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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 28th, 2020

7:00pm Meeting

MINUTES

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Call to Order at 7:00pm. – **Meeting called to order at 7:06pm**

Seating of Alternates – **No alternates in attendance.**



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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 (30 min):

- * Councilmember Paul Koretz: **Chris Givens**, christopher.givens@lacity.org (818) 971-3088
- * Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: **Jeremy Saraie**, Field Representative, Jeremy.Saraie@asm.ca.gov (818) 346-4521
- * LA County Supervisor Kuehl: **Blake Clayton**, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416

Blake was not in attendance, Tessa Charnofsky provided updates

- * Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – **Gibson Nyambura**, Gibson.nyambura@lacity.org (213) 978-1551
- * Budget Advocate: **Lee Blumenfeld**, encleeb@gmail.com
- *Congressman Sherman's Office:

2. 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 4 (Alt) & Area 7 Alt (1).

- Application received for an Alternate Position – Erik Yoo
- **Glenn Bailey moved to approve Erik as the At Large Rep, Victoria 2nd the motion. Item was tabled until after the Chick Fil A update because the SAA needed additional time to review the application.**

3. Update on Chick Fil-A – Tina Choi, Chick Fil-A Representative (10min). – Update from Tina Choi

- **Revisited the application from Erik Yoo. The SAA requested to be excused for a phone call. Glenn Bailey stated that the At Large Rep application only requires a photo ID for the position. After discussion a vote was taken – the application was approved: 13 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- **A request was made to seat the newly elected At Large Alt. The President nominated to have Erik Yoo seated for the Public Safety seat that was not in attendance.**

Officer's Reports:

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- A. President's Report (2 min) – 1. No November Meeting, next General Board meeting on 12/9/20.**
- 2. CF 20-0668 – The ENC will host a special meeting for this council file regarding the redistricting process.**
- B. Vice President's Report (2 min) –**
- C. Treasure's Report – (5 Minutes):**
 - C1. MOTION – Approval of the September 2020 MER – MER was approved, 14 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (I)**
 - C2. MOTION – Approval of the ENC revised budget – revised budget approved, 14 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (I)**
- 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 August & September General Board Meeting minutes.



* **Both minutes were approved.**

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

5. NEW BUSINESS: Consent Items (10 min)

5A. Election Worksheet – The ENC is required to fill out the 2021 NC Election Worksheet that will indicate the location of the voting drop-off box for the 2021 NC Elections. The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends using the Encino Community Center or Fire Station 83 for the location. **MOTION; EXE-20-10-0129: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board support using the Encino Community Center as the first choice for the NC elections drop box on May 4th 2021 between the hours of 11am – 7pm. Fire Station 83 on Balboa Blvd., will be the 2nd choice using the same hours. Passed: 3-0-0.**

5B. Co-Chair for the Homelessness Committee – A recommendation by the Chair of the Homelessness Committee to appoint Jodie Francisco as Co-Chair of the ENC’s Homelessness Committee.

MOTION; EXE-20-10-0130: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends to support Jodie Francisco as the Co-Chair for the ENC’s Homelessness Committee. Passed: 4-0-0.

5C. Additional Letter to be added to Homelessness Committee Motion – At the September 2020 General Board meeting the ENC approved a motion brought forth by the Homelessness Committee. In addition to the motion, the Chair of the Homelessness Committee would like to add a memorandum regarding securing high risk areas. Please see supporting document: [Securing High Risk Areas](#). **MOTION; EXE-20-10-0131: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends the addition of the letter titled “Securing High Risk Areas” to the passed motion at the 9/23/20 General Board meeting, item 5D, Motion; HOM-20-09-01. Passed: 4-0-0**

5F. Motion 20-10-116 RE: The PLU Committee asks that official ENC letters be sent from the Executive Committee to the Planners for the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan and Ventura Cahuenga Planning Review Board asking for detail information about the Community Plan Updates and the specific issues mentioned in these letters. See supporting documents: [Ventura Cahuenga](#) & [Encino Tarzana](#). Passed 6-0-0

5G. Motion 20-10-117 RE: The ENC–PLU recommends filing a Community Impact Statement against this motion unless amended. Whereas, the ENC PLU recognizes and agrees with both PLUM and the movers of the motion in the need to combat corruption. However, The ENC PLU believes that additional checks and balances are needed to combat possible future corruption in the planning and land use committees. Seeing as two councilmembers’ have been indicted by the FBI for Planning and Land Use corruption, one being both on the City Council and Chair of PLUM, removing a layer of due diligence seems counterproductive. Whereas the ENC PLU urges more due diligence in the face of possible corruption.

Instead, of CF 20-1044 the ENC PLU suggests a new check and balance to planning projects in general. The ENC PLU suggest the use of a floating, voting seat on the APC/CPC/PLUM be created, allotted for the NC to which the project falls within. This special seat would only be filled by a certified NC member, elected by its NC., and will advocate for NC position regarding said project. See supporting document: [CF 20-1044](#)



Actions: Filing a CIS, sending copy of this motion to all Neighborhood Councils, Copy Sent to Councilman Koretz and copies of the CIS to Done and Empower L.A

Passed 6-0-0

- **Items 5A, 5B & 5G passed as consent items, passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (I). Items 5C & 5F were pulled.**
- **Item 5C – Glenn Bailey brought up CF 20-0841 to add for a CIS. Pat Bates updated the concerns in the Basin and will add recommendations regarding a pallet shelter be considered in the North end of the Basin. After discussion the motion was amended to add the council file and the item was voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (I)**
- **Item 5F – pulled by Laurie Kelson due to the items on the letter are not within the scope of the PRB and further raised the concern that the initial letter was sent on ENC letterhead without it being discussed or heard by the board previously. After much discussion and a request for information sooner than later, the item was set to be voted on. Prior to the vote a new board member questioned whether he was eligible to vote or note. After discussion, two new items came up – tabling the item until the end of the meeting and extending the meeting to 9:30pm. The item was tabled and the meeting was extended until 9:30pm. In addition the following item to be heard is item 6B.**

6. NEW BUSINESS: Non-Consent (60min)

6A. Reconsideration of PLU Motion from 9/23/20 General Board Meeting, item 5C, . Motion 20-09-115 RE: Council File 20-1011 Title: The Sherman Hotel possible Eminent Domain Acquisition of for Homeless Housing at 15485 Ventura Boulevard:

The ENC (PLU) urges the Los Angeles City Council and the City Attorney to use all legal means to oppose U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter injunction ordering Los Angeles City Officials to create immediate shelters for the Homeless in many inappropriate venues. Passed 5-0-0

A board member that original voted to support the motion is requesting a motion for reconsideration as it was not properly agendaized on the PLU Committee agenda or requesting to have the PLU Committee properly agendaize the item so it can be considered by the board.

6B. Motion 20-10-115 RE: Planning Case No. is APCSV-2018-2801-SPE-ZV-SPP-SPR. Proposal to Demolish the Sherman Hotel 15481-15491 Ventura Blvd., and build a luxury boutique hotel at the same address. Presentation by Heather Waldstein from Rosenheim & Associates (10 minutes)

The ENC-PLU has no objections to the construction of an AC (Marriott) Hotel at 15481 -15491 Ventura Blvd. as presented to the PLU Committee on 10/13/2020. Additionally, the PLU Committee states: There must be strict adherence to keeping demolition and hauling routes away from residential neighborhoods. This also includes keeping the trucks while they are queuing and idling away from residential neighborhoods. **Passed: 6-0-0**



- **After the presentation, members of the public had an opportunity to speak. Following public comment on the item board members had an opportunity to speak. Prior to board member discussion, the concern about being ineligible was brought up again. An objection on the point of order was brought up and after an inordinate amount of discussion, the board voted to uphold the SAA’s position that the board member cannot vote due to not completing all trainings within 45 days of being seated. The vote was taken and passed: 13 (Y), 1 (N), 2 (A), 1 (I)**
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 - **Board members were able to resume discussion on item 6B. After discussion the board voted on the item and passed: 15 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A)**
 - **A vote was retaken on the consent items, passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
 - **The SAA publicly resigned from office.**
 - **Two items, 5F & 6A were moved to the December meeting.**
7. **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.
- **The public was given time to speak.**

8. Committee Reports Items:

8A. Outreach Committee (5min): Alex Garay – (5min) – Election Promos to be decided at the 12/9/20 General Board meeting.

8B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

8C. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

8D. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

8E. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

8F. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik

8G. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

8H: Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

8I: Executive Committee – Alex Garay

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



- **Victoria Miller spoke on board member actions during the meeting.**
- **Erik Yoo spoke**
- **Glenn Bailey stood by his comments regarding the verification for Erik and asked to refer the issue with the rep not in compliance to be sent to DONE for follow up.**
- **Walter agreed with all the board member comments.**

Adjournment at 9:00pm – adjourned 9:40pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th, 2020**

Community Events:

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials' and the Community on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of volunteers who are ELECTED by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the general board.

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