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Brief Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to the development of a standard for use of artificial turf in parkways that encourages the use of such turf over the use of environmentally beneficial alternatives such as drought tolerant living landscape.

Additional Information: Artificial turf is not alive, does not photosynthesize and does not provide habitat for insects and animals. Additionally, artificial turf has significant environmental downsides including getting much hotter than living plants and it can be dangerous to children and animals

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**BOARD MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

**Light Buffet 6:30pm**

**Meeting 7:00pm**

**at**

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Lisa Cahan Davis – present, Jane Drucker - present, Jon Epstein – present, Alex Izbicki – present, Remy Kessler - excused, Brain Mahoney – present, Richard Niederberg - present, Scott Ouellette – present, Steven Quat – present, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – excused, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 13 voting members; 7 to pass a motion. 36 stakeholders present.
2. Approval of September 17, 2014 Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection.
3. Presentation of new Board Member **Bill Harmond** [Independent Contractor]. **Bill Harmond** introduced himself and gave his background. **Denise Welvang** asked about his presentation of items related to Studio City Beautification in the future. **Bill Harmond** stated that he would properly recuse himself. **Jon Epstein** asked about the welcome to Studio City sign Bill Harmond presented on behalf of the Studio City Beautification committee. **John Walker** explained the recusal process. **Connie Elliot** stated that she has worked with Bill as a member of SCRA and of Studio City Beautification and that he will be a great addition to our board. **Barry Johnson** said many of us do work to make Studio City a better place but Bill's work is more visible than the work of most of us. Bill has left his mark all over Studio City; **Richard Adams** indicated that he had submitted a statement of his interest in being appointed to fill the vacant seat and he also submitted the required documentation. He addressed the provisions of the SCNC bylaws related to appointing board members and the various requirements therein. He stated Bill

is not a valid candidate. **Art Reiner** said he lives in Studio City and would like to know Bill's position on the Parking Structure. **John Walker** indicated that was not an appropriate question. **Jane Drucker** said the bylaws provide that this appointment is at the pleasure of the president with approval of the board. **Lisa Davis** asked what prompted Bill to go for a board seat at this time? **Bill** responded that he has been on other boards of this community's organizations and he wants to be involved in the SCNC by serving on its board. **Denise Welvang** asked what Bill does that qualifies him as an independent contractor. **Bill** responded that he manages a condominium complex. **Rita Villa** said she did not recall if she had sent out Bill's 1099. **Richard Niederberg** said we are in substantial compliance with our bylaws. We know both parties. **Amber Meshack** of DONE – said that it is our discretion to follow the procedures in the bylaws. **John Walker** said what is important is that we are in compliance with the spirit of provisions of our bylaws. **Amber Meshack** said it is a Brown Act question. If we followed the spirit it does not undo the action. There could be a minor remedy. **John Walker** said his decision is to table the item until 12/10/14 and to have both candidates that have expressed an interest in serving send their information to Rita Villa as secretary and she will distribute it to the board.

4. Comments by the President (10 min). **John Walker** said our annual Luminaria event I coming up and we need lots of volunteers to participate. He also announced that an MOU with the Santa Monica Conservancy has been reached and it provides that the Wildacre Park Parking will be free. He acknowledged the work of the community activists and the letter that was sent by our councilman that were instrumental in achieving this success.
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. **Morton Rappaport** said that he is a resident of Studio City and he has a success story to report. He has previously been here asking how to eliminate a barking dog nuisance next to his home. He reported that Lisa Sarkin and Courtney Hamilton helped them with advice. Ten days ago the neighbor with the offending dogs moved out of Studio City and relocated to the north end of LA County. He thanked Lisa and Courtney for their help. **Patty Kirby** said that there are many RFA violations. She read a letter from Gregg Pedel located at 4455 Carpenter regarding the RFA violation near his home. The violating building is at 4458 Radford. He said that the lot almost touches his home. The balcony on that house is the issue. **Barry Johnson** said he is not sure that the free parking will cause all of the issues property owners in the community around the Wildacre Park to be eliminated. He also stated that we need a citywide ordinance for protecting parkway trees, and cell towers. **Mike Szymanski** said that he is a journalist but said he is here tonight representing a group organized to address the Barham ramp closing. He has met with Universal about this. He is concerned about the impact on the school located near there and the members of the group are concerned about the fire danger from an increase in the emergency services response time that will result from the closing of the ramp. **Lee Davis** said he is a board member of the Museum of the San Fernando. November 8, 2014 was the

grand opening of the museum. He reported that officials present included 3 councilmen and Controller Ron Galprin. There were 600 people there. The Museum is located at 18860 Nordoff street at the corner of Wilber Ave. Phone number (818) 324-3885. **Jack Linndblad** said he is running for city council. He feels that building inspectors should do their jobs and we should not have city councilmen do it. There are serious water issues in our state. We need to get water here to the city of Los Angeles or the drought will cause the area to be evacuated. There should be environmental justice. **Richard Adams** said that the free parking at Wildacre Park is not free. It is coming out of our taxes. He also indicated that Killer Shrimp not going to move into the Kings Head Pub location. Additionally, construction is taking place in the middle of the block near him but inspectors do not acknowledge that there is construction going on.

6. Responses to comments from the Board. **NONE.**

7. Updates from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton**. **Courtney Hamilton** invited everyone to the Councilman's holiday party on 12/9/14. Please RSVP. It is a food and toy drive. There is a flyer in the back of the room about the Studio City Chamber of Commerce's turkey drive. She also reported that the application for a cell tower to be placed in Beeman Park was withdrawn. She also stated that the Wildacre Park parking issue has gone on since Wendy Gruel was in office. The Councilman's most recent letter seemed to do the trick. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky took action and he was able to secure the MOU. The Councilman thanked him for taking this step. **John Walker** said unity clearly makes a difference. The successful resolutions reached on the Wildacre Free Parking, the cell tower in Beeman Park and th Canura trees are all examples of this. **Scott Ouellette** thanked Courtney for her patience and persistence in resolving the Wildacre Parking issue. **Lisa Sarkin** said she got an email which indicated that the cell tower application was only on hold. **Courtney Hamilton** said they have to say the application is on hold until the application is formally withdrawn. **Richard Adams** asked about Jeffery Yzetta. **Courtney Hamilton** said he is out for two weeks due to his surgery but he will live and is doing well. **John Walker** asked Lisa Sarkin what is being done to be sure RFA is being enforced. **Lisa Sarkin** said they report every lot where they believe there is an RFA violation. **Courtney Hamilton** read a memo from Karo on what he is doing on the RFA. Karo is working on an enforcement policy. The Building and Safety department is trying to address the issue and he expects it to be resolved in the future. He said that no variances have been granted since the RFA went into effect. The point of posting the various bonuses on the construction site is so everyone can read how the bonuses have been obtained. Most sites do not have the postings on the construction site. Builders think that someone is taking them down. **Richard Niederberg** said that the Museum of the San Fernando Valley is providing crayons and paper for our Luminaria. **Steven Quat** said he is tired of dumpsters in the street for weeks at a time in front of construction sites. **Lisa Sarkin** said the opening of the museum was very fun. **Richard Niederberg** said a dumpster permit is 6 months long.

8. Treasurer's Report by **Scott Ouellette**. **John Walker** read motion A below.

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Reports for September and October, 2014 and hereby accepts and approves them. Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I.

**John Walker** read motion B below.

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby reallocates \$6,000 from the Outreach budget to Operational Expenses budget.**

**Brought by: Scott Ouellette      Seconded by: Jane Drucker**

**Scott Ouellette** gave background on the motion and answered questions. **Richard Adams** offered to help Lisa Cahan Davis in the future. **Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit II.

9. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler**. **Scott Ouellette** Scott gave the budget committee report and explained the motions. **John Walker** read the motion A. Discussion ensued. The DONE representative present expressed concern that the Campo contribution should be made through a neighborhood purpose grant. The motion was amended as set forth below.

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a funding request of \$550 to co-sponsor a new "History Days at the Campo" to be held on the third Saturday of each month at which time family activities will be provided at no cost to participants. The funding request is conditioned on the SCNC receiving recognition as a co-sponsor on all print and promotional materials and the submission as a neighborhood purpose grant if so determined by DONE.**

**Connie Elliot** read a letter from **Beth Perin**. **Barry Johnson** said this is a worthwhile program. Most Campo stationary now uses Studio City in its address line. The website says Los Angeles as the Campo address. **Barry Johnson** said this is a regional thing. It is good for the southeast corner of the valley. He hopes other NC's in the valley will contribute. **Steven Quat** said that he visited the Campo and he thinks it is a valuable history resource for the community. **Brian Mahoney** said the Campo program is fantastic. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if they are doing this every month on the third Saturday. **Connie Elliot** said it started in October and it will go through August. **Amber Meshack** of DONE suggested this should be done through a neighborhood purpose grant. **Scott Ouellette** said he just went through this issue with the financial representative from DONE.

**Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit III.

**John Walker** read the motion B. Discussion ensued. The DONE representative present expressed concern that the Campo contribution should be made through a neighborhood purpose grant. The motion was amended as set forth below.

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council hereby approves a request from the Studio City Chamber of Commerce (Host Town Committee) for \$3,000 to fund lodging to host 100 athletes and coaches for three nights during the week leading up to the 2015 World Games to be held from 7/25/15-8/2/15, under the Special Olympics 2015 World Games Host Town Program. The funding request is conditioned on the SCNC receiving recognition as a co-sponsor on all print and promotional materials and the submission as a neighborhood purpose grant if so determined by DONE.**

**Barry Johnson** said that he supports this motion. **Bill Harmond** said that he is the lodging chair for this event. Over 7,000 athletes are coming to LA for this event. **Brian Mahoney** said there is a \$50,000 tab for the event and they asked for \$5,000 but this was reduced due to the amount of funding the SCNC has available. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if there is a way for us to get involved with the chamber. **Lana Shackelford** asked about membership on the committee. **Bill Harmond** responded that committee members are volunteers. **Jane Drucker** asked where to send the letters associated with motion A and B. **Scott Ouellette** explained that budget items go directly to DONE so no letter is required.

**Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit IV.

10. VANC Report by **Denise Welvang**. **Denise Welvang** reported that VANC met last Thursday. Gracie Lieu was there. The new event approval form was passed out. DONE is having staffing issues. They are short 7 people in this division. **Denise Welvang** reported that the California High speed rail authority representative was there talking about putting tunnels through the mountains and widening bridges. The widening of bridges is a very expensive thing. They are widening these bridges whether or not the train is built. Presently the train is to go from Burbank to Palmdale. Ron Galprin spoke about the control panel. The system is open to all. He also spoke about the DWP trust. The Controller is looking for trends and where dollars have gone within the DWP. There will be a Planning Forum on 12/11/14 from 5:30-9:30 PM on the role of the land use committee. You must RSVP go to attend. You can RSVP at VANC.org. It will take place here at Carla's. **Barry Johnson** got a California high speed rail postcard today. There will be a community open house on 12/8/14.

11. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford or Lisa Cahan Davis**. **Lisa Cahan Davis** thanked Lisa Sarkin for helping with the crowd at the business seminar which was a big success. She also reported on street banners. For 2015 the city changed manner of obtaining permits. 90 day permits are now required. The permit must be funded before the request goes in. We have 47 banners. On April 18, 2015 the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual green living fare will take place. There will be a budget request motion in December. There will be a tree give away and a pie contest. We are in need of additional premiums or give away items. There will be a budget funding request motion for this in December. **Lisa Cahan Davis** announced that we are in Cultural Events book and we are probably the only neighborhood council to be included. At the next meeting there will be a Motion on movies in the park for next year. We are looking for G rated movies – Alex Izbicki is looking for those movies. Film LA is donating money for popcorn, Universal Studios is providing the movies and CD2 is providing the projection for equipment. Barry Johnson asked that we please include horror movies. **Richard Adams** suggested we show a western from the Republic Studios vault. He also asked why there will only be 2 movies in the park next year. **Alex Izbecki** explained that the parks felt it was an intrusion to have three movies as they have other things going on in the park as well.

12. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin**. **Lisa Sarkin** gave report on the Land Use Committee activities and handed out of list of common Land Use acronyms. 40 stakeholders were at the land use committee meeting. The Zen Lounge determination expected this week. The Police are working to rid us of the two illegal marijuana shops on Ventura Blvd. **Lisa Sarkin** also reported that at Dr's 4 20 the doctor does not have a legal medical license in California. Also they are only allowed 1 location and they advertise 5. They are located by the motel next to the Beverly Motel on Fruitland and Ventura. They think they are in compliance. **Platinum Live** wants to be a strictly commercial space and they want the existing restrictions removed. **Lisa Sarkin** gave background on the motion. There was a trailer and presentation on the greenway which was fantastic. **Barry Johnson** said there is mitigation money from the 405 project and those funds should go to that. The parking garage is slated to be used to get to the area. Richard Adams asked about the license at Platinum Live. Lisa Sarkin said there is no license at this time

**John Walker** read the motion.

**Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Zev Yaroslavsky Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project in Studio City. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit V attached to these minutes.

13. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jane Drucker**. **Jane Drucker** explained that these were the motions that were previously sent back to the bylaws committee. **Richard Adams** gave background on why there were changes to the language. **Barry Johnson** said he can't imagine that we won't get at least 12 people to

participate. **Steven Quat** said we should always have at least 5 people on a list willing to serve. **Alex Izbicki** asked how the selection is done. Jane gave background on Motion A. **Rita Villa** proposed an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Brian Mahoney but it did not carry. **John walker** indicted his reasons for not being in favor for the motion. **Steven Quat** suggested that when we have a grievance we should call for a committee. We should only form such a committee when it is needed. **Jon Epstein** called the question. **Alex Izbecki** believes that having a standing committee is positive. He thinks this will prevent special interests from joining the committee. **Jane Drucker** said the bylaws committee thinks there should be a standing list for the grievance committee. She advised the Board not to send this back to the Bylaws Committee as they will not take this up again. **Jon Epstein** said he likes the idea of a standing committee but he does not want the constant monitoring. **Lia Cahan Davis** agrees we should have a committee but that we don't need to keep communicating with them. **Richard Niederberg** said he believes the tail is wagging the dog. After much discussion the motion was amended. The amended motion is presented below. Rita Villa read paragraph 3 of the amended motion.

**Motion A: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:**

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports changing the first two (2) Paragraphs of Article XI – Grievance Process to the following:**

**Upon the first meeting of a newly elected Board the President shall publicly solicit a standing pool of at least twelve (12) stakeholders willing to serve on a Grievance Committee. Any stakeholder may volunteer to be a member of the grievance pool list. The grievance pool list shall be presented by the President at the next meeting The Vice President shall be responsible for replacing pool members who may become unable to serve so the pool is always compromised of no fewer than twelve (12) stakeholders.**

**In the event that twelve (12) stakeholder volunteers do not come forth in the prescribed time, the President will request an extension of the time period from the Board.**

**Any grievance by a stakeholder or Board member shall be submitted to the Vice President who will promptly log and file it in a grievance file and forward copies to each member of the grievance pool. At the earliest possible time but not later than thirty (30) days after submission of the grievance, the Vice President shall publicly and randomly select a Grievance Committee comprised of five (5) stakeholder volunteers from the full grievance pool. No stakeholder may serve on a grievance committee who has a personal interest in the grievance being heard.**



**Motion Failed.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit VI attached to these minutes. (Yes: Lisa Davis, Jon Epstein, Jane Drucker, Alex Izbicki, Denise Welvang, Richard Niederberg)

Joh Epstein left the meeting. 12 voting members; 7 to pass a motion.

**Motion B: BOARD VACANCIES:** **Richard Adams** explained that this bylaws revision will prevent a president from dragging his feet in filling vacancies. **Richard Niederberg** asked when this bylaws revision would take effect. Response by **John Walker** was that it would not be effective until DONE approves it. **Lana Shackelford** said she thinks this just formalizes the existing procedure. **Brian Mahoney** said this is a power shift. **Jane Drucker** said this revision is just the president notifying the board. **Denise Welvang** asked why we would turn down a request from the president. **Lisa Sarkin** proposed an amendment. **Jane Drucker** withdrew the motion.

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council accepts the following changes in Bylaws Article V Section 6, Vacancies:**

- A. The President shall announce any vacancy to the public and solicit applicants for the vacant seat.**
- B. Any Stakeholder(s) interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board shall submit a written application to the Secretary.**
- C. The Secretary shall promptly forward to all members of the Board copies of the applications of all stakeholders qualified to hold the vacant seat.**
- D. The President shall appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy not later than the second Board meeting following the vacancy, subject to review, discussion and majority approval of the Board at the meeting.**
- E. If there are no qualified candidates to fill the vacant seat the President shall put on the agenda a request to the Board authorizing the extension of the search to the next regular Board meeting.**

**Items 15 and 16 were taken next out of order with consent of the board.**

14. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**.

**John Walker** read the motion.

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to the development of a standard for use of artificial that encourages**

**the use of such turf over the use of environmentally beneficial alternatives such as drought tolerant living landscape. Artificial turf is not alive, does not photosynthesize and does not provide habitat for insects and animals. Additionally, artificial turf has significant environmental downsides including getting much hotter than living plants and it can be dangerous to children and animals turf in parkways.**

**Barry Johnson** explained that this does not preclude anyone's right to have artificial turf. What we want is the guidelines to include drought tolerant plants and saving parkway trees. Plants are always better. **Lisa Davis** said she supports this motion. **Alex Izbicki** said it is time to wind down on artificial turf. **Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit VIII attached to these minutes. Opposed John Walker. Abstain Scott and Richard Niederberg

**John Walker** read Motion B.

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the proposed modification to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File Numbers 14-1059 and 14-1059-S1.**

**Barry Johnson** enumerated the provisions of the revisions and explained that this is a companion measure from Koretz to the city mansionization ordinance revisions presently being considered. **Richard Adams** explained that this modification provides safeguards to the hillside community. **Lisa Sarkin** said all of this was left out originally from the Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

**Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit IX attached to these minutes. Opposed: Scott Ouellette. Abstain: Richard Niederberg

**Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council is opposed to:**

- 1. The addition of item 2 to Section 17.05A which would permit the modification of the Complete Streets Manual by Streets Standards Committee without notice to Neighborhood Council and public input.**
- 2. The modification of item 7 to Section 17.05D to discourage the use of cul-de-sac streets. However, we support the inclusion of a provision to include passageway for bikes and pedestrians to**

**provide connectivity through cul-de-sac streets to the surrounding area.**

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the modification of item 1 to Section 17.05E requiring alleys at the rear of all lots which are in residential zones and which front an arterial street. However, we request that the City ensure the proper maintenance of such alleys and that an appropriate budget be allocated to allow for the implementation and enforcement of all provisions of the ordinance.**

**Richard Adams** gave background on why this is complex language. **Barry Johnson** stated that the motion firmly addresses the provisions of the proposed revision. **Richard Niederberg** said this is like a costal access issue and invites litigation. **Motion carried**

See Board Vote on Exhibit X attached to these minutes. **(No: Richard and Scott and Brian. John abstained.)**

**John Walker** read Motion D.

**Motion D:**

**The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests the return of the \$1,500 it previously contributed to support holding a training class for the Animal control officer reserve corps established by Los Angeles City Charter section 22.20.1. The class has not been held in three years since the funds were donated and the funds are not needed at this time. Return of these funds to the SCNC will enable it to utilize them more effectively.**

**Brought by: Rita Villa**

**Seconded by: Lisa Sarkin**

**Barry Johnson** explained that at the committee meeting we did a motion asking for these classes to be held. **Richard Adams** said that is why this is a motion from just Rita. **Brandon Pender** said he is in favor of the motion. **Steven Quat** said he supports this motion. **Richard Niederberg** said he took this class before and it was not that useful. **Motion Carried**

See Board Vote on Exhibit XI attached to these minutes. **Unanimous.**

15. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** asked for volunteers for Luminaria for the set up and the strike down. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked for postcards for the farmers market.

16. Transportation Report by **Barry Johnson**. **John Walker** read the motion A.

**Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the Valley Industry and Commerce Association "Valley On Track" and their efforts to insure that the Metropolitan Transit Authority**

**allocates the Valley's appropriate fair share of transit funds and prioritizes Valley rail projects on the Orange Line, the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor and the Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor. A volunteer from the SCNC's Transportation Committee will attend "Valley On Track" meetings and report back to said committee. Richard Limbard said the fair share is absent in the valley. Valley gets 9 miles only. Motion Carried**

**Barry Johnson** reported that VICA came to us and asked for a member of the transportation committee to go to their meetings on this item. **Lisa Sarkin** asked if there was a council file.

See Board Vote on Exhibit XI attached to these minutes. **Unanimous (12)**

**John Walker** read motion B.

**Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a motion to reclassify Laurel Terrace Drive from a "Collector Street" to its rightful classification of Hillside Street - (Limited)" due to the fact that Laurel Terrace Drive is only 30 feet wide. We further request that Laurel Terrace Drive be designated a "Neighborhood Friendly Street" as described in the Street Classification Section (Sec. 5.1) of the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan - Complete Streets Manual.**

**Barry Johnson** gave background on the motion and said this came about because there are many problems with cut through traffic on Laurel Terrace in the Silver Triangle. He explained that this will enable street calming measures. **John Walker** asked for additional clarification. **Barry Johnson** further explained this is just to correct an error in classification. **Suellen Wagner** said that she has lived in studio city for 40 years and the Silver Triangle Area for 20 years. In last 10 years traffic has become unbearable. This street reclassification is needed because this is not a collector street! Safety is a huge issue. They can't walk dog or push stroller due to the amount of traffic. They have measured the street width and the street is definitely not classified properly. **Jo Perry** said that she lives off Laurel Terrace in Studio City and supports this motion. This street is being used as a cut through street. They have gotten an extra stop sign put in but people just don't stop. **Richard Adams** said this error should be corrected! **Chris Innis** said the speed limit on this street is 15 miles per hour but nobody obeys the speed limit. **Chris Khoo** said that she lives on Laurel Terrace and she led the effort in 2007 to get traffic calming measures implemented. There is lots of support from the community. They got speed humps and stop signs. She explained that Brian Galager designed a labyrinth in 2007 to prevent cut through traffic. Last week she counted 300 cars traveling one way only from Whittset to Laurel in one hour. This is a very hazardous situation. **Brian Mahoney** said he is in favor of this motion. **Alex**

**Izbicki** sees this cut through traffic issue as a pattern. This is the result of horrible traffic on the main streets. Increased traffic on main roads causes this. Jane Drucker said she has lots of sympathy for these people. Her concern is that we are not looking at the problem organically. Her suggestion is that there should be more turning lanes to move cars through the main streets more quickly. She is concerned we are not getting all traffic to move more quickly. **Richard Niederberg** said people cut through the Donnas as well. It is not safe. Scott Ouellette said that this reclassification makes the street more eligible for calming devices. **Lisa Sarkin** said that the present classification is a mistake and it needs to be corrected. **Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit XII attached to these minutes. (Jane Drucker abstained all others voted yes on motion B)

**John Walker** read Motion C.

**Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation coordinate any Ventura Boulevard emergency closures in Studio City; such that traffic is diverted all the way northward to Moorpark Street so diverted traffic does not arbitrarily and aimlessly meander through residential neighborhood streets.**

**Barry Johnson** gave background on this issue. He explained that in this area where streets don't go through because of the river. **Richard Adams** said this will move the problem elsewhere but he supports the motion. **Lana Shackelford** said she is in favor of the motion but asked if the buildings exits in the area could be monitored. **Lisa Sarkin** explained that recent accidents on Ventura Blvd had prompted Senior Lead Officer Mike Lewis to suggest this. **Lisa Cahan Davis** called the question. **Motion Carried.**

See Board Vote on Exhibit XIII attached to these minutes. (**Opposed: Brian; Abstain: Scott, John Walker and Jane Drucker**)

**John Walker** read Motion D.

**Motion D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to develop a funding strategy to reinstitute the City's Speed Hump Program [Council File #12-0252-S3]; to be submitted in the form of a Community Impact Statement. Motion Carried.**

**Barry Johnson** gave background on the motion. There is already a motion before council for this and they are looking for funding.

See Board Vote on Exhibit XIV attached to these minutes. (**Denise Welvang voted no**)  
**Returned to regular order of the agenda at item 14.**

17. Public Safety Committee & Budget Advocate Report by **Brandon Pender**. **Brandon Pender** stated that the last meeting of the Public Safety Committee was canceled as he could not get there on time. He reported that the budget advocates met with Gracie Lieu. She will recommend that the NC's get their \$50,000 annual funding again. She asked for support for additional staffing for DONE. **Brandon Pender** also explained that the budget advocates are in the process of interviewing the department heads and will report on this process at their meeting on 11/21/14. They will put out a white paper. The TV, Film and Retention Committee is the committee that he interviewed. He will meet with officials to get recommendations for the public safety committee.

**Richard Adams** indicated that there has been an up tic in activity at the Park Motel. In last ten weeks there has been a "workingperson" in the area. **Steven Quat** reported on his work with the budget advocates. He reported that the have been advised that the departments have funding for additional positions but that the city won't release funds for them to be filled as there is fear that there will be a shortfall in another budget area. They are saving funds which may be needed in connection with the sidewalk lawsuit. **Brian Mahoney** welcomed Brandon Pender back.

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

19. Adjournment. **Moved:** Lana Shackelford; **Second:** Steven Quat. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion Carried**