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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 24th, 2020

7:00pm Meeting

MINUTES

ENC June Virtual General Board Meeting

When: Jun 24, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: ENC June 2020 Regular Board Meeting

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Call to Order at 7:00pm. – Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

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. No alternates were present.

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

- 1. Selection of Executive Committee (10 min):** Annual selection of the ENC’s Executive Committee. Positions are; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Sergeant at Arms. Conducted by Gibson Nyambura from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
Gibson conducted the selection/vote for the President of the ENC. Alex Garay was voted in as President, Victoria Miller voted as Vice President, Lee Blumenfeld as Sergeant at Arms and Patricia Bates as Treasurer unanimously. The position for Secretary was pushed to the next ENC’s General Board meeting as she was not present.

- 2. Presentation by LA City Controller – Ron Galperin (40 min) – Controller Galperin spoke and there were several questions from the public and Board Members.**

- 3. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 min): Area 7 Alternate Application received.**
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). **No applications received.**

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Officer's Reports:

A. President’s Report

B. Vice President’s Report (5 min) – Current Committees and Membership Information

C. Treasurer’s Report – (15 Minutes):

C1. MOTION – Approval of May 2020 MER (5 min) – Passed 13-0-0



C2. Review and approve the 2020-2021 ENC Budget (10 min) – Discussion that Pat is the 1st signer, Alex Garay is the 2nd signer & Glenn Bailey is the alternate. 1st card holder is Pat, 2nd card holder is Alex, no changes occurred. A discussion regarding the budget started. MOTION – The ENC approves the Neighborhood Council Funding Program Administrative Packet, including the budget as presented. Passed: 13-0-0.

D. Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes): Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct – training required of members. No report provided. Glenn asked for clarification on DONE's website, the site does not show the proper ENC Board Members., Gibson will work with Alex to make sure the proper people are listed on DONE's site.

E. Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the ENC General Board May 2020 & June Adjourned Regular Board Meeting minutes. Karie was not in attendance, the only minutes available are the May minutes. The ENC voted to approve the May General Board minutes. Passed: 13-0-0

5. NEW BUSINESS – Bylaws 2nd Reading:

5A. 2nd Reading of the Proposed Bylaws Changes (30 min): 2nd reading of the proposed Bylaws changes. Discussion and possible motion: The updated Bylaws were read. After discussion and public comment, a Board Member called for the vote. The following motion was read: The Encino Neighborhood Council approves the Bylaws as read and update of the map. Passed: 12 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)

5B. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (10 min):

1. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups –Gibson Nyambura (5 min) – Gibson thanked Glenn Bailey for mentioning that the 800 call in feature is available on their website so people can use that number to call in and not have to pay for their minutes. He mentioned that there may be one final BONC meeting but to submit the Bylaws after the meeting and to make sure that they would not have to go to BONC. The budget needs to be submitted quickly after the meeting, if received late funds may be frozen. Virtual meetings will be with us for a while.

2. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Chris Givens, Field Deputy for Encino (818) 971-3088 (5 min) – Chris Givens provided a lengthy update which will be sent to all the Board Members and posted on the ENC's website. Additional updates were provided from: Jeremy Saraie, Assemblymember Gabriel's Office & Blake Clayton, Supervisor Kuehl's Office.

6. NEW BUSINESS – FUNDING:

6A. YMCA Funding NPG Request (5min): An NPG has been received from the YMCA requesting \$1000, please see supporting document : NPG YMCA & YWVALLEY Community Story June 2020. MOTION; EXE-20-06-119: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support funding the Neighborhood Purposes grant request from the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles. The grant would provide \$1,000 to be used by the West Valley Family YMCA in support of its pandemic response activities including food and essentials assistance, blood drives, and other services to the community. The board shall include this grant as an encumbrance to its 2019-2020 funds. The funding request will be submitted for funding from 2020-2021 funds. Passed: 4-0-0. – Not heard, pushed to next meeting as Old Business.



6B. Street Signs (5min): The restricted parking times have been changed to ease traffic on Ventura Blvd. Eastbound in the mornings from 9am to 10am and new signs need to be purchased to reflect the change. The cost to purchase new signs is approximately \$14,000. **MOTION; EXE-20-06-120:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support funding the cost of the signs and will be an encumbrance to its 2019-2020 funds. The funding request will be submitted for funding from 2020-2021 funds. **Passed: 4-0-0.**

After a lengthy discussion, a request to add language to the motion occurred. In addition, a Board Member recommended that the ENC’s Executive Committee discuss, and vote if needed, to request that Councilmember Koretz introduce a motion to City Council to request that the returned funds from the Los Encino NPG get put into the ENC’s 2020-2021 budget. Those funds will cover the difference of the amount encumbered and the balance for the signs. The motion passed: 12 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A)

7. NEW BUSINESS – NON FUNDING:

7A. CF 20-0692 (10min) – A request has been introduced to the City to identify cutting at least \$100 - \$150 million dollars from the LAPD’s budget and have the funds reinvested back into disadvantaged communities. Prior to COVID-19 a consistent concern of Encino residents were slow response times from the LAPD. After discussion, the ENC’ **MOTION; EXE-20-05-121:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council *not support* removing funding from the LAPD’s budget. Rather than remove funds, the City should support the LAPD by assisting with ongoing deescalation training, psychological evaluations of officers, providing best practices guidelines and diverting calls where LAPD officers are not required. **Passed: 4-0-0.**

Not heard – pushed to next meeting as Old Business

7B. Introduction of a disaster fund for NCs (5min) – Another disaster will happen in Los Angeles, whether it’s another pandemic, natural disaster (earthquake, fire, flood, etc…), or some other emergency each NC should have a dedicated disaster fund that can be self-funded at the end of each fiscal year. NC’s should not rely on using existing funds when and if an emergency occurs, especially with the cuts in the new budget. Rather, each NC should be able to self-fund a disaster fund for future use (see supporting document: NC Disaster Fund).

MOTION; EXE-20-06-122: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support requesting the creation of a disaster fund for each NC in the City of Los Angeles which will be self-funded with each NC’s budget. This does not replace the current rollover funds each NC is allowed to rollover at the end of each fiscal year, this is in addition to the rollover. Each year each NC should be able to, by board approval, fund up to \$5000 from unused funds into a disaster fund. Funds are specific to each NC. **Passed: 4-0-0**

Not heard – pushed to next meeting as Old Business

7C. CF 20-0190 (5min) – A request to have Park Rangers armed while on duty, refer to supporting document CF 20-0190. **MOTION; EXE-20-06-123:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support CF 20-0190 so our Park Rangers can be armed while on duty. **Passed: 5-0-0.**

Not heard – pushed to next meeting as Old Business

8. 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.



A loss of quorum occurred abruptly after voting on item 6B, approximately 9:15pm. All items were pushed to the next General Board meeting as Old Business. Although no further voting could occur, several Board Members remained on to hear the public comment from the attendees.

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

Adjournment at 9:00pm – The meeting adjourned in memory of the former President of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, Ron Ziff who passed as a result of COVID-19 and Bill Hopkins who headed up the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Bill passed the prior Sunday after being ill for several months.

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

