventura Blvd. is not subject to the RIO because of the Ventura-Cahuenga Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan. Kessler asks questions.

VOTE: 9-1-0 motion passes.

Sarkin requests funding for sidewalk to be agendaized at next meeting. Subject will be taken to the Transportation Committee.

9. VANC Report –Arlene Samek: VANC increasing every month in size. Ron Kay gave report "Take back L.A." group. Seeking theme for big Fall 2008 event. Oppose the increase in trash fees. Monahan Burke gave an SB 1818 update.

10. Treasurer's Report - Remy Kessler: \$7,000 left to spend from last year's budget.

11. Budget Report - John Walker reports no activity.

12. Crime & Safety Report - Tony Richman gave report on behalf of Andrea Neumann. Setting up an Expo at CBS for October 19, 2008. Board suggests getting help from SCNC Outreach Committee.

13. By-Laws & Procedures Report - Ron Taylor: DONE approval of By-Laws will be soon. Community Service Organizations must be approved in advance and on a master list before next election. Petition from residents going under Toluca Lake NC jurisdiction is in the works.

14. Animal Welfare Report - Laurel Kinder: Puppy mills spay and neuter law going in effect. Foreclosures are causing an increase of animals in the shelters. Working on ad for "foreclosure" animals to get them homes. New store in Studio City advertising dyed puppies in pink, purple and other colors. The committee will be investigating.

15. Government Affairs Report – Barbara Monahan Burke: see report (attached).

16. Outreach Report - Chris Ueland: The 4th of July booth was a great success. The SCNC will have a booth at the Farmer's Market on July 27th.

17. Environmental & Cultural Affairs Report - Michael McCue: Initial meeting was a success. Participants learned a lot from the presenters.

18. Transportation Committee Report - Todd Royal: Has listed various issues they're working on. Curbs, sidewalks, planning, bus routes, RAND project, trolley on Ventura Blvd., synchronization of signal system.

19. Land Use Report – Lisa Sarkin:

a. Design Advisory Committee met regarding the median for Ventura Blvd. The median is pocket lane to pocket. Viewed the plans with BOE. Three of the four DAC members are members of the Business Improvement Association. The BIA brought the median, made motions and a vote was taken 4-0-0 approving the median.

Discussion with board members. Sarkin advises the DAC did not fulfill their responsibility to the stakeholders and the SCNC should extend the funds at this time.

Public Comment: Rita Villa – Attended the DAC meeting along with Sarkin and Monahan Burke. Explained that she felt the conclusion was already made before the meeting. Met with BOE and DOT. DOT has not seen the plans and did not approve the median at this time. These agencies are taking the median under advisement and did see the points about this placement. She will report again after being contacted.

b. Sarkin describes the issue of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course as the same as Weddington Golf & Tennis. MOTION: The Board of the SCNC supports the Sunland-Tujunga NC in their efforts to restrict development on the Verdugo Hills Golf Course in Tujunga.

Board discussion: Kessler requests more information and to hear from a representative from Sunland-Tujunga. Sarkin will arrange for August board meeting. McCue moves to postpone, Walker seconds. MOTION: Postpone until next month. VOTE: 6-4-0 motion passes.

c. Sarkin relates current problems with demolitions and construction without permits. MOTION: The Board of the SCNC submits the following Community Impact Statement: The General Plan guides development through various land use controls. Instances occur throughout Studio City where developers and project managers do not obtain or file required permits, variances or general plan amendment/zone changes applications --and instead begin demolition and new construction without these documents. This process creates safety issues. The only remedy for adjacent property owners, are citations by the Department of Building & Safety and criminal prosecution by the City Attorney. We support the "Halt Projects Cited by Building & Safety" motion submitted by Councilman Smith and request that this motion receive priority from the appropriate city departments.

Public Comments: All in favor.

Board Comments: All in favor.

VOTE: 10-0-0 motion passes.

3. Comments from President: Neumann thanks Villa and Monahan Burke for their presentation regarding the New Housing Element. Walker and Neumann have completed the CERT training. Asks the Outreach Committee chairs to distribute information to property owners re the vacant seat. Thanks Martin and McCue for chairing the new committees.

20. Board Member comments: Walker distributes an outline (copy attached) regarding the proposed MTA/Universal working group.

21. MOTION: Adjourn meeting 10:25 pm. Sarkin, McCue seconds. VOTE: 10-0-0 motion passes.