

SCNC BOARD

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**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES (Draft 1)**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 7:00pm
at
CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

PRESIDENT
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm by President Ben Neumann. Present at roll call: David Burg, Barbara Monahan Burke, Victor Helo, Remy Kessler, Michael McCue, Ben Neumann, Richard Niederberg, Todd Royal, Lisa Sarkin, Jeremy Schwarz, Gail Steinberg, John T. Walker, Melody Dosch, Ron Taylor. Excused absent: Ezra Dweck. 13 voting board members present - 7 yes votes needed to pass a motion. Approximately 28 visitors in the audience.

2. Approval of 4/16/08 SCNC Board meeting minutes.

Motion 5.21.2008.1: *Approval of 4/16/2008 SCNC Board meeting minutes.* Moved by Niederberg. **Vote: 13-0-0, motion passes.**

3. Public Comments on non-agendized items. 4 public comments heard.

4. Board response to public comments.

5. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Report.

Monahan Burke explains briefly what was discussed and voted on at last VANC meeting. Outlines Governor's proposal to permanently fix the Budget crisis.

6. Discussion and motion with respect to establishing a new standing Transportation Committee and a new standing Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee.

Motion 5.21.2008.2: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council establishes a new standing Transportation Committee.* Moved by Walker.

Vote: 13-0-0, motion passes.

Motion 5.21.2008.3: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council establishes a new standing Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee.* Moved by Walker.

Vote: 13-0-0, motion passes.

7. Report Treasurer: Remy Kessler presented the attached financial statements.

8. Report Budget Committee: John Walker reported on 2008/09 SCNC budget.

Motion 5.21.2008.4: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby votes, approves and adopts the following budget for the fiscal year 2008/2009 in accordance with the SCNC Bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:*

SCNC Budget 2008/2009	Operational Expense	Neighborhood Improvement	Outreach	Total
Animal Welfare	\$600	\$600	\$2,400	\$3,600
Crime & Safety	\$900	\$1,200	\$2,700	\$4,800
Government Affairs	\$600	\$600	\$1,500	\$2,700
Land Use	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$9,300
Outreach	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$18,000	\$21,600
Administration	\$8,400	0	0	\$8,400
Community Improvements	0	\$14,400	0	\$14,400
Miscellaneous	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$2,100
TOTAL	\$15,500	\$23,000	\$28,400	\$66,900

9. **Report Crime & Safety Committee:** Andrea Neumann presented the attached report.

10. **Report Animal Welfare Committee:** Laurel Kinder presented report of first AWC meeting.

Motion 5.21.2008.5: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council will send a letter to the Department of Animal Services Commissioners requesting that the Los Angeles Animal Shelter installs surveillance cameras in the East Valley Animal Shelter.*

Vote: 11-0-2. Motion passes.

Motion 5.21.2008.6: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council will send a letter to the Department of Animal Services Commissioners requesting that the Los Angeles Animal Shelter provides a separate small dog quarantine area in the East Valley Animal Shelter.*

Vote: 12-0-1. Motion passes.

11. **Report Government Affairs Committee:** Barbara M. Burke. Clean Money Elections presentation by Michael McCue.

Motion 5.21.2008.7: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the City proceeding with full public funding of elections for the City of Los Angeles as evidenced by the attached recommendation and approves its submission to the Rules and Government Committee of the Los Angeles City Council and to D.O.N.E.*

Vote: 11-0-1. Motion passes.

12. **Report Outreach Committee:** Barry Wise updated Board on planned Outreach activities.

13. **Land Use Committee Report:** Lisa Sarkin updated Board on past and pending LUC activities, spoke about streetscape plan and handed out definition of terms. Gave detailed presentation with respect to median planned on Ventura between Radford and Carpenter.

Motion: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council rescinds the motion related to the Ventura Blvd. median, which was adopted by the following motion: Motion 3.21.07-6: Upon recommendation of the Budget Committee, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the funding request from the Studio City Improvement Association for a \$12,500 grant to be used towards the construction of a landscaped, center median on Ventura Boulevard in between Radford Avenue to the west and Carpenter Avenue to the east from the Community Improvement budget with the rest of the funds to be provided by the SCIA.*

Motion 5.21.2008.8: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council amends the motion on the floor as follows: insert the words "unless as the median fully complies with the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and Studio City Streetscape Plan" between the word motion and the colon. Moved by Kessler.*

Vote: 10-1-2. Motion passes.

Motion 5.21.2008.9: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council rescinds the motion related to the Ventura Blvd. median, which was adopted by the following motion unless as the median fully complies with the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and Studio City Streetscape Plan: Motion 3.21.07-6: Upon recommendation of the Budget Committee, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the funding request from the Studio City Improvement Association for a \$12,500 grant to be used towards the construction of a landscaped, center median on Ventura Boulevard in between Radford Avenue to the west and Carpenter Avenue to the east from the Community Improvement budget with the rest of the funds to be provided by the SCIA.*

Roll call vote requested by McCue.

David Burg – **No**
Barbara Monahan Burke - **Yes**
Melody Dosch – **No**
Victor Helo – **Yes**
Remy Kessler – **Yes**
Michael McCue – **Yes**
Ben Neumann – **Abstains**
Richard Niederberg – **No**
Todd Royal – **Yes**
Lisa Sarkin – **Yes**
Gail Steinberg – **Yes**
Ron Taylor – **Yes**
John Walker – **Yes**

Vote: 9-3-1. Motion passes.

Motion: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the Studio City BID project to put a median in the middle of Ventura Blvd. between Radford Avenue and Carpenter Avenue and that other alternatives be pursued for beautification purposes.*

Motion 5.21.2008.10: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council amends the motion on the floor as follows: change the word "opposes" to "supports". Moved by Burg.*

Vote: 7-5-1. Motion passes.

Motion: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Studio City BID project to put a median in the middle of Ventura Blvd. between Radford Avenue and Carpenter Avenue and that other alternatives be pursued for beautification purposes.*

MOTION 5.21.2008.11: *The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council calls the previous question and breaks off discussion on the subject.*

Moved by McCue. **Vote: 13-0-0. Motion passes.**

Motion 5.21.2008.12: *The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Studio City BID project to put a median in the middle of Ventura Blvd. between Radford Avenue and Carpenter Avenue and that other alternatives be pursued for beautification purposes.*

Vote: 6-5-2. Motion fails.

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

15. Comments by the President

16. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourns 11:17pm.