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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 26th, 2020  
7:00pm Meeting

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**Call to Order at 7:00pm.**

- **Meeting called to order at 7pm**

### **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. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (25 min), 7:30pm:**

- \* LAUSD District 4 Nick Melvoin's – **Rachel Sherman**, [rachel.sherman@lausd.net](mailto:rachel.sherman@lausd.net) (213) 241-6387
- \* **Nick Melvoin provided an update to the community, especially relating to COVID testing**
- \* Councilmember Paul Koretz: **Chris Givens**, [christopher.givens@lacity.org](mailto:christopher.givens@lacity.org) (818) 971-3088
- \* **Chris Givens provided an update to the community relating to Encino, reminder to keep incident number**
- \* Mayor Garcetti's Office – **Tanaz Golshan**, [tanaz.golshan@lacity.org](mailto:tanaz.golshan@lacity.org) (818) 778-4990
- \* **Tanaz Golshan provided an update regarding COVID and resources available**
- \* City Attorney's Office – Valley Prosecutor – **Michael Liu**, [michael.liu@lacity.org](mailto:michael.liu@lacity.org) (818) 374-6837
- \* **Michael Liu provided an update on party houses in Encino**
- \* Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: **Jeremy Saraie**, Field Representative, [Jeremy.Saraie@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Saraie@asm.ca.gov) (818) 346-4521
- \* **Jeremy Saraie provided an update to the community**
- \* LA County Supervisor Kuehl: **Blake Clayton**, [BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov) (818) 880-9416
- \* **Blake Clayton provided an update to the community**
- \* Senator Stern's Office – **Jeremy Wolf**, [jeremy.wolf@sen.ca.gov](mailto:jeremy.wolf@sen.ca.gov) (818) 876-3352
- \* **Jeremy was not in attendance**
- \* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – **Gibson Nyambura**, [Gibson.nyambura@lacity.org](mailto:Gibson.nyambura@lacity.org) (213) 978-1551
- \* **Gibson Nyambura provided an update regarding board member training.**
- \* Budget Advocate: **Lee Blumenfeld**, [encleeb@gmail.com](mailto:encleeb@gmail.com)
- \* **Lee Blumenfeld provided a BA update to the board.**

## **2. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 min), 7:55pm:**

**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 4 (Alt) & Area 7 Alt (1).

- **No applications received**

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

## **3. OLD Business (Consent)**

**3A. 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: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5697.pdf>)

**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**

- **The item passed as consent unanimously 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**3B. L.A. City allowing waivers of City Dedication on Ventura Blvd.** - Not all lanes are full lanes. Some lanes share right of way with parking lanes. Meeting the ADA requirement for sidewalks requires the driveway approaches to be steeper. Active vs passive plan to get Ventura Blvd to 120' full width. (Dedication, in property law means donation of land or creation of an easement for public use. It may be expressed or implied. An express dedication of property to public use is made by a direct appropriation of it to such use.) **Please see supporting document: City Dedication on Ventura Blvd. for the full motion & request:** <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483397-5664.pdf>

**MOTION;** The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of City Planning follow these suggestions and adhere to them during the Planning Approval process which triggers a "City Dedication" – **Passed: 4-0-0.**

- **The item passed, 15 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **4. Officer's Reports:**

#### **A. President's Report (2 min) – NC Elections CF 20-0963**

**\* Update on NC elections provided, May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the ENC's election date**

#### **B. Vice President's Report (2 min)**

**\* Will reach out to chairs to ensure up to date rosters and our new board members will need to join a committee.**

#### **C. Treasure's Report – (5 Minutes):**

##### **C1. MOTION – Approval of the July 2020 MER**

- **MER was approved by the board – Passed 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (I)**

##### **C2. MOTION – Approve the 2020-2021 ENC Budget with the rollover funds included**

**\* Will update the budget with the City, motion to revise the budget with the rollover funds included. Passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (I)**

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



\* **Update on those that need training.**

E. Secretary's Report (5 min): **MOTION:** Approval of the July General Board Meeting.

\* **July 2020 minutes on the ENC website. Motion to approve minutes: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS: Consent Items (10 min)**

- **Will listen to items 5A – 5H, multiple comment on agenda items.**

**5A. LA Works** – LA Works would like to partner up with the Encino NC to have a mask distribution day in Encino at one of our parks and help spread the word about social distancing. They are able to distribute between 200-400 masks and possibly flyers on social distancing. They would provide 2 volunteers, the masks and a table and tent if we do not want to use ours. They would need our support with: any ENC participants to help, gaining permission from the park to setup the table and any additional material we (NC) would like to provide constituents about the ENC, mask wearing and social distancing. There is no cost to the NC. **MOTION; OUT-20-08-0036: The ENC's Outreach Committee requests that the Board support the NC partnering with LA Works to distribute masks at either, Encino/Genesta Park or having people drive to the Woman's Center and collecting the masks without having to leave their cars. Tentative date is September 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 if the ENC approves. Passed: 5-0-0.**

**5B. Zoom meetings other than NC meetings** – The Outreach Committee would like to schedule the following meetings; Neighborhood Watch with LAPD and block captains for our Neighborhood Watch groups, Emergency Preparedness meeting to include information from the LAFD on fire mitigation and a Covid-19 meeting relating to helping businesses with panelists from the Senator and Assemblymember's offices to discuss business operation and grants as we move forward. **MOTION; OUT-20-08-0037: The ENC's Outreach Committee would like to host meetings pertaining to our Neighborhood Watch groups, Emergency Preparedness (including Fire Safety) & a business related Covid-19 meeting including the Chamber, Senator's office and Assemblymember's office. Dates have not been set – we are seeking board approval to host these meetings and will advise when they will occur. Passed: 5-0-0.**

**5C.** The California Legislature has the lofty and right goal of increasing housing and affordability. Many of these Bills despite good intentions are a threat to the Encino Community. The PLU Committee will discuss these Bills and have Paul Koretz, and the City council take recommended action for or against these bills:

**MOTION: The ENC urges Senator Stern, and Assemblyman Gabriel, to strongly oppose these bills: AB 725, AB 1279, AB 2345, AB-3040, AB- 3107, SB 1120, SB 1085, SB-995 and SB 902. The ENC -PLU also urges Councilman Koretz, CD5 and the L.A. City Council to lobby and vigorously oppose these listed Bills from the California Legislature., <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5696.pdf>**

**Passed: 6-0-0**



**5D. Reconsideration of a portion of the Park Pointe project due to the bankruptcy**

**LA Fitness. Senior Living and Health Club Project: Park Pointe Encino (PPE), CPC-2018-3286-VZC-SPE-ELD-SPP-SPR, VTT-74892, ENV-2018-3287-EAF.**

**Supporting Documents; PPE NC Project:** <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5699.pdf> , 17017 HOA letter of support: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5703.pdf> , Providence Letter of Support: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5706.pdf> , VICA letter of support: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483398-5707.pdf>

**ENC-PLU Motion PLU-20-08-112:** ENC-PLU Supports Project Park Pointe Encino (PPE), CPC-2018-3286-VZC-SPE-ELDSPP- SPR, VTT-74892, ENV-2018-3287-EAF. as presented on 8/11/20 w/ 364\_ number of parking spaces. The ENC-PLU requests, with the assistance of City of Planning, place restrictions on the medical office building use PROHIBITING Drug/Substance abuse clinics, “safe drug use sites,” and “Supervised Injection Sites” and similar Public-Safety/Nuisance uses due to the very close proximity of Genesta Park, the child care facility located therein, and Encino Charter Elementary. The ENC-PLU reserve the right to modify its support pending the findings of the traffic study. **Passed: 6-0-0**

**5E. MOTION; TRA-20-08-0024:** The ENC requests the LADOT investigate using stickers (like the DMV license plate stickers) to make simple changes to LADOT existing signs. ie: changing a number. **Passed: 6-0-0**

**5F. MOTION; TRA-20-08-0025:** The ENC requests a city ordinance to fine scooter renters and scooter companies who leave scooters not properly housed and in the public right of way. **Passed: 5-0-0**

**5G. West Valley Animal Shelter** – The West Valley Animal Shelter may become a privately ran shelter rather than a municipal shelter. Several constituents in Encino and other communities have expressed concerns about losing our municipal shelter. **MOTION; EXE-20-08-0124:** The ENC’s Executive Committee requests that the Encino Neighborhood Council support advising Councilmember Koretz to keep the West Valley Animal Shelter as a municipal shelter. **Passed: 5-0-0.**

- **Received comments from the agenda on item 5G.**

**5H. Support for the NOHO NC regarding vehicle noise and a call for an increase in fines** – The ENC previously passed a motion in support of the NOHO motion. Since then there has been no forward progress regarding excessive vehicle noise. **MOTION; EXE-20-08-0125:** The ENC’s Executive Committee requests that the Encino Neighborhood Council advise Councilmember Koretz that in addition to previously supporting the NOHO NC, we would like the Councilmember to pass a motion regarding excessive vehicle noise. **Passed: 5-0-0**

- **Items 5A, 5B, 5E, 5F, 5H – Passed on consent: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**



- **Item 5C was discussed. After discussion, the motion was revised. The language to report to State officials was removed. The new motion passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), A (0)**
- **Item 5D was discussed. Daniel Kashani, the project developer, provided an update of the change from a gym to medical offices. After discussion the motion was voted as presented. Item passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1(A)**
- **Item 5G was discussed, followed by several comments from the public. Most comments from the public were in favor to keep the shelter a municipal shelter. After public comment and board member comment the motion passed: 14 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (R), 1 (A)**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS: NON-CONSENT FUNDING ITEMS (5min)

**7A. Repurpose approved funds from the July ENC General Board meeting, agenda item 6A** – At the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Encino Neighborhood Council’s General Board meeting, the board approved item 6A to purchase “mask required” signs for our parks and trails. Rather than purchasing new signs, the ENC is allowed to print the MRCA and RAP signs and place our name/logo on them. **MOTION;** The Exec Committee is requesting that the board approve repurposing the funds passed at the July General Board meeting for item 6A to be used to print MRCA & RAP signs, having the ENC’s logo and laminating them from Office Depot in the same amount previously passed of \$550.

- **After discussion and public comment the item was called for a vote. The motion passed: 11 (Y), 0 (N), 4 (A), 1 (I).**

**8. Public Comment on “Non-Agenda” Items (10 min), 8:40pm:** 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.

## 9. Committee Reports Items, 8:50pm:

**8A. Outreach Committee (5min): Alex Garay – ENC August 2020 Newsletter (5min)**

- **Item passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**8B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen**

**8D. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates**

**8E. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:**



**8F. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld**

**8G. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik**

**8H. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan**

**8J. Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson**

**8K. Executive Committee – Alex Garay**

**10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items (5 min).**

**Adjournment at 9:00pm**

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm**

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**Community Events:**

