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Brief Summary: The President of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is authorized to write a letter to City Planner Claire Bowin outlining concerns of some issues that have raised a red flag with Studio City or simply have not yet been addressed by the current version of the L.A. RIO ordinance.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday,
November 16, 2011
About 7:15pm

at

**CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min). Jeffrey Carter – excused, Ben Di Benedetto – present; Pasha Vafae –excused, Victor Helo – excused, Wayne Kartin – excused, Remy Kessler - present, Ben Neumann excused, Richard Niederberg - present, Todd Royal – excused, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Ron Taylor – present, Rita Villa –present, John Walker – excused, Denise Welvang – present. 9 voting members; 5 to pass a motion; 35 stakeholders present.
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Richard Adams** apologized for his comments about the Black Market representative if anyone was offended. Their representative was rude to Marilyn at the hearing. **Lisa Sarkin** responded that this was not the first time, Mr. Carlot has been rude and uncooperative before.
3. Responses to comments from the Board. **Included in 2 above.**
4. Presentation, discussion and possible motion related to the L.A. RIO Ordinance: **Remy Kessler** read the motion. **Barry Johnson** explained why this was on a special agenda. There was a ZA hearing after the Government Affairs Committee meeting. Barbara Monahan Burke reviewed ordinance and gave us comments on the issues that we have continued to have concerns about over the years as we have followed this. Claire Bowen requested these comments in writing before December 1st. She and the zoning administrator felt our comments were excellent and needed to be submitted. **Richard Adams** expressed his concern that the public gardens should be 100% organic and should not be allowed to use fertilizer so as not to contaminate the river. He thinks all public spaces should be planted with only natives.

Rita Villa read the **Motion:**

The President of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is authorized to write a letter to City Planner Claire Bowen outlining concerns of some issues that have raised a red flag with Studio City or simply have not yet been addressed by the current version of the L.A. RIO ordinance [CPS-2008-3125-CA and CPC-2007-3036-RIO] based on the points attached hereto.

Item 12 to be added to the points Public gardens should be 100% organic and should not be allowed to use fertilizer .so as not to contaminate the river. **Moved:** Rita Villa; **Second:** Lisa Sarkin; **Vote:** 9 **yes;** 0 **no. Motion Carries**

5. Adjournment. **Moved:** Ron Taylor; **Second:** Richard Niederberg; **Vote:** 9 **yes;** 0 **no. Motion Carries**



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November 18, 2011

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SENT BY EMAIL

Re: LA RIO Ordinance [CPC-2008-3125-CA & CPC-2007-3036-RIO, 11-0098]

Dear Ms. Bowin,

It has come to our attention that several issues of concern and other issues not addressed in the current version of the LA RIO Ordinance need to be included in the LA RIO Ordinance. Below are those issues:

1. The return to natural state goals of the RIO must boldly state that Sign Districts are prohibited in the RIO area.
2. The RIO must state that the RIO is superior to LAMC if the RIO is more restrictive.
3. The RIO must state that Specific Plans are superior to the RIO if more restrictive.
4. Lighting wattage is addressed on private property adjoining the river, but pedestrian and bicycle path lighting wattage on the River's right-of-way is not addressed as to its effects on adjoining residential zoned properties.
5. The RIO must include "California Friendly" plants, not just "California Native." "California Native" limits landscaping possibilities too much.
6. The RIO encourages "Riverfront Dining," yet does not address areas, like Studio City, where dining would be on one side of the river and single-family home neighborhoods on the other side. Because of the nature of the river channel intensifying noise, provisions must be included to protect the single-family home neighborhoods from excessive noise.
7. The RIO cites "Urban Design" many times yet never mentions "Suburban Design" or "Rural Design." Studio City is a suburban area and design in the RIO must be different than that for urban areas.
8. The RIO states that new multi-residential developments adjacent to the river must include "access" to the river, but does not include the words "public" or "private" access. The RIO must include provisions for all access.

9. Any mailed "Director's Determination" letters must also be sent to the applicable Neighborhood Council.

10. The RIO encourages "Shared Parking." We have found that this can be problematic and parking is a major issue in Studio City. Valet companies have been known to sell the same parking spaces to more than one business. Each community must be able to make parking arrangements that meet the needs of that community.

11. The RIO does not include "Hillside" designated areas, yet was written before several areas in Studio City were re-designated from "Hillside" to non-hillside. Newly designated non-hillside areas of Studio City within 2,500 feet of the river must be included in the RIO.

12. Public gardens should be 100% organic and must not be allowed to use fertilizer so as not to contaminate the river.

Please take these concerns into account while continuing the LA RIO process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Sarkin

Lisa Sarkin
Vice President
Studio City Neighborhood Council

Cc: Councilmen Krekorian, LaBonge, Koretz, Geoffrey Yazzetta, Wesley Hernandez, Alice Roth, Tom Rothman

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