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Brief Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the installation of cellular towers, cell antennas and any wireless equipment in a public park. Any wireless installation in the City of LA must go through a public notification process including notification to the Neighborhood Councils, Park Advisory Boards, Community Groups and the Neighbors.

Additional Information: We request that distributed antenna systems (DAS), small cell and other wireless systems be included in the public permitting process.

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**BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 10, 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 – present, Brian Mahoney – present, Richard Niederberg – present, Scott Ouellette – present, Steven Quat – present, Lisa Sarkin – present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 15 voting members; 8 to pass a motion. ___ stakeholders present.
2. Approval of November 19, 2014 Board Minutes. **Approved** in the absence of objection.
3. Comments by the President. **John Walker** explained how the meeting would be run. He acknowledged the work of the Cultural Affairs Committee on the Luminaria. We estimate that about 350 people attended. He invited stakeholder participation on the Outreach Committee. He indicated that there was an article on the street vendors' ordinance in the LA times. The SCNC board was quoted in the article as we opposed the ordinance. He thanked Jones on Third for the food they provided for our stakeholders this evening. He also noted that later in the meeting we will recognize the work of a couple of the board members. He also recognized Barry Johnson for his community activism and his work as committee chair. He noted that our Councilman Paul Krekorian send an email to John regarding Barry Johnson's service to the community.
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction **Barry Johnson** said at the committee meeting on the street vending issue

80% of those present were street vendors. Of the 5 councilman on the committee, 3 were ready to send the ordinance as it stood to the City Council. Paul's persuasive and thoughtful comments swayed the meeting. He was the guiding force for the meeting. This is not a case where it was the interests of the city vs valley. The intercity councilmen had brick and mortar store owners present who let the councilmen know they were against the motion. **Richard Adams** said he has reached out to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and they indicated that they want to brand the Sherman Oaks Area and they want to work together. He said that the SCNC board plays fast and loose with its bylaws. He is disgusted that his emails did not reach the intended people today as he believes that they were blocked.

5. Responses to comments from the Board. **None.**

6. **Presentation, discussion and possible Motion with respect to a change in our officer term limits.** **John Walker** read the motion. **Mark Batterman**, a former member of board, said that he is a strong support of the motion. He is opposed to term limits. He indicated that Richard Riordan said his support of term limits was the biggest mistake of his career. The history of the SCNC's officers is that they have historically served longer than 3 years and he believes this language is a Scribner's error. **Barry Johnson** said he went through the bylaws and noted many conflict within the document. These things need to be addressed. When the board voted to eliminate term limits, it was meant to be all term limits. **Jeff Carter** said he had three points. (1) If we decide to vote on this issue tonight the three officers in office over their term limit should recuse themselves. (2) There was no discussion of officers term limits when he was on the bylaws committee. (3) He suggests we vote against this. **Ron Taylor** said he stays in touch with Studio City. He was shocked to find a bylaws item on the top of the agenda. He was never able to accomplish that while he was bylaws chair. He said that the bylaws are evolutionary. They take time to evolve and meet the needs of the constituents they serve. In communities all over the city there is a small group of people willing to serve, meet the needs of the community and are truly engaged in the process. There is both a small and a big picture issue here. The small issue is the working of the document. The big picture is that people need to be willing to do the work. **Richard Adams** expressed his opposition to this motion and said it was never the intent of the motion to eliminate the officer term limits. **Brandon Pender** urges the board to put forth this motion and carry it through. The officers were re-elected. Everyone on the executive committee works hard and that is what counts. The bylaws need a thorough going through. We need this amendment. This is much ado about nothing. This grievance issue was brought by an individual who wants to cause trouble. **Barry Weise** said he is here speaking on behalf of SCRA. They support the motion. It is hard to recruit others to do to the work. He appreciates the long term leadership of the board. **Remy Kessler** explained why he brought forth this motion. Being the longest serving member of this board, he indicated that this has never been an issue before. Michael Klausman, Remy Kessler, John Walker and Raffi K____, all served

well past three years. He reminded the board that in June all board members voted for the existing officers. This term limit provision was in existence at that time and that was the time the issue should have been raised. The officers should be applauded for the work they have done. If anyone else was interested, they could have put their names forward. **Lana Shackelford** said she was the corresponding secretary during the time which these amendments were being made and Ron Taylor was the chair of the bylaws committee. She remembers the circumstances very differently than Mr. Carter. Term limits were all in the same vain, the board and the officers. This board selected the best leadership that ran for the officer positions and voted them in without question. She asks that we support the motion as that is in the best interest of our board. **Jane Drucker** said she gives kudos to the three officers and read a prepared statement. She said that the Bylaws Committee should be asked to craft an appropriate motion in committee. She believes this is an attempt to grab power. This is not being done it a proper manner. We are not following the proper procedure for vetting the issue. The President requested counsel from the City Attorney before going through the bylaws committee. Jane Drucker does not believe there was an intent to remove officer term limits. She urged the officers to recuse themselves from the discussion. She asked the board to vote no on the motion. **Richard Niederberg** said it was assumed that if you get rid of one term limit from the bylaws you remove them all. **Steven Quat** said when he started he was a term limit kind of guy. But now he has seen the work done by the officers. There are no other people with the skill set of the treasurer and secretary. The point is that if you term limit people out you eliminate qualified people. **Denise Welvang** said this appears to be a legal issue. If you go by the bylaws, three individuals have gone over their term. Others have gone over in the past. A prior agenda and minutes were passed out. She said that if this is passed tonight it has no effect on the people who have over stayed. If we don't follow the rules we have anarchy. **Jon Epstein** said he was not on the board when the decision was made. This motion focuses on the present not the past. Term limits are good in offices that are for paid positions but not on volunteer positions. As others have said it takes time to make the proper connections. He supports the motion. **Alex Izbicki** said he agrees with Steven and Jon. This is a nonpaid and thankless job. We do the job because we love our city. If you love what we do then we want to keep the memory and quality at the highest possible caliber and he supports the motion. **Lisa Sarkin** said whoever passed out the documents left out the minutes of the supplemental meeting. She read them. She said that Jeff Carter was the only one who voted no on the removal of term limits. **Jane Drucker** said what Lisa just read was the vote on removing term limits for the board and not the officers. This motion was not properly vetted by the bylaws committee. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if the motion passes, what would be the likelihood of it being addressed at the next bylaws meeting. Rita Vila said: (i) Between June 2011 and today the SCNC has acted to amend/revise its bylaws 19 times. (ii) On 5/16/12 the SCNC acted to remove term limits. From my reading of the minutes including stakeholder comments, the intent appears to have been removal of all term limits for board members and officers. (iii) The board of the SCNC has consistently

elected its officers for more than three consecutive years. (iv) On April 16, 2014, the Board unanimously elected its current officers. This clearly indicates that the board did not intend for its officers to be subject to term limits. At the time of that vote, any member of the bylaws committee could have raised the point that the bylaws did not express the intent of the board or the stakeholders but this was not done. It should be noted that three members of the bylaws committee are currently board members and they each voted to elect the current officers. (v) As has been done 19 times in the last 3.5 years whenever an item of the bylaws needs to be addressed, the bylaws committee brings a motion to the board for its consideration. That is the approach that should have been taken with this issue. (vi) A member of the bylaws committee chose to file a grievance rather follow our established practice and bring a motion through the bylaws committee to the board. As a result, in an effort to immediately address this issue, another member of the bylaws committee has brought a motion to address the fact that the bylaws do not reflect the intent of the board which was to remove all term limits including the term limit on officers. (vii) The motion before us tonight should be approved. **Scott Ouellette** said we should decide on this tonight. Comments were closed.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the removal of the last two sentences of the first paragraph of Article VI, Sec 4 in its Bylaws. Which reads:

"They may stand for reelection in the subsequent two (2) officer elections. No officer may serve more than three (3) consecutive one year terms in the same officer capacity"

Brought by: Remy Kessler Seconded by: Lana Shackelford.

See Board Vote on Exhibit I attached to these minutes. Motion Carried

- Presentation, discussion and possible vote to accept the President's recommendation of candidate Bill Harmond to fill the vacant seat of Independent Contractor. Barry Johnson** said he hopes the board will give its blessing to Bill for this seat. He is one of those people with the dedication to get things done for the SCNC as he has done with SCRA Beautification Committee. One must have time and dedication to serve. Please approve him. **Richard Adams** left the meeting. **Lisa Sarkin** said she can't say more than Barry has said. **Remy Kessler** echoed that Bill is an active community member and no one could serve us better. **Jane Drucker** moved that the board approve the nomination. It was seconded by Alex Izbicki.

See Board Vote on Exhibit II attached to these minutes. **Motion Carried.** There are now 16 members of the board as Bill Harmond has joined the board but at this time Bill Harmond is ineligible to vote so it still requires 8 votes to pass a motion.

8. Special presentation to **Lisa Cahan Davis** and **Scott Ouellette**. **John Walker** asked Scott and Lisa to come up and he thanked them for their great work. Scott Ouellette will be sorely missed. He has served as chair of the transportation committee and as the treasurer. He has brought a different point of view to our deliberations and has become a valued hard working member of the board. Lisa Cahn Davis is the co-chair of outreach committee and she works tirelessly on every event the SCNC sponsors. She is good and extremely effective for our community. She has increased our email list from 740 to 1,465 names. **Courtney Hamilton** presented certificates of recognition to Scott and Lisa of behalf of our Councilman. **Scott Ouellette** said this has been an interesting journey. He has gone from outsider to insider. He has brought a different point of view. **Lisa Sarkin** said she got involved as a volunteer. You can make inroads as a volunteer and that is what she did. There is a great amount of joy you get in making positive strides within the City for our community. She asks everyone here to volunteer to serve an hour. We are all ambassadors and you should get involved. We all have a voice, use it and come to our meetings.
9. Update from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton**. **Courtney Hamilton**, representative from Paul Krekorian, said that they collected over 200 toys at the event last night for people in need. Also she thanked everyone for the donations to the interfaith food pantry. She said that you can still donate items at the Winter Family Festival to be held at Beeman Park from 1pm to 4 pm this coming Sunday. As part of ongoing effort to bring back the film industry the councilman has supported 4 motions, 3 of which were brought by our Councilman. One will waive fees on city property for filming. The second is to survey film companies on how to improve and keep jobs here. The third is to improve filming practices at city parks as process is tedious. The fourth is to identify city properties that are available for use for filming. She also reported that there is a new plack on Robin Big on the Studio City Walk of Fame. The walk of fame is sponsored by the Studio City BID. She announced that the BID is providing free paring in the parking in the city parking garage on Ventura Blvd. for two hours on Thursday through Sunday. **Jon Epstein** asked when the Tujunganga and Woodbridge light will be installed and when the light at Rhodes will go in. **Courtney Hamilton** replied it is federal funds that are required and it will take time. **Alex Izbicki** asked about the crosswalk at Rohdes. He observed that it is an accident waiting to happen. He is sure that Courtney is pushing this forward as quickly as possible. Lisa Cahan Davis asked if there a way to promote the free parking. She said that we can post it on our website. She also asked if there is any way to promote it with signage.
10. Treasurer's Report by **Scott Ouellette**. **Scott Ouellette** gave the treasurer's report and explained that we only have \$6,000 left in the outreach budget after fulfilling our commitments.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for November, 2014 and hereby accepts and approves it.

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

11. Budget Committee Report **Remy Kessler**. There was no meeting. Bylaws item number 19 was taken out of order.
12. Transportation Report by **Barry Johnson**. **Barry Johnson** gave background on Motion A after **John Walker** read the motion. **Barry Johnson** stated that we need a quarter mile signal in the middle of the half mile segments on Ventura Blvd. **Jon Epstein** said that part of Ventura Blvd. does not have a traffic problem. The traffic moves better in that area than it does on other parts of Ventura. Therefore, he opposes this motion. Denise Welvang said that she agrees with Jon. Installing this light will result in impeding traffic because of drunks. **Remy Kessler** asked when the deaths occurred. **Barry Johnson** responded that there had been no pedestrian deaths. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if this was for a full stoplight. **Barry Johnson** said this is already approved by DOT and this motion is just to get the installation to be moved up. **Brian Mahoney** said this is just an exercise so he would like to call the question. **Jon Epstein** asked if we should add a statement to the motion that this should be a sensor light.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a Motion to install a full traffic light at Ventura Boulevard and Berry Drive as soon as possible due to multiple accidents, involving deaths, due to speeding on a curve.

See Board Vote on Exhibit IV attached to these minutes. Opposed Jane Drucker, Jon Epstein, Brian Mahoney, Denise Welvang. Abstain: Lisa Cahan Davis, Steven Quat, Alex Izbicki, Scott Ouellette and John Walker. **MOTION FAILS**

John Walker read motion B. **Barry Johnson** gave background on the motion. This came from an advisory committee created by the SCNC Land Use Committee. Residents have difficulty crossing in this area and they have asked for this. **Brian Mahoney** asked if there is a light by the 99 cent Store. **Barry Johnson** responded - Yes. Steven Quat said there is a park up this street and the cars coming out of this street have kids in them. They need a light at this intersection.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and Tom LaBonge make a Motion to install a full traffic light at Lankershim Boulevard and Acama Street due to incoming and outgoing traffic to and from North Weddington Park. Residents to the West of Lankershim Boulevard are all on dead end streets and need this signal to gain access to Lankershim Boulevard.

See Board Vote on Exhibit V attached to these minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimous.**

John Walker read Motion C. **Barry Johnson** gave background on the motion. There are other areas where measures have been taken to prevent cut-through traffic such as signage to prevent cut-through traffic during traffic hours. **Lee Davis** said he lives off Wrightwood. He goes through the Donnas as it is the most expeditious way to get home. If everyone takes the main roads it will create gridlock. **Simon Wise** said light sync will help but an arrow might also help. **Jeff Carter** asked which side of Lauran Canyon the motion is referring to. **Remy Kessler** would add at the end of the motion "on the west side of Laurel Canyon Blvd." **Steven Quat** said we should be more specific. **Richard Niederberg** said he brought this forward as he has seen too many people almost be hit by people cutting through. It is dangerous. **Scott Ouellette** said the motion is duplicative of the neighborhood process that was already begun. **Barry Johnson** said that the community has asked for this. **Jane Drucker** said last month we talked about the same thing on Fryman and in the Carpenter area. We are divvying up the city into little blogs. We need to keep traffic moving through Studio City. This may cause more problems than it answers. **Alex Izbicki** said this is a symptom of a bigger problem. He supports the impediment of cut-through traffic. We are impacting how people live in their homes. He supports this motion. Remy Kessler said as a Neighborhood Council we have an obligation to listen to neighbors that come to the SCNC. The community is looking to us for help on this major problem. Other communities can come before the board as well. **Jon Epstein** said he is in a class on government and there are different types of representational government. We need to look at the community as a whole. **Lana Shackelford** said if you were to have signage for traffic impediments how is that monitored. **Barry Johnson** said enforcement in this City is always questionable. First there will be a traffic study. **Denise Welvang** said you can't keep people out of neighborhoods unless you look at major traffic flows. Where are the sync lights. **Rita Villa** expressed support for the motion. **Lisa Sarkin** said Studio City traffic is considered a community problem not a city wide problem. **Lisa Sarkin** said she supports the motion. **Brian Mahoney** said the motion is vague. He is opposed to it. **Barry Johnson** said all his motions are vague as we are asking the councilman to explore something. We are not stating what we want him to do. We want them to have a traffic study. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said this motion is not specific enough. **Richard Niederberg** said there are already other signs in the area.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian explore possible actions along with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to stop Laurel Canyon Boulevard cut-thru traffic on the residential streets of Fryman Road, Oakdell Road, Laurel Terrace Drive and the "Dona" Streets on the west side of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

See Board Vote on Exhibit VI attached to these minutes. **Motion Carried.**

13. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan Davis and Lana Shackelford.** **Lisa Cahan Davis** reported that we need volunteers for the winter family festival. Monday December 8th the Outreach Committee met regarding street banners. We need 90 day permits now. It is more work for us now as we go forward with the street banners. Time is of the essence. We need to pay the permit fee very quickly as our permit ends 3/2/15. We will have 40 to 60 pole locations. The Green Living Fair will be Saturday 4/18/15. Last year we had 700 people. We gave away 200 trees. If you know any non-profits that want to be part of the fair let us know. We may have locations on both the north and south side of the river near Valley Heart drive and Coldwater Canyon. The pie contest will be held first this year. The event will take place from 10am to 2 pm. Premiums are being discussed by the outreach committee and the pricing is being obtained. Movies in the Park is being worked on by Alex Izbicki. He is reviewing titles being considered and Universal Studios has received a request for films that are scrubbed for "G" audiences. The dates will be 6/27/14 and 7/25/14 from 6:30 pm to 10 pm. Film LA will provide free popcorn. The Outreach Committee is creating a list of best practices for committees planning an event going forward. **Barry Johnson** would like to ask that residents of northeastern most part of Studio City get some banners from the river north to Whipple on Lankershim. One movie should be held at north Weddington Park; **Scott Ouellette** needs a budget for the 4 events and for the banners and premiums.

John Walker read the motion.

Motion: The Board of the SCNC hereby approves funding of \$229 to be paid to AAA Flag & Banner Mfg. Co. for the City of LA permit application fee good for 90 days at a time (Period: March 2, 2015 with removals and re-location June 2, 2015) for 60 street pole locations.

See Board Vote on Exhibit VII attached to these minutes. Unanimous. **Motion Carried**

Lana Shackelford thanked everyone who helped on the Luminaria and thanked Brian Mahoney and his family for working so hard.

14. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin. Shane Gregory** said she is a wireless activist and has been working on this for three years. It may be cumbersome. She would encourage us to say a no cell towers period. The levels of RF in our parks are presently low but putting in cell towers will cause the levels to be very high. **Mary Gregory** – opposed to cell towers in the park. **Mark Batterman** asked if we received the letter from the Park Advisory Board. The current park advisory board said the letter they sent in opposition to cell towers in the parks is being held back by The Recreation and Parks Dept. We pool our

money and buy parks to recreate. Why do you go to a park? Most people go there to get away from all of the stuff of everyday life. We must not allow monetization of the parks by commercial entities. **Jay Freeman** said stakeholders have spent much time in preventing cell towers in the parks. We need to prevent this from happening all together or again later on they will try again. He read an alternative motion he would like the board to consider. At this point ATT has not withdrawn their application. **Christine Kim** said she lives on Millbank Street. She has two kids that play in the park a lot. The issue is that they are now putting something up on the corner of Rye and Beeman. That would be a mini cell tower. Radiation would still go into the park. This is a larger issue and there is no permitting process. There needs to be a permitting process for public right of ways throughout the City of Los Angeles. Cell towers are qualitatively different from telephone wires. **Andria Rothchild** said that she has kids that play in the park. She liked the changes to the motion which have been suggested. They do not want any cell towers or cell equip in the park. More than half the people here tonight were here for this issue. There is a growing concern over the issue of cell tower locations. **Larry Golding** said he is in favor of the motion. **Todd Samoritz** said he is in favor of the motion. **Leslie Samovitz** indicated she is in favor of the motion. **Andy Sigal** said he is in favor of the motion. **Mary Zalrasek** said she has been going to Beeman Park for the past ten years. She has gathered signatures to oppose cell tower in the park. There are many small children that are taken to the park and these towers must not be allowed. **Kellie Kowilick** said she is in favor of motion. **Colleen Kowalik** said she is in favor of the motion. **Judy Kautz** said she is in favor of the motion. Shirley Winslo said she is in favor of the motion. **Karen Moskowitz** said she lives on Rye Street and she is a founding member of the Beeman Park coalition. The parks are sanctuaries and need to be free of commercialization and need to be safe. They are where our most vulnerable population go. The schools have banned the towers and they should be banned in the park also. The SCRA opposes cell towers in the parks. Please adopt the motion. **Shan Albert** is in favor of the motion. **Lori Park** is in favor of the motion. **Jill Gettolee** is opposed to cell towers and in favor of the motions. There are two preschools in Beeman Park and she urges us to support the motion. Please help us to be healthy and keep what we have. We must stop this now. **Kim Timeremum** is opposed to cell towers in the park. **Jason Haronch** said he lives at Rye Street. He has photos of wire installation of cell wires in the public right of way near the park. There is a loop hole. Municipal Code Section 62.08, above ground facilities need a permit for new poles but not on existing poles. He is opposed to cell towers in the park but we need to add something about their construction in the public right of way. **Tara Jones** is a resident of Millbank Street and she has three children that use the park all the time. The community is 100% against having the cell tower in the park. She does not want the language about notice to NC's to be included in the motion. **Barry Johnson** said he is in favor of regulating what is in public right of ways. That should be in a different motion as public right of ways are not under the department of recreation and parks. **Mark Batterman** asked us to consider that they tried to slide this through without the

public knowledge and then held the park advisory board letter opposing cell towers back.

John Walker read the motion.

Lisa Sarkin said they would dig up the whole park if this went through. The letter withdrawing the ATT application has not been received so we are going through with this motion. This will go to two different places. The council file and also to the public utilities commission and other places as requested by CD2. **Ms. Kim** spoke to the 9th circuit case on putting towers into parks. Local authorities retain jurisdiction. **Scott Ouellette** said he is concerned about getting cell signals in places like Griffith Park. It could be a public safety issue. **Richard Niederberg** asked about moving it off site. This will just move it into a neighborhood and it will still be near the park and radiation will still hit the park. **Brian Mahoney** said there should be an outright ban.

Steven Quat left the meeting so now there are 14 voting members present so it takes 8 votes to pass a motion.

Lisa Cahan Davis said we need to add that cell towers should be banned in the parks plus 200 yards. **Jon Epstein** asked why Lisa's motion to amend is not being considered and said he wants to do another amendment. **Jane Drucker** said she will vote for the motion because it is the best we have but we all want our cell phones to work where ever we go. We have a larger issue here until the technology evolves. **Denisse Welvang** said the reason we put in the notification process is because they tried to sneak this installation by us. **Richard Niederberg** said you will still have wifi. **Alex Izbicki** said there should be acceptable radiation standards for different locations and we need to focus on that. He would like the notification process wording included in the motion so that they have to come to us. **Lana Shackelford** said she agrees with Scott, Jane and Denise. She believes that large companies will find ways to go around an obstacle. Why does ATT want this tower in the park? She said the large companies will engage with the public but they have ways to get around the rules. **Gail Steinberg** said when they came to the Land Use Committee meeting, the gentleman said the application was being withdrawn but it was clear they were coming back with something else. **Alex Izbicki** would like a hearing and approval process to be required. Lisa Sarkin said we only get information on land use issues because of the MOU that NC's have with the planning department. If we remove the notification provisions we could get nothing in terms of notifications. After various iterations the motion was amended. Rita Villa read the amended motion.

Amended Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the installation of cellular towers, cell antennas and any wireless equipment in a public park. Any wireless instillation in the City of LA must go through a public notification process including notification to the Neighborhood Councils, Park Advisory Boards,

Community Groups and the Neighbors. We request that distributed antenna systems (DAS), small cell and other wireless systems be included in the public permitting process. This motion should be filed as a Community Impact Statement [Council File No. 12-0590-S3].

See Board Vote on Exhibit VIII attached to these minutes. Scott Ouellette abstained. Lana Shackelford opposed. **Motion Carried**

Remy Kessler left the meeting. Now there are 13 voting members present and 7 votes are required to pass a motion.

15. Public Safety Committee Report and Budget Advocates by **Brandon Pender**. **Brandon Pender** reported that the Public Safety Committee had a meeting on Wed and they are setting up dates for second round of CERT trainings, the emergency preparedness training and red cross training for CPR and first aid. He reported that the classes can be held at Pinz Bowling Alley. They have set the date for the next National Night Out. The Budget Advocates met with City Attorney and other departments. Their white paper will be put out in a couple of weeks. Communications technology is a serious concern as not enough money has been allocated to the emergency communication system. It would be a 2 billion dollar commitment to get a new system. The City Attorney office would like 40 more attorneys in the next year. The LA Police Department has a man power shortage situation as they can't hire through attrition. They are only able to replace non-sworn personnel. The Budget Advocates still have to meet with the fire department, the police protective league and the unions. They have another meeting with the retention committee. **John Walker** asked about National Night Out being on a Saturday which is a different date than the rest of the nation. He also advised Brandon that any events held off the CBS lot need to have a certificate of insurance issued to cover the event. **Lisa Sarkin** said we need a budget, and can't do an event in January as we need approval of all events from DONE at least 30 days before the event. **Lana Shackelford** asked if the location has already been determined. The response was Pinz Bowling Alley. **Richard Niederberg** said he did the course at the city park. No bonding or money was necessary.

16. **Government Affairs Committee Report by Rita Villa. Rita Villa** indicated that due to the lateness of the hour Motion A would be tabled for this meeting and would be placed on the next Board agenda.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian make a motion to stop the removal of all mature parkway trees (defined as being greater than 10 inches in diameter by standard arborists' calculation) due to required driveway apron widening when new construction occurs. Driveway aprons would be allowed to remain their current size if a mature tree would have to be removed because of required apron

dimensions. Furthermore, any new construction that would put a driveway on the opposite side of the present driveway and cause a mature tree to be removed, would be prohibited. The owner would be asked to do a mirror image of their blueprint to keep the driveway where it is currently located. Any removal of a mature parkway tree would require a variance.

Exhibit IX was not used.

John Walker read Motion B. **Rita Villa** gave background on Motion B. **Barry Johnson** said he is afraid there is something fishy going on with the selection process. **Brandon Pender** said there should be more transparency in the process and we should request a middle of the road, independent evaluator be used to do an apples to apples comparison between the two proposals. He said that the Mayor has leanings towards Live Nations. **Richard Niederberg** had to recuse himself and left the meeting.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council support the financially-superior and stakeholder-supported Nederlander-Greek, Inc. and AEG Live, LLC, a Joint Venture (Nederlander-AEG), proposal for the concession operation and management of the Greek Theater from 2016 through the duration of the proposal's contract term including all extensions. This motion should be filed as a Community Impact Statement [Council File No. 14-1500].

James Ewing gave background on the firm he works for, Nederlander. He is the VP of finance. Nederlander has put together a very powerful group with a noted historical architectural expert. They are partnering with AEG One Earth who has set the standards for this type of venue. Nederlander-AEG will guarantee the city \$17.5 million more in revenue than their competitor. They will pay percentage rents of 10 % vs 8% percentage rent in their competitor's proposal. They have community and labor support. They have 30,000 people that have signed a petition in support of their proposal. The Toluca Lake NC also gave support of their proposal. They will pay \$1.977 million dollars to the City this year. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked when the contract will go into effect. Response: The new contract begins 11/16/15. The season begins 4/2016. **Jon Epstein** asked why we were weighing in on this. **Rita Villa** explained that funds earned from the Greek theater benefit parks throughout the city. **Alex Izbicki** said this is a great venue. **Gail Steinberg** asked what will happen if you don't get the contract. **James Ewing** explained the timing of booking acts for the venue.

See Board Vote on Exhibit X attached to these minutes. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Richard Niederberg returned to the meeting.

17. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** reported that the Luminaria was a great event. Bill Harmond got his 10 hours of service in already. He also reported that matters that are the subject of ACE will be handled by temporary judges that are currently undergoing training. He also asked if the Campo has sent an invoice for our rent.
18. VANC Report by **Denise Welvang**. **Denise Welvang** reported that there is no VANC report as there was no meeting.
19. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jane Drucker**. **Jane Drucker** said she was always the rebel. She finds it comical that she heads the group from this board that puts the rules into place. She invited Barry Johnson to send her any conflicts he knows about in the bylaws so the bylaws committee can address them. Major item to be discussed such as eligibility for board seats should be vetted by the bylaws committee and not downtown. She did not have approval of the President to include that item on the bylaws agenda. **John Walker** explained why he had contacted the city attorney before the matter was included on a bylaws agenda. **Jeff Carter** raised a point of order. He asked "Can the president approve agendas?" Per the SCNC bylaws, the president only has the right to approve board agendas. He hopes that the bylaws committee can be allowed to meet and discuss what it wants to meet upon. **Remy Kessler** said, from a historical perspective, committee agendas are vetted in advance of the meeting. If a motion is potentially unlawful, the President has the right and authority to bring it to the city attorney. **Lisa Sarkin** said the wording on the agenda of possible motion says it all. That is why the matter was discussed with the city attorney before the agenda was released.

Returned to Agenda item number 12.

20. Nominations for Board Treasurer. **Rita Villa** nominated Bill Harmond. **Second** by Lisa Sarkin. **Jon Epstein** nominated Richard Niederberg. **Richard Niederberg** declined. Vote – Unanimous.
21. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Jane Drucker** said that we need more microphones. **John Walker** responded that he will request additional microphones. **Lisa Cahan Davis** requested volunteers for the booth at the Winder Family Festival this Sunday. **Alex Izbicki** volunteered. **Jane Drucker** volunteered for a time slot after 2:30PM. **Jon Epstein** said for future motions we should have the exact provisions of what CD2 is looking for rather than being vague.
22. Adjournment. **Moved:** Denise Welvang. **Second:** Rita Villa. Vote: Unanimous.