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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 26th, 2021
7:00pm Meeting

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Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Walter Almora Area 2 Rep	Alex Garay Area 3 Rep	Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep	Samantha Greitzer Area 5 Rep
Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep	Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman Ar-Large Rep	Mary Moore Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Jodie Francisco Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	Karie Purcell Encino Chamber Rep	Carol Levin EPOA Rep
Evan Oshan HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Environment Rep	Eliot Cohen PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Alex Miller Youth Rep	Erik Yoo At-Large Alternate	David Krygier Encino Chamber Alt.	Kathy Patterson EPOA Alternate
Lissa Morrow HOME Alternate				

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm – Roll Call

2. 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

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

Open Positions Include: Apartment/Condo Rep (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Youth Rep (1).

4. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (20 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
- * LAPD, **Senior Lead Officer Walia**, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634
- * Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – **Adriana Cabrera**, adriana.cabrera@lacity.org
- * Budget Advocate: **Lee Blumenfeld**, encleeb@gmail.com

Officer’s Reports:

5. Officer's Reports:

A. President’s Report (2 min) –

B. Vice President’s Report (2 min) –

C. Treasure’s Report – (5 Minutes):

C1. MOTION – Approval of the April 2021 MER

D. Sergeant at Arms Report (2 minutes):

E. Secretary’s Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the March 24th General Board Meeting Minutes, April 12th Special Meeting Minutes (candidate forum) & April General Board meeting minutes.



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

6. OLD Business

6A. LAHSA Valley Office – With the increased amount of homeless in the San Fernando Valley and with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) the primary responding agency, response times are varied and based on priority. Should the ENC request that Councilmember Koretz introduce a motion to City Council requesting that the CAO investigate and report on the benefits and feasibility of LAHSA having an office in the San Fernando Valley. **MOTION; EXE-21-04-0011: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board support requesting that Councilmember Koretz introduce a motion to City Council requesting that the CAO’s Office investigate and report on the benefits and feasibility of LAHSA having an office in the San Fernando Valley. Passed: 5-0-0**

6B. Area 1 Test program, sidewalk repair, request by ENC Board Member Lee Blumenfeld – Lee Blumenfeld would like to nominate Area 1 for a test program to repair sidewalks in Area 1. Does the Encino NC support, as a pilot program, commissioning a la carte city service purchase of a one-time amount NTE \$2,100.00 for the day, for one AC truck and crew for one day to repair by ramping broken and off grade sidewalks in area 1. Area 1 Rep will be with truck during the installation day.

Details.

A. StreetsLA has given the prices and is excited to test this out

B. Request must be sent to CM Koretz for presentation and approval by city council. (Or maybe pat has additional ideas?)

C. Funds to come out of Community improvements funds.

For the asphalt crew to work on sidewalks, it would be \$2,093/day. This includes a modest cost bump as overtime work, because our workload is so heavy with our programmed responsibilities.

MOTION: EXE-21-04-0012: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board approve the sidewalk test project in Area 1 per the items noted in the agenda and request matching funds from CD5. Cost not to exceed \$2100 to the ENC. Passed: 5-0-0.

MOTION from Finance Committee: (Bates/2nd Almora) to approve a pilot sidewalk repair program Community Improvement Project, costing up to \$2,100 (payable to the Los Angeles Department of Street Services or other agency providing services), and to request that the funds be matched from Council District 5 discretionary funds, and further, that data be collected and evaluated as to effectiveness in remediating sidewalk defects. In addition, it is recommended that potential conflict of interest issues, which may depend on the location of work, be investigated and resolved. Motion passed 3 yes, 1 abstain (Bailey)

6C. CF 21-0318 - Animals Recovered Data / Deceased Animals Recovered / Illegal Fireworks / Fireworks Buyback Program, short description: Motion (Rodriguez - Koretz) relative to directing the Department of Animal Services, with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation, to report with data on the number of animals recovered, turned in by members of the public, and deceased, during periods of increased fireworks usage. Please see supporting document for the full motion: [CF 21-0318](#). **Since the date this was put on the agenda, City Council has finalized the motion by passing it with a vote count of 13 (Y), 0 (N) 1 (Absent).**

Discussion and possible action.



7. New Business (Funding)

To see all the NPGs, please visit our Financial Tab on our website or click: [NPG Requests](#)

7A. NPG, Lanai Road Elementary School – \$2500: To provide \$2,500 for a student garden project. **Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to approve an NPG request from the Lanai Road Elementary School for \$2,500 to cover part of the cost of installing a student garden. Motion passed the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 yes 0 no**

7B. NPG, Imagine LA - \$1000: To provide \$1,000 to assist with mentoring services for prevention of homelessness. **Motion (Bates/2nd Mass) to approve an NPG request from Imagine LA in the amount of \$1,000, to help cover costs of mentoring and other services for families transitioning from or avoiding homelessness. Motion passed by the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N)**

7C. NPG, LAFD Foundation - \$5000: To provide \$5,000 to help with redoing the landscaping at Fire Station 83 in our community. **Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) to approve an NPG request from the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for \$5,000, to cover part of the cost of new landscaping and plantings for Station 83, with the condition that none of the Encino Neighborhood Council funds be used to pay for artificial turf. Motion passed the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N)**

7D. NPG, Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) - \$1500: To provide \$1,500 to support several LA River watershed cleanups in our area. **Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) to approve an NPG request from the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) in the amount of \$1,500 to support a series of clean-ups in the Los Angeles River Watershed in our region. Motion passed by the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N)**

7E. Congress of Neighborhoods – The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board support authorizing \$1,000.00 for the Congress of Neighborhoods. **Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

7F. Budget relocation/revision – Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to revise current 2020-2021 budget as follows: Operations \$6,130, Outreach \$3,700, Community Improvement Programs \$12,805, Neighborhood Purpose Grants \$14,000, Elections \$5,567, Unallocated \$9,003. Motion passed by the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N)

7F. Motion (Bates, 2nd Mass) to approve a Community Improvement Project of \$1,500 for 30 Neighborhood Watch signs from MySafetySign, JC Gury, or similar. Motion passed by the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N).

7G. Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) preliminary 2021-2022 budget to be placed on May meeting Agenda in the event a quorum is not reached at the June meeting: Operations \$7,750, Outreach \$5,600, Community Improvement Projects \$9,650, Neighborhood Purposes Grants \$9,000, totaling \$32,000. Motion passed by the ENC’s Finance Committee: 4 (Y), 0 (N)

8. New Business

8A. CF 21-0407 – To Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee, Motion (Rodriguez - Cedillo) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report with a survey of Neighborhood Council election rules; and request the City Attorney to report on the City Council's authority to standardize election rules. See supporting document: [CF 21-0407](#). **MOTION; EXE-21-05-0014: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board approve filing a CIS opposing CF 21-0407 as an attack on the independence of neighborhood councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (PLAN). Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

8B. CF 21-0002-s116 – [CF 21-002-s116](#), Introduced by CM Koretz to have City Council support the following bills; [AB 822](#) (Rodriguez) which aims to improve Medi-Cal-related mental health services and reimbursements, [SB 293](#)



(Limon) which would simplify Medi-Cal specialty mental health application procedures, [SB 106](#) (Umberg) which would simplify access to state mental health “innovation funds” for cities and counties, [AB 1340](#) (Santiago) which would, among other provisions, expand the definition of “gravely disabled”, require the State Department of State Hospitals to create a model discharge plan for Counties, and clarify the use of Proposition 63 funds for these purposes, and [AB 988](#) (Bauer-Kahan) which streamlines the procedures for obtaining help for those in crisis.

MOTION; EXE-21-05-0015: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board support filing a CIS in support of 21-0002-S116 if amended to remove the vehicle license collection account of the local revenue fund in section 2:5014A1. Passed: 3 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A).

8C. Support for the creation of a Friends of the Sepulveda Basin organization. In an effort to provide further protection for the Sepulveda Basin, it seems the time has come for the formation of a “Friends of the Sepulveda Basin” and have the Encino Neighborhood Council & Lake Balboa NC as sitting members of the organization. Should the ENC support the creation of this type of organization? **MOTION; EXE-21-05-0016: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the board support the creation of a Friends of the Sepulveda Basin organization and have the Encino Neighborhood Council & Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council as sitting members of the organization. Passed: 5-0-0.**

8D. CF 21-0329 Motion (Krekorian - et al. - Ridley-Thomas) relative to instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to develop a citywide framework for the coordination of existing and new outreach teams. This motion has passed; the ENC would urge that it be implemented expeditiously as it appears to address certain deficiencies addressed in the LAHSA response to CF 20-1603 (above). CF 21-0329 can be read here: [CF 21-0329](#)

Motion (Bates/Francisco) to submit a Community Impact Statement in Favor of CF 21-0329, passed 7 yes/0 no/0 abstentions):

CIS in favor of CF 21-0329: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports development of a citywide framework for the coordination of existing and new outreach teams to foster proactive outreach, to improve accountability and metrics for evaluating results, and to improve inter-agency cooperation. The procedures put in place should improve the ability of outreach teams to engage with unhoused individuals, building trust and easing their transition to housing. Coordination of outreach efforts among different agencies should help prevent duplication of efforts and enhance accountability for results. Further, the Encino Neighborhood Council recommends that such framework and coordination of efforts be instituted expeditiously.

8E. Maha Montessori School CUP: pending

The ENC PLU hopes that Maha Montessori School can find a suitable commercial space to expand. The ENC recommends that the City of Los Angeles **DENY** the applicant Maha Montessori School's request for CUP for expanded use of 15451 W. La Maida (a single-family house) from 14 to 32 Children. Requested and explained below:

1. The Area Planning Committee shall adjudicate the application.
2. Under MC Sec 12.24
 - a. E.1. Applicant has met condition
 - b. E.2. Applicant has **failed** to demonstrate that the project **will NOT** adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety; as shown by the immediate neighbors sharing Common Property Lines, by drop off vehicle traffic, noise pollution, reduction of adjacent property values, and individual enjoyment of their private residence, and;



- c. E.3. The project **Does NOT** substantially conform with the purpose, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, via ZI File 2427 by being within 1,000 ft of a major Freeway and against the intent of SB352, as well as the Applicants own testimony that the average Decibel is 95 all of which adversely affect child development. Request putting findings in a letter to CD5 and Maha Montessori School. Motion - Blumenfeld/2nd Rosen *passed* 5-0-0

8F. Shake Shak Cup [17401 Ventura Blvd., Encino CA]: ZA-20213565MPA

The ENC welcomes Shake Shak to its new location at the Encino Courtyard Shopping Center. The ENC requests that Shake Shak meet all Police Commission requirements for their Wine and Beer permit. Requested letter to CD-5, Shake Shak Rep-Steven Rawlings, and Police Commission. **Motion- Cohen/2nd Rosen 6-0-0**

8G. Weddington Golf and Tennis [4141 Whitsett Ave., Studio City, CA 91604] (Studio City) ENV-2020-1512-EIR Case No. CHC-2020- 7764-HCM

These deliberations on the potential development by Harvard Westlake school to develop a mega-sports center on this historic property are of great concern and importance to residents of Encino and Studio City. This is due to multiple factors: an irreplaceable 19 acres of green space, with old-growth trees, a valuable recreational facility for residents and schools, and many Encino residents not only use the driving range, the 9-hole golf course, and tennis courts but feel an emotional connection with the Weddington. Many Encino resident's families feel connected due to 7 decades of enjoyment and use. – PLU Chair

Motion: The PLU request the ENC send a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the PLUM Committee and all its members in support of Weddington Golf and Tennis facility in its entirety becoming a Historical-Cultural Monument. Motion - Cohen/ 2nd Rosen *passed*: 6-0-0

8H. The ENC-PLU seeks board approval to form a partnership with the Department of Urban Studies and Planning of Cal State University Northridge. The PLU wishes to use their expertise to assist us with all phases of planning, development, and land use here in Encino. Including Community Plan Implementation Overlays and updates. Motion – Cohen/2nd Mass *passed* 6-0-0

8I. The ENC has concerns regarding the potential development on the Encino – Tarzana border. Construction of a 19,185 square foot 2-story medical bldg. Specific Plan Exception 5231 N. Lindley Ave. APCSV-2020-1017-VZC-SPP & ENV-2020-1018-EAF - According to LAMC Section 11.5.7.F. Representatives of the ENC PLU would like to be included in discussions regarding parking and traffic coming from this proposed building. Desired Action: Letter to David Garfinkle Land Use Committee Chair. Motion Cohen/2nd Rosen *Passed* 6-0-0.

9. 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.

10. Committee Reports Items:

10A. Outreach Committee (5min): Alex Garay

10B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen



10C. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

10D. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

10E. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

10F. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey

10G. Public Safety: Sam Apikyan

10H: Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

10I: Executive Committee – Alex Garay

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

Adjournment at 9:00pm

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