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Brief Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the proposed Declaration Affidavit for completion by all board members and the completion of Form 55 (modified Form 52) for completion only by Board members voting on the Council File to be opened.

Additional Information:

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BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 7:00pm
at

!!! DIFFERENT LOCATION !!!

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Ben Neumann- present, John T. Walker - present, Remy Kessler - present, Gail Steinberg - excused, Lisa Sarkin - present, Barbara Monahan Burke - present, Ezra Dweck - present, Victor Helo- present, Michael McCue - present, Richard Niederberg - present, Todd Royal - present, Jeremy Schwarz - expected to be late, Ron Taylor - arrived at 7:15, and Rita Villa - present.
2. Approval of May 20, 2009 SCNC Board meeting minutes. **Motion: Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2008 SCNC Board meeting will be postpone until the next meeting because they appeared to be incomplete. Moved - Lisa Sarkin; Second: Michael McCue: Vote - Yes - 7, No - 3, Abstain -2.**
3. Comments by President. **Ben Neumann** noted that there will also be a special board meeting today. The special board meeting will be called when the land use issues are addressed later during the SCNC Board Meeting. **Ben Neumann** also advised those present that he may need to leave the board meeting early as he is ill.
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.

Dave Carliat - 11345 Ventura Blvd Platinum Live operator reported on police action at the event that took place there last week. There were no arrests of the owners as a result of the action. Several gang members were arrested.

Barry Johnson - Regarding the minutes he believes we should do more than the minimum required. The minutes should have more than the motions. He announced that the SCRA and Planning Dept. are meeting jointly with the LUC presenting a Powerpoint presentation on baseline mansionization.

Noel Weiss - Represents the owner of the land on which Platinum Live is located. The lease of the property made a mistake and rented the facility out to someone that Noel Weiss does not believe the facility should have been rented to. However, he believes that the police overreacted. He will continue to follow-up to insure that this does not happen again. Noel Weiss is prepared help in the future if there are any problems at the club. He apologized for the error the lease made in renting to this group.

Mary Mallory – Suggests setting up a separate cultural affairs committee to document the history of Studio City. She believes that an Historic Overlay is needed to protect historic homes, the Sportsman’s Lodge and other historic buildings in Studio City. Next year there will be a 75 year anniversary of the Republic Studio.

Barbara Monahan Burke – Reported on the city wide neighborhood congress. The Congress will be held Oct 10, 2009. SCNC Board Members have been asked to sign up to participate to be sure this will be a good congress. The one topic will be empowerment of the stakeholders.

Linda Abrams – Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) – She is a member of board of VIC, a nonprofit 5013C that has been in the Valley since 1964. They provide “meals on wheels” and other food assistance programs. Most of their funding comes from the Department of Aging. They run an interfaith food pantry. Donations are down and the need is up. VIC is using the MPG application and is asking for monetary support so they can use greater buying power to cause their funds to go further. She submitted the grant application to John Walker.

Mort Allen – Came to clarify the Platinum Live situation. He has had nothing to do with this facility for two years. He further stated that the 66 Street Cripts Gang has come to our area on motorcycles and a dozen stores have been broken into in the last few weeks. This is the largest black gang in LA. Something needs to be done. He asked Ben Neumann to run for CD2.

Freddie Goldberg – Resident of Valley Village and the Valley in general. She is working hard to prevent the elimination of crosswalks on Riverside Drive. The Crosswalk at Fashion Square is becoming more problematic. She wants that crosswalk taken out and light put in due to the injury at this location of her daughter’s friend.

5. Response(s) to public comments by Board Members. **Richard Neiderberg** stated that without assigning responsibility for the recent problem at Platinum Live were no problems when the location was Cinnamon Cinder. **Lisa Sarkin** and **John Walker** both commented that the SCNC already has a Cultural Affairs Committee. It is the Environmental and Cultural Affairs Committee. **Victor Helo** stated that we cannot discriminate against anyone. Studio City is not Gang turf so they can come here without violating the law. He believes that we need the City Attorney to state that Studio City is an injunction area. **Lisa Sarkin** stated that there is a 1978 law that states certain gangs are not allowed to meet in a group of more than 10 only in South Central LA.
6. Presentation by City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation with respect to sewer and/odor issues in the general vicinity of the SCNC’s district. **Reina Perra** with the Bureau of Sanitation spoke on the conversion of waste to energy. She explained the three bin system. She explained the alternative technology project which provides for conversion of landfill waste to energy. The Mayor’s goal is to move away from landfill to recovering these waste projects. 65% of waste is presently being recycled. The City is working on a zero waste master plan with a goal of 90% waste usage by 2025. 13 RFP responses for alternative technologies have been received and are being evaluated. They want to further evaluate RFP responses proposing biologic and thermal methodologies. They are looking to have 7 waste collection facility sites to be located throughout the City. Six sites are already operating.

Barry Johnson – He believes that there has been a miscommunication about what the representative of the Bureau of Sanitation was expected to speak about this evening. We need to hear 10 minutes from this department on the sewer odor problem. **Richard Neiderberg** stated that we should look at liquid waste problems rather than solid waste problems. **Lisa Sarkin** asked if Reina Perra could speak on the liquid waste issues. The Bureau of Sanitation representative responded that she could not speak to that issue. **Barbara Monahan Burke** inquired if these waste collection sites would be located on commercial land. **Reina Perra** stated that they could be located on land zoned as Public Facilities (“PF”). **Rita Villa** stated that PF is the zone on part of the land where the Proposed

Metro Universal would be located. **John Walker** stated that we were told the presentation tonight would be on the sewer odor problem.

7. Report Treasurer: **Remy Kessler** discussed the written report submitted. \$69,600 has been spent so far this year and the SCNC has \$6,676 of uncommitted funds for the remainder of the year. DONE has instructed the SCNC that the budget for next year is to be prepared without regard to any rollover amounts. The budget must be for \$45,000 only.

8. Report Budget Committee: **Ben Neumann** read the motion.

- a) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves a funding request from Studio City public school Walter Reed Junior High School to fund \$2,500 towards the \$4,935 purchase of a concert quality four (4) timpani kettle drum set for use by the school’s music program. The paying of the \$2,500 shall be triggered upon written proof from the school of sufficient funds from other sources to complete the purchase.**

Public Speakers:

Barry Johnson – He believes that we must make sure that we see that the school proves that it has the additional funds required before the SCNC funds its contribution.

Judy Chilnick – Stated tat she is a professional musician and that brought the Principal of Walter Reed Junior High with her tonight to insure that we can count on the fact that they will raise the other funds required of them.

Marylin White Sedel – She believes that we need to support all three schools within our district.

John Walker said this group has come three times requesting funding. Previously they have been denied. He believes that they have showed tenacity in requesting funding and the budget committee has now submitted what he believes is a fair contribution. **Richard Neiderberg** and **Victor Helo** said they both support this request. **Vote** Unanimous.

Ben Neumann read the motion.

- b) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves and adopts the following budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (FYE 2010) 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 2009-2010 Projected Budget

Yearly Allocation	45,000
Rollover	0
Total	45,000

Category	Sub-Category	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Annual Total
Outreach						
	Advertising (banners, newspaper/mag. ads, signage, etc.)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
	General Outreach/Special Projects	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	3,000.00
	Neighborhood Events	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
	Printing & Copies	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
	Refreshments	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
	Sub-Totals	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00

Neighborhood						
Improvement	Community Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
	General Community Projects	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	15,000.00
	Sub-Totals	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	25,000.00
Operational Exp.						
	Telephone/Office Supplies/Internet/Copies	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	1,100.00
	Printing & Copies	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
	Refreshments	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	2,500.00
	Website Maintenance	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	2,400.00
	Sub-Totals	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	7,000.00
Neighborhood						
Purpose Grants						
	Sub-Totals	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
					GRAND TOTAL	45,000.00

Public and Board Comments:

Barry Johnson – Wanted to know if budget committee can avoid paying entities if the conditions of the commitment are not met. Ordinances must be followed. He gave the example of the median and indicated that the BID got money from the PRB to pay for the median. **Remy Kessler** responded that got written confirmation that terms were complied with so the SCNC had to pay. **John Walker** confirmed that he addressed this with the City Attorney who said the SCNC needed to pay. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that the BOE overruled the Streetscape. **Barbara Monahan Burke** indicated that she has been meeting with the Mayor’s representatives on the budget. At this point NC’s are allowed to roll over 100K. **Remy Kessler** responded that DONE has indicated that, at this point, we are not able to include any rollover funds. **Michael McCue** thanked Remy Kessler for doing a good job at a thankless task. **Richard Neiderberg** said he supports the position that it is legally and morally right to pay the funds committed to the BID for the median.

Barry Johnson stated that when committing funds in the future, the SCNC Board should be careful with the wording of the motion. The SCNC Board should have referred to the Specific Plan when drafting the median motion.

Michael McCue asked a question about the allocation of funds in the projected budget. **John Walker** stated that there would be a special meeting to designate money to committees.

Ben closed comments and read the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

- Report Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee: **Michael McCue** reported that the Whitehouse released a report on global emissions that is more extensive than previous studies. The author of the report believes that climate changes are facts to be dealt with. **Michael McCue** reported that the Environmental and Cultural Affairs Committee had presentation on urban forestry and canopy cover. He also reported that the Committee feels that it should be reorganized to separate the cultural affairs from the environmental issues. A motion was passed by his committee to that effect. **Michael McCue** is in favor of a historical film celebration for 75 years of Republic Films and participation in Survey LA. He also believes that the Studio City Camera Exchange sign should have a home. **Barry Johnson** stated that this new committee could address the “culturalness” of non-permitted mural at the carwash.

Kriss From – She is on the Survey LA Committee. She believes we need a vehicle to participate in the survey. She stated we need to be sure the Sportsman Lodge water garden is protected. She listed several items that need to be protected. She believes we need a separate committee.

Lisa Davis supports the separation of Cultural and Environmental issues. It is in everyone's best interest to separate the committee into two. **Michael McCue** stated that Kriss has a vision for the Cultural committee. **Ben Neumann** stated that the board needs to decide if this should be done and that will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ben Neumann excused himself and **John Walker** took over as chair of the meeting.

10. Report Outreach Committee: Item taken before item 9. **Suzanne Ekerling** reported that the Outreach Committee reconsidered the hiring of the website consultant. Additionally, she stated that 2 motions were passed related to the CBS July 4th event. She asked for help with manning the booth. A plan is being prepared for outreach activities for the next year and it should be available for the next board meeting. She invited stakeholders and committee chairs to participate and get support from outreach. **John Walker** asked for someone from the Outreach Committee to go to the basement and get promotional items out for distribution at the 4th of July event. **Ron Taylor** asked for the updated operating procedures and bylaws to be put on the website. **Suzanne Ekerling** stated there would be outreach for the election next year. **Todd Royal** asked when the next meeting will be held. **Michael McCue** requested that the promotional fans have a new environmental message next year.
11. Report Transportation Committee: **Todd Royal** gave an overview of the recent activities of his committee. **John Walker** read the motion.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the Colfax Bridge demolition and reconstruction project unless and until all traffic mitigations are installed prior to any work beginning. Furthermore, a temporary pedestrian access walkway is built at a safe distance from the project to the existing footbridge on the south side of the Los Angeles River, any closures of the footbridge with this temporary walkway must be kept to a minimum, and any planned or prospective closings of the footbridge shall be posted 48 hours in advance at the north and south entry points of the bridge itself.

Public and Board Comments:

Barry Johnson stated that a lot of time was spent writing this motion and that everything in the motion is important. It should be adopted as written.

Noel Weiss stated he represents one of the homeowners suing as the result of the Moorpark Bridge project. He indicated that he is happy to work with the Transportation Committee and suggests that weekly work reports be received by the community/committee. He believes that there must be a monitoring mechanism

Kriss From lives on Colfax. She stated that it is extremely important that pedestrian access be maintained during construction.

Todd Royal stated that the SCRA supports the motion as proposed.

Lisa Sarkin stated that the community had several meetings on this and that there was a letter from CD2 and they agree with the motion as presented. **Remy Kessler** proposed an amendment revising the motion.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes commencement of the Colfax Bridge demolition and reconstruction project unless and until all traffic mitigations are installed, as listed in the letter from CD2 and the BOE rebuttal, including a temporary pedestrian access walkway is built at a safe distance from the project to the existing footbridge on the south side of the Los Angeles River, any closures of the footbridge with this temporary walkway are kept to a minimum, and any planned or prospective closings of the footbridge are posted 48 hours in advance at the north and south entry points of the bridge itself.

Moved: Remy Kessler, **Second:** Lisa Sarkin, **Vote:** unanimous.

- 12. Report Bylaws & Procedures Committee: **Ron Taylor** postponed his comments until the end of the meeting,
- 13. Report Government Affairs Committee: Barbara Monahan Burke / Rita Villa.

Barbara Monahan Burke reported that the time for the Rate Payer Advocate is now and thanked Arlene Samek for all her work with the Valley Alliance. **Barbara Monahan Burke** gave her report as presented in the attachment hereto.

John Walker read the motion.

- a) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council authorizes the submission of the following comments to PLUM and further authorizes their inclusion in a SCNC Community Impact Statement once a Council File number is assigned.**

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes certain provisions of the proposed zoning code amendments as follows:

- (i) **A Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) should not override a Pedestrian or Neighborhood Oriented District or a Community Design Overlay Zone unless there has been a public hearing and the Neighborhood Councils have been notified and approve.**
- (ii) **A project that complies with the CPIO will only need a ministerial sign off from the Planning Director. No community review is required. If the CPIO involves options or discretion then a community review should be mandatory.**
- (iii) **The Planning Director can grant adjustments in the CPIO standards up to 20%, with the decision appealable to the Area Planning Commission. The 20% is too great a discretion. Requests for deviation should be limited to 10%.**
- (iv) **With respect to the Pedestrian Emphasis Design Designator, below grade parking structures should not be allowed to occupy the entire footprint of the lot. There should be a minimum setback of 15 feet both above and below ground level on at least one side of the building to allow for the roots of large canopied trees to develop and to permit water to naturally permeate the soil to resupply the aquifer.**

Public and Board Comments:

Barry Johnson stated that he agrees with the 10% limitation. He feels that there should be subterranean setbacks around the entire building.

Richard Neiderberg stated that it should be 30 feet above and below grade.

Barbara Monahan Burke responded that there was the subterranean motion before.

Vote: Unanimous.

John Walker read the motion.

- b) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the proposed Declaration Affidavit (attached hereto) for completion by all board members and the completion of Form 55 (modified Form 52) (attached hereto) for completion only by Board members voting on the Council File to be opened.**

Barry Johnson stated that he had no comment because attachments were not presented.

Michael McCue moved that this matter should be tabled until new City Attorney is in place.

Second: Victor Helo. **Vote: Yes- 5; No - 5; Abstain - 1.**

Vote on original motion: Yes - 6; No - 5; abstain 0. Original Motion carries

Adjourned to Special Meeting of the SCNC Board at 7:58 PM.

Returned to regular SCNC Board meeting at 8:27 PM.

- 14. Report Land Use Committee: **Lisa Sarkin** gave background on motion 14 a. She reported on the fact that the owner of the Laurel Tavern was required by the zone administrator to take certain actions which were not taken by the owners. **John Walker** read the motion.
 - a) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the request for patio seating by Laurel Tavern [ZA-2008-4490(PAB)] located at 11938 Ventura Blvd. Studio City at this time. At a hearing May 28, 2009, the zone administrator required a Valet Plan be supplied to the Land Use Committee that has not been provided. We**

oppose any permit that would allow seating for more than 12 patrons on the patio seating and any permit allowing patrons to utilize the patio seating after 10:30 PM.

Public and Board Comments:

Barry Johnson stated that he measured the distance for the seating and it is not adequate for the seating being requested. Also the time limitation will prevent disturbance to the neighborhood.

Ezra Dweck stated that he laments the lack of outdoor seating at restaurants in Studio City. He further commented that this is a popular restaurant. **Remy Kessler** state that he believes that we should support the businesses in Studio City. He feels this may help prevent crime. **Ron Taylor** stated that we should not support this application until the valet plan is submitted. **Michael McCue** agreed with Ron Taylor. **Barbara Monahan Burke** stated that she supports the motion. **Richard Neiderberg** stated that he supports the motion as there is not enough space. **Victor Helo** agrees that we need business in Studio City and we should not limit the time to 10:30.

Remy Kessler proposed an amendment.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the request for patio seating by Laurel Tavern [ZA-2008-4490(PAB)] located at 11938 Ventura Blvd. Studio City at this time. At a hearing May 28, 2009, the zone administrator required a Valet Plan be supplied to the Land Use Committee that has not been provided. We oppose any permit that would allow seating for more than 12 patrons on the patio seating and any permit allowing patrons to utilize the patio seating after 10:30 PM except Friday and Saturday when the time should be 11:30.

Lisa Sarkin gave background on this application.

Board Comment:

Lisa Sarkin stated that the area was flyered. There were many objections to the patio dining hours. Additionally, no other patios in Studio City are permitted to be open after 10:30 PM.

Rita Villa stated there are condos and apts. above these businesses.

Moved: Remy Kessler, **Second:** Ezra Dewck. **Vote: Yes - 4 NO - 6, Abstain - 1.** Amendment fails.

Vote on original Amendment: Yes - 7; No - 4.

- b) **John Walker** read the motion. **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the master land use permit application of Play It To The Bone [ZA-2009-1355-EAF] located at 11450 Ventura Blvd. Studio City for a zone variance for dog and cat boarding with the additional conditions: 1) Six months after opening of the facility, the Land Use Committee will convene a community meeting to discuss and review any observed impacts and suggest mitigations and 2) The identification sign located west of the building will conform with the sign section of the Ventura/Cahuenga Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan.**

John Walker recused himself from voting on this matter.

Lisa Sarkin gave background on this application.

Public and Board Comment:

Barry Johnson stated that businesses should follow procedures and this business followed the procedure and this motion should be passed as is and they should be commended.

Michael McCue called the question. **5 needed to pass this motion as Remy Kessler stepped out.**

Vote: Unanimous

- c) **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the building of a new Walgreens Drugstore [DIR-2009-1340-DI-SPP] located at 11000 Ventura Blvd. Studio City as submitted to the Planning Department. We support the dedication on Ventura Blvd. without improvement of the roadway. We support the dedication on Vineland Avenue with the improvement of the roadway continuing to the alley south of Ventura Blvd.**

Lisa Sarkin stated that this matter is being postponed.

- d) **John Walker** read the motion. **Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the stakeholders of Valley Village’s appeal [DIR-2008-1178-SPP] regarding the SB1818 development located at 11933 Magnolia Boulevard Valley Village.**

Lisa Sarkin gave background on this application.

Public and Board Comments:

Freddie Goldberg stated that she lives next to this site. There is only one egress to the property where there will be 300 to 400 people.

Barry Johnson – supports the motion.

Noel Weiss stated that SB1818 projects are a matter of controversy and concern. We must not end up destroying more affordable housing than we create. We should send a message by coming together with other neighborhood councils to fight this but offer a positive alternative such as TOPA. There should be an “opt out” opportunity. There is a policy in city hall to do away with zoning that protects character and scale.

Dale Liebowitz-Neglia she showed the appeal and stated that they could not bring all the issues addressed in it before us. The City is counting on cut-through traffic. She asked us to make a stand that these projects must be implemented properly. They should get two exceptions and they are getting 7 based on the plans submitted.

Jennifer Reed showed the appeal and stated it has many exhibits and back-up documents. SB1818 projects are spot zoning that will destroy community plans and specific plans. There are numerous irregularities in this project. We must join forces to stop this from taking place.

Lisa Sarkin stated this is the same situation as the Lux at Colfax. DONE has told stakeholders that we should stick together to fight this.

Michael McCue commended the stakeholders of Valley Village for their efforts. He stated that he supports the motion. He called the question.

Vote: Yes - Unanimous.

- 15. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.

Barbara Monahan Burke reported for by-laws. See the GAC report attached.

John Walker gave Jeremy Schwarz a moment to speak. Jeremy Schwarz thanked the board for the advice and information he was given. He was said he will be studying Rec., Parks and Tourism at Cal Poly San Louis Obispo.

Richard Neiderberg stated that he is continuing to monitor the golf course conversion to condos in Sunland Tujunga. The community does not want the conversion of this open space to condos.

Victor Helo, Ezra Dewk and **Lisa Sarkin** requested that Land Use issues be moved to the beginning of the meeting. **Lisa Sarkin** also requested that we have written minutes in addition to the recorded minutes. Further she stated that minutes with only motions are not sufficient.

- 16. Adjournment at 10:50 PM. **Moved:** Todd Royal, **Second:** Michael McCue, **Vote:** unanimous.



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April 29, 2009

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Mr. Moore,

I am writing regarding the upcoming Colfax Bridge Improvement Project set to begin construction in late June or early July. I am concerned about this Project given the most unfortunate series of events that occurred during the recent Moorpark Bridge Project in the same Studio City neighborhood as the Colfax Bridge. Specifically, I am concerned about the process, the outreach and communication with the impacted community, and the methodology for the construction associated with this project. I do not, under any circumstances, want to see the reoccurrence of the Moorpark Bridge situation in the Colfax Bridge Project or, indeed, ever again. Over the last several months, my staff has worked with the adjacent community and your Bureau staff to develop various terms and conditions which must be adhered to so as to minimize the impact of the Colfax Bridge Project and avoid any negative circumstances remotely similar to the Moorpark Project debacle.

It is my understanding that the following issues have been discussed and verbal commitments have been made; at this time I am requesting *written* acknowledgement that the following is confirmed:

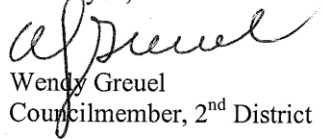
- Construction will *not* include any vibratory work or pile driving;
- There will be regular monitoring of the noise and vibration levels;
- The wooden pedestrian bridge will remain open during the construction and the entrances will be improved prior to project completion;
- The driveway south of the Bridge leading into the CBS lot will remain unblocked during the majority of construction and any closures will be coordinated with CBS staff;
- Construction will occur only during weekdays and normal construction hours;
- All traffic mitigations will be installed prior to any work occurring;
- There will be regular monitoring by the Bureau of Contract Administration and an inspector will be on site throughout the majority of the Project;
- Progress update letters will be sent bi-weekly to local residents within a 500 foot radius.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
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VICE CHAIR: BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEMBER: AUDITS & GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
MEMBER: ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Further, please include any additional logistical information that may be beneficial to the surrounding residents most impacted by the construction of this project at the time of your response to me.

Thank you,



Wendy Greuel
Councilmember, 2nd District

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May 21, 2009

Honorable Wendy Greuel, President Pro Tempore
Councilmember, Second District
Los Angeles City Council

Dear Councilmember Greuel:

COLFAX AVENUE BRIDGE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER PROJECT

This is in response to your letter dated April 29, 2009 regarding the Colfax Avenue Bridge over Los Angeles River Project. We are very excited to be moving into the construction phase on this \$12 million project, a project that will replace the existing structure and widen the bridge by 28 feet, as well as resolve seismic deficiencies. I can assure you that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff is fully committed to implement appropriate measures that have been discussed in numerous meetings with your office and the adjacent community. Specifics of some of those measures are described below:

- The new bridge structure is supported by cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) concrete piles as described in pages B-73 and 81 of the Technical Specifications - Bridge. Pile driving is not specified and will not be allowed. The shoring system may consist of either sheet piles or soldier piles with lagging. However, on page 161 of the General Requirements of the contract specifications it states that driving of sheet piles or soldier piles will not be permitted. Additionally, we will make sure the contractor does not use vibration to install sheet piles.
- Regular monitoring of noise and vibration levels during demolition of the foundation and installation of CIDH piles will be performed.
- The new pedestrian ramp at the southeast corner of the Colfax Bridge will be installed prior to demolition of the Colfax Bridge. Implementation of this provision will require a change order to the contract. The pedestrian bridge will remain open for the duration of construction except for activities that the engineer/contractor deems as unsafe to oncoming pedestrians. The entrance to the pedestrian bridge will be improved prior to completion of the project as shown on contract drawings on sheets 34-37.

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- The CBS lot driveway located south of the bridge will remain unblocked, as shown on contract drawing sheet 66 for the duration of construction except for activities that require temporary use of that area. Any temporary closures require prior coordination with CBS staff and a flagman will be provided to maintain vehicular flow.
- Construction is planned to only occur during weekdays and normal construction hours (7am-4pm). We will consult with your office if there is a need for any exceptions. The contractor will not be permitted to begin any construction related activity before 7am.
- All traffic mitigations and detour measures as shown on contract drawing sheets 65-74 will be implemented prior to full closure and construction of the bridge. In a response to questions from bidders as provided in an addendum to the contract, the bidders were notified that they would need to implement the traffic mitigations prior to closure of the bridge.
- The Bureau of Contract Administration inspector will be present on site throughout the duration of project and will be regularly monitoring construction activities. The Contract Administration inspector shall enforce compliance with the contract documents, determine the acceptability, quality and quantity of materials and workmanship.
- Three community meetings have already been conducted to provide local residents and businesses necessary information regarding the project, including a meeting just held last night. Two future meetings are proposed to take place during construction of the bridge to obtain feedback from the community and discuss any concerns that they may have. Tentative dates are November 17, 2009 and August 17, 2010.
- Progress update letters will be sent bi-weekly to residents and businesses within a 1500 foot radius.

Our commitment to the measures described above should demonstrate that BOE is making every effort to minimize the project impact on the nearby residents. Please contact me at (213) 485-4935 if you have any more concerns.

Sincerely,



Gary Lee Moore, P.E.
City Engineer

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cc: John Reamer, Director, Bureau of Contract Administration

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT
BARBARA MONAHAN BURKE
June 17, 2009

LA RIVER PROJECT PRESENTATION:

Barbara Monahan Burke has been asked to be a presenter at a meeting to be held by State Senators Fran Pavley and Carol Lin concerning possible Los Angeles River project in the San Fernando Valley. Honored by the invitation, Barbara will report on River project proposals in Studio City. The positive impact of these proposals on water quality, habitat rehabilitation, mobility and the quality of life in the area will be essential to gaining state and possibly even Federal support.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE:

Barbara Monahan Burke has been attending the City Clerk 2010 Neighborhood Council Election Meetings held over the past few months. With the recent proposed cuts in Los Angeles City department budgets, the election process is being streamlined. Studio City will be voting with Region C:

- Encino
- Greater Toluca Lake
- Greater Valley Glen
- Lake Balboa
- Midtown North Hollywood
- North Hollywood West (forming)
- Reseda, Sherman Oaks
- Studio City
- Tarzana
- Valley Village
- Van Nuys.

The inclusion of Studio City in Region C will facilitate joint mailings and outreach for the election to enable our individual Neighborhood Council budget to be as low as possible. The original proposal did not include Studio City in Region C.

The SCNC Board will vote on all the proposed particulars of the election, including the proposed election date – Thursday May 27, 2010. The City Clerk will be holding our Election with the help of volunteers from other Neighborhood Councils in our Region. Additional details of the election process will be provided to the SCNC Board as they become available.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT TRIP:

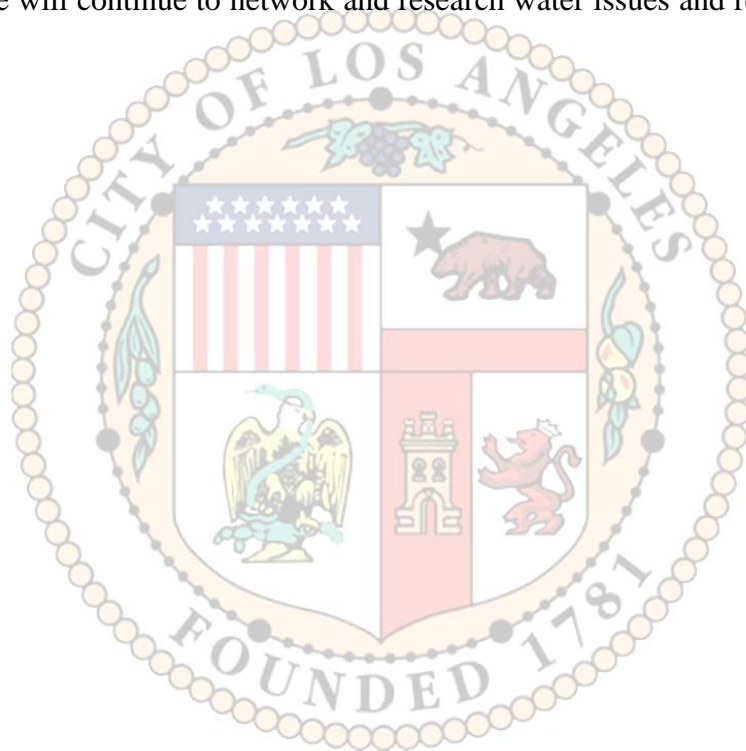
The weekend of June 6-7, 2009, Barbara Monahan Burke attended the State Water Project and the San Joaquin Delta Metropolitan Water District Inspection Trip with a couple of dozen other Neighborhood Council DWP MOU Committee Members and stakeholders. The participants flew to Sacramento and began their tour. Highlights of the trip included:

- Orville Dam and Feather River Salmon and Steelhead Fish Hatchery
- Butte Creek
- Rice paddy farms (both chemical and organic) to study their irrigation methods
- The historic Delta region

- The Delta Cross Channel
- Levees
- Farming and irrigation practices
- Subsistence
- Delta recreational economies
- Jones tract
- Old and Middle rivers
- Clifton Court Forebay
- Skinner Fish Salvage Facility
- Banks Pumping Plant.

Although the geography was stunning and the technology fascinating, there remain more questions than answers about our water supply. We continue to face increasing and competing environmental, agricultural, rural, urban and suburban demands for a finite amount of water.

Barbara Monahan Burke will continue to network and research water issues and report back to the SCNC Board.



DECLARATION

Neighborhood Council Financial Disclosure Affidavit

I have participated in the required ethics classes in person or on-line, by taking either an on- line course available to neighborhood council Board members, or an ethics class approved by the City Attorney.

I am aware that as a Board member of a neighborhood council I am subject to various state laws and local ordinances dealing with ethical conflicts of interest, including the Political Reform Act.

I am aware that because of a perceived financial or personal interest in the subject matter of this Board action, it is my obligation, either to disclose those possible conflicts or to recuse myself and take no part in the Board discussion or action.

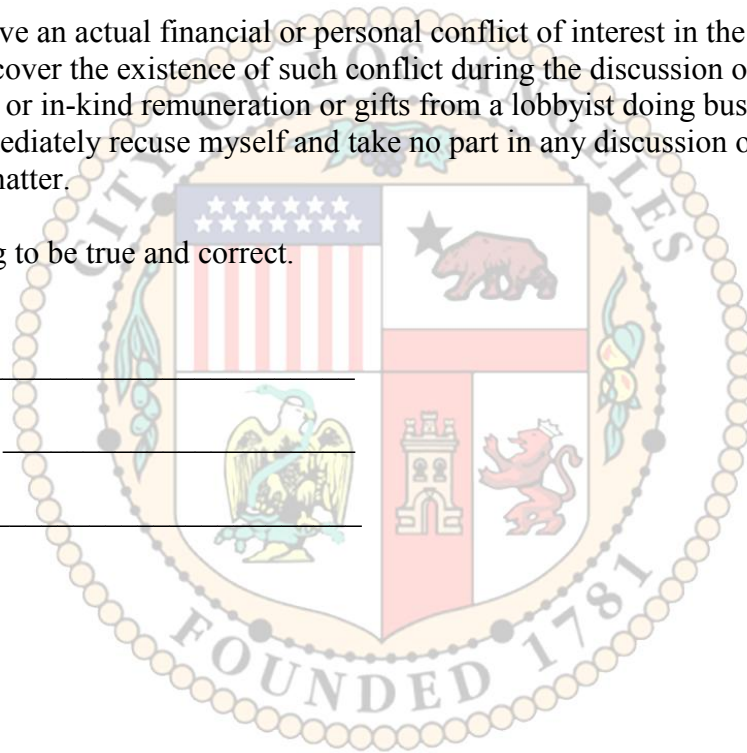
I am aware that if I have an actual financial or personal conflict of interest in the subject matter of this Board action, or if I discover the existence of such conflict during the discussion of this action, or if I have received monetary or in-kind remuneration or gifts from a lobbyist doing business on this matter, it is my obligation to immediately recuse myself and take no part in any discussion or decision making process involving this matter.


I declare the foregoing to be true and correct.


By: _____

Neighborhood Council: _____

Date: _____



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Your Spouse's/Registered Domestic Partner's Employer(s) NAME: FULL ADDRESS:		
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Real Estate In (or Within 1000 Feet of) the City of Los Angeles That Is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned or leased by you or your spouse/registered domestic partner (excluding your primary residence); <i>and</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affected by the NCF identified on page 2; and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valued at more than \$2,000. FULL ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____		
Businesses In the City of Los Angeles That Are: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned by you or your spouse/registered domestic partner (an interest of at least 10%); <i>and</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affected by the NCF identified on page 2; and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valued at more than \$2,000. NAME: FULL ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____		

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<p>Neighborhood Council File (NCF)</p> <p>NUMBER: _____ DATE CREATED: _____ <i>[This form due within 30 days.]</i></p> <p>SUBJECT MATTER: _____</p> <p>ACTION YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TOOK (circle one): INTRODUCED or SECONDED</p>	
<p>Other Financial Interests or Benefits, Not Disclosed on Page 1, That Are:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Held or received by you or your spouse/registered domestic partner in the previous 12 months; and</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affected by the NCF identified above; and</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valued at \$50 or more.</p> <p><i>Example: Your neighborhood council seconded the NCF identified above, and your spouse received a \$100 gift from an individual whose business would be affected by that NCF.</i></p> <p>CHECK ONE:</p> <p>_____ I have no other financial interests or benefits that meet all three conditions above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <p>_____ I have the following other financial interests or benefits that meet all three conditions above:</p> <p>INTEREST/BENEFIT: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NAME OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">ADDRESS OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">POSSIBLE EFFECT OF NCF: _____</p> <p>INTEREST/BENEFIT: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NAME OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">ADDRESS OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">POSSIBLE EFFECT OF NCF: _____</p> <p>INTEREST/BENEFIT: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NAME OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">ADDRESS OF SOURCE: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">POSSIBLE EFFECT OF NCF: _____</p>	
<p><i>I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this form is true and correct.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that I may be required under the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code § 1090, or the common law doctrine of conflicts of interests to recuse myself from board decisions that affect the interests identified in this form, as well as decisions that affect other financial or personal interests. I understand that the City Attorney's Office can advise me regarding when recusal is required.</i></p> <p>Date: _____ Signature: _____</p>	