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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020
7:00pm Meeting

ENC May Virtual General Board Meeting

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Call to Order at 7:00pm. Meeting called to order at 7:16pm with a quorum of 12.

Seating of Alternates

Discussion and Possible Action: Should any Representative and its Alternate be absent The President may nominate Alternates of other seats to fill that seat for this meeting only, whom may be seated upon approval by the seated members of the Board.

MOTION: To approve President Garay's Recommendations for the seating of alternates

1. Public Comment on "Non-Agenda" Items (10 min): Public calling in can press *9 on your phone to speak on non-agenda items. Those that are using the video feature can use the "raise your hand" feature to request to speak on non-agenda items. **TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker is allotted; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes.** Time may be adjusted at President's discretion.

-Laure had a question about the slow streets item but will defer to the agenda item to speak on.

-Glenn B. clarified item is 6C.

-Public comment period closed.

2. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (25 min):

A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups –Gibson Nyambura (5 min) – Discussed Zoom meetings and the license for the 99 NCs. Webinar is the recommended type of meeting. Voting should be done by role call since some only listen through audio. Mentioned meeting with the GM for NC Presidents and Chairs. Live ethics training this coming Friday. Last day for Bylaws changes is June 30th.

- Kari P. asked about the live ethics and confirmed it's this coming Friday. She did not receive the email.

- Glenn B. asked if it's for Presidents and Committee Chairs, needed clarification. Gibson stated it's for Presidents and Chairs. Requested clarification if, on Bylaws, there's no structure change, that we would be able to submit our Bylaws changes. Gibson stated we would be OK to turn in our changes by June 30th.

B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Chris Givens, Field Deputy for Encino (818) 971-3088 (5 min)

- retail businesses allowed to open, gave a shout out to Samantha G & Nick G for taking images of the restaurants that are open for takeout and delivery. Has received concerns about brush clearance – will start in July. Encampments, the City is not removing encampments but are cleaning areas. At this time encampments are not being removed. No decision on what will happen with homeless staying in rec centers, being worked on. DOT is getting around to the backlog of signs that need to be replaced. Asked area reps to email him directly if there are signs that need to be replaced. Small business micro loan program is up. Concerns were brought up about businesses that have not qualified for loans yet still have to pay rent. Chris will look into and send out information on programs available. The Sherman Hotel was discussed regarding the homeless that are being housed there with Covid-19.

C. Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Jeremy Saraie, Field Rep for Encino (818) 346-4521 (5min)

- District office is working with constituents connect with EDD. Talked about the money EDD has paid out. Legislative agenda is moving along, practicing social distancing. Some bills are: AB3308, allow school districts to build housing on their grounds for staff and teachers. AB2058, a tax credit for non-profits. AB2266, response on hate crimes, provide training and best enforcement practices.

D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers: Officer Walia (5 min) – not in attendance

E. Budget Advocate (5min) – spoke about the White Paper and how to access it online.

- One comment from the public regarding funding.

3. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 min):



Open Positions Include: Education Rep (1) & Alt (1), At-Large Alt (2), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Planning & Land Use Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 1 Alt (1), Area 2 Alt (1), Area 3 Alt (1) & Area 7 Alt (1). – **None received**

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report (5 min) – Welcomed everyone back

B. Vice President's Report (5 min) – Current Committees and Membership Information – Committees are starting to meet.

C. Treasure's Report – (10 Minutes): Discussed available funds, about \$21K left in budget

C1. **MOTION – Approval of February, March & April 2020 MER – Pat moved, Karie 2nd. Passed 13-0-0.**

D. Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes): Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct – training required of members.

E. Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the ENC General Board February 2020 minutes. The ENC's February General Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483402-5587.pdf> -

Passed 13-0-0

5. NEW BUSINESS: Funding Items (15min)

5A. One Generation Senior Symposium: At the February 26th 2020 General Board meeting the ENC approved \$750 for the Senior Symposium that was going to be on May 16th. The event has been changed to a virtual event and has been moved to June 13th, 2020. According to the City Clerk, the funds paid to One Generation can be used for the virtual event. The event is called the Summertime Symposium Series. Although there will be a virtual event, they will also send out a Symposium Resource Book via mail to their database and the ENC can use the funds for advertising in the book, including but not limited to our logo, possibly an ad or some type of informational page on relevant NC information. The book will act as a "booth" whereas instead of an individual talking to an NC Rep, they will read about it in the resource book. Our other option is to divert the funds to the current COVID-19 response efforts currently offered at ONEgeneration. – **A discussion was had about the virtual meeting. A motion to approve was introduced if the virtual event is before July 15th, otherwise funds would be refunded to the City. Passed: 11-0-1-1 (1 recusasl, 1 abstention).**



5B. Funding for the Budget Advocates: Each year the ENC helps fund the Budget Advocates who rely on support from NCs. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-109:** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support allocating \$750 from this year's budget for the Budget Advocates. **Passed: 5-0-0.**

- **One public comment regarding use of funds.**
- **Board member comment concern that no useful legislation has come from this in the past and urged not to fund the Budget Advocates.**
- **One board member spoke in support of the motion**
- **Passed 12-0-3**

5C. New laptop for the ENC: The Encino Neighborhood Council needs to upgrade our laptop. The recommended laptop is a Dell purchased directly from Dell. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-114:** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends purchasing a Dell laptop directly from Dell and requests up to \$1500 for the purchase. **Passed: 5-0-0.**

- **A long discussion about the cost of the PC was held. Ultimately the ENC voted to approve the expense, Passed: 13-0-0**

5D. NPG Request – Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair: The 13th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is scheduled for October 10th, 2020 and is scheduled to go on as planned. The ENC typically approves the request from the current fiscal budget in order to start advertising and using the ENC logo in the literature they begin sending out. We have received an NPG request from the Southern California Preparedness Foundation, 19300 Rinaldi St., #7333, Northridge, CA 91327 in the amount of \$850. Refer to supporting document VDPF 2020 NPG Encino. This NPG is for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on October 10th, 2020 in the parking lot of the Northridge Mall. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-118:** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the ENC approve the NPG request in the amount of \$850 from this year's budget. **Passed: 5-0-0.**

- **A brief discussion lead to a vote, motion passed: 13-0-0**

5E. NPG Request – Teen Court, COVID-19 Critical Need Service. A request from Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action, 18017 Chatsworth St., #337, Granada Hills, CA 91344 in the amount of \$4000. Refer to supporting document NPG.ENCINO NC for the scope of the NPG. The ENC's Executive Committee agreed that the entire board should weigh in on this NPG. – **deferred until further information is received.**

5F. Ratify a \$500 expenditure, from emergency funds, for lunch to the Encino Hospital for the front line team during the emergency.

5G. Ratify a \$500 expenditure, from emergency funds, to One Generation during the pandemic to assist in stocking their food bank.

- **5 F & 5G was moved to vote on together, passed: 13-0-0**

Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, June 3rd at 7pm, passed. Meeting will start with item 5H

5H. Funding for Congress of Neighborhoods: Discussion and possible action – should the Encino Neighborhood Council support allocating funds for the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$750?

6. NEW BUSINESS: NON-FUNDING ITEMS (15min):

6A. White Paper – CF 20-0600, MOTION; EXE-20-05-108: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the support CF 20-0600, however there is a concern that a previous request was omitted from the White Paper. The



Encino Neighborhood Council hereby commends the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2020 White Paper and supports filing a CIS in support of CF 20-0600 with concerns. We know the Budget Advocates spend hundreds of hours with Los Angeles City Departments discussing budgets, strategic plans, and operational matters to produce the 2020-2021 White Paper and recommendations. That said, the Encino Neighborhood Council is very disappointed to find that The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was not addressed at all in the report. Our area includes the 2031 acre Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area (Basin) which is substantially operated by RAP. There are ongoing issues in the Basin which need to be addressed by either more funding or different resource allocation. The Encino Neighborhood Council has been requesting a dedicated ranger presence to counteract illegal and unsafe activity in the Basin wildlife areas, including a request that it be addressed during preparation of the report. In 2019 there were two substantial and dangerous brush fires in the Basin related to illegal encampments; the burned areas are again overgrown and will be very dry and ready to burn in a couple months or less. **Item deferred to an adjourned regular meeting.**

6B. Chick Fil A – Too much time has passed and the ZA has not set a date for the hearing. In addition the ENC has not been invited to meetings with DOT & Chick Fil A. According to the CD5 staff, Greg M., the Councilmember’s Public Safety Deputy is the perfect person to represent Encino. Residents do not agree with this. Should the ENC request that Councilmember Koretz request support from all City Council members to have the ZA hold an immediate hearing, even if conducted virtually. This is potentially an issue for other communities...currently a Chick Fil A is under construction at Ventura and Winnetka which may face the same or worse backups. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-110:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that Councilmember Koretz immediately introduce a motion from City Council to have the Zoning Administrator hold an emergency virtual public hearing to review the conditional use permit for the Chick Fil A, located at 17660 Ventura Blvd., due to the public safety concerns caused by the backup of traffic and illegal use of cones to mitigate traffic and hear from the community. In addition City Council should be able to request future public hearings from the ZA when public safety is a concern. **Passed:4-0-1 – Item deferred to an adjourned regular meeting**

6C. Open Streets for Safety in Encino: the NCSA Transportation Committee is working with Streets For All, which has an exciting proposal to open up streets to people during the pandemic so that folks have more space to walk, run, or bike while staying six feet away from each other. You can visit <http://streetsforall.org/covid19> to learn more. Many other cities are doing this—including San Francisco, which announced their plan Tuesday.

The City of LA would prefer that each neighborhood contribute to the selection of the streets to be opened in their area. So, we are asking the Encino NC to 1) support the effort by passing a motion and 2) identify which streets in Encino you would like to be opened. This would be two to four miles within your borders that you would like to designate as “slow streets”—where cars and emergency vehicles can still pass, but where there would be a treatment to calm traffic.

When selecting and identifying the streets, please consider these guidelines:

NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS:

- 1 - 2-4 miles total, ideally a loop
- 2 - If crossing major streets, try and do it at a light
- 3 - If any part of the NC district is park-poor, consider prioritizing that area
- 4 - Use green color to indicate the lines (use the draw tool and “add a line or shape”)

MAJOR STREETS (optional):

- 1 - Use purple color to indicate the lines



2 - These would be probably cone-ing off a parking lane to “extend” the sidewalk

3 - While it is much more likely that the City will slow neighborhood streets than major streets, we don’t think there is harm in mapping both

The ENC’s Executive Committee believes that making recommendations about the flow of traffic on our streets is something that should require community involvement. If the board agrees that this is a good idea, we would need to engage the community for recommendations on streets, then have public comment before arbitrarily selecting streets. Discussion and possible motion. – Item deferred to an adjourned regular meeting

6D. 2021 NC Voting: The ENC has requested in the past to include (in addition to vote in person) voting by mail. Given that the new elections are about a year away this is a good time to begin requesting to addition of vote by mail. This items does not replace in person voting but to add vote by mail for those that cannot vote in person or rather vote by mail. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-112:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support requesting from DONE, the City Clerk and City Council to add vote by mail for the May 16th 2021 NC elections. This does not replace vote in person rather to add vote by mail for residents that may not be able to vote on the 16th or unable to make it to the polling site. **The ENC strenuously requests that DONE, the City Clerk & City Council add vote by mail, in addition to the existing vote in person, to all NCs, including those that require verification/documentation in order to vote, such as the Encino Neighborhood Council. Item deferred to an adjourned regular meeting**

6E. ENC Budget Reps: It’s time for the ENC to select two people to be the budget representatives for the ENC. Our current representatives are Pat Bates and Walter Almora. **Discussion and selection of two board members to act as budget representatives for the ENC. – Item adjourned to an adjourned regular meeting.**

6F. CF 20-0190: A request to have Park Rangers armed while on duty, refer to supporting document CF 20-0190. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-117:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support CF 20-0190 so our Park Rangers will be armed while on duty. **Passed: 5-0-0. – Item pulled by the Park Ranger that requested support until the June General Board meeting.**

6G: Neighborhood Council Scope of Statutory Authority: NCs are being asked to not communicate NC positions with non-LA City organizations as we are advisors to LA City only. This does not mean we cannot communicate with non-LA City organizations, such as but not limited to; State Assembly, County Supervisors, State Senators, State Congress leaders, rather the request is that NCs do not send positions that NCs voted on. The Eagle Rock NC has drafted a document (refer to supporting document: Scope of Statutory Authority). The supporting document reads that we are being asked not to communicate with non-LA City organizations however we are asked not to submit our positions to non-LA City organizations. The ENC’s Executive Committee would like the board to discuss before a possible motion is decided on. – **Item deferred to an adjourned regular meeting.**

7. Committee Reports Items: 30min.

7A. Bylaws Committee: Victoria Miller/Lee Blumenfeld



- 1) **First reading of the proposed Bylaws revisions/changes**
- 2) **ENC Map:** Discussion and possible action – there are a few different versions of the areas covered by the ENC; 1 – on the ENC’s About Us page, in the ENC’s Bylaws and on the EmpowerLA site under the Encino Neighborhood Council. All the maps are different and the same map should be used on all three locations. Areas of concern are: some maps indicated the NC as “CC” and needs to be changed. The ENC has 7 different AREAS however on the maps they are listed as districts and that needs to be changed to Areas. One map indicates that we are part of a different City Council District. Upon review, the best map to use would be the one that’s in the EmpowerLA site for the ENC, as long as the current text of “District” is changed to “Area”, that the NC is listed as NC not “CC” as in certain parts of the map and that the proper City Council Districts are listed for the ENC. **Possible motion: The ENC requests from DONE to use the map on the EmpowerLA site, under the Encino Neighborhood Council coverage area, and incorporate that map into the ENC’s Bylaws after the following corrections are made: Change all text listing the areas as DISTRICT to AREA, that the NC is properly referred to as NC and not CC and to ensure that the proper City Council Districts are noted under the ENC’s coverage area. – Deferred to an adjourned regular meeting.**

7B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

7D. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

7E. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

7F. Outreach Committee: Alex Garay

7G. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik

7H. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

1. First reading of the proposed Bylaws changes

7I. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

7J. Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

7K. Executive Committee – Alex Garay

8. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items (10 min).

Adjournment at 9:00pm – **closed meeting at 9:30pm, adjourned until Wednesday, June 3rd at 7pm**

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

Community Events:

- **ENC Executive Committee Selections; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Sergeant at Arms**



- **Scheduled to speak at the June ENC General Board meeting: LA City Controller, Ron Galperin**

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