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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL General Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

MINUTES

7:00pm Meeting

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

- **Meeting called to order at 7:02pm**

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

- **Alex Garay made a motion to seat Erik Yoo for Samuel Apikyan, no objections noted.**
- **Eliot Cohen asked how many meetings Sam has missed. It was noted that he had medical issues and has a proper excuse for missing meetings.**

3. Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period (15min): Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of five (5) minutes during the Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment. Public calling in who wish to speak can use *9 on your phone to request to speak. For those joining using Zoom, please use the raise your hand feature.

- **A member of the public spoke regarding the One Generation agenda item**

Officer's Reports:

4. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report (2 min) – It was an error to remove the officials reports, there are a couple of officials in attendance. The floor was opened to:

- * **Blake Clayton from Supervisors Kuehl's office provided a report.**



*** Officer Walia, our Senior Lead Officer provided a report.**

B. Vice President's Report (2 min) – VP deferred her time

C. Treasure's Report – (5 Minutes):

C1. MOTION – Approval of the February 2021 MER

*** Glenn Bailey asked about multiple payments to the USPS for the Every Door Direct Campaign, the process was explained.**

*** The MER was shared on the webinar screen. A motion was made to approve the MER. Passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N),**

D. Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes):

E. Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the February General Board Meeting & March Special Meeting minutes.

*** A motion to approve the February minutes was introduced and a 2nd by Victoria. There were no comments. The minutes were approved: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)**

*** A motion to approve the March Special Meeting minutes was introduced and received a 2nd from Anni. The minutes were approved: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A).**

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

5. NEW BUSINESS: Funding (10 min)

5A. One Generation Senior Symposium 2021 – ONEgeneration will host the 13th annual Senior Symposium on June 19, 2021. The event will allow for a COVID-friendly opportunity to engage with local community vendors who provide resources and services for the older adult community and their caregivers. The cost for this year's event is \$1000 and we will receive a table, chairs and a canopy (see supporting document, [ONEgeneration Invoice](#)). The ONEgeneration Senior Symposium attracts many Encino residents each year. The ENC has been helping sponsor this event for many years, only missing last year's due to the pandemic. Because of the pandemic, this year's event will be held at the Encino Farmer's Market Parking Lot, 17400 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys 91406. MOTION; OUT-21-03-0005: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support having a booth at the ONEgeneration Senior Symposium, to be held on June 19th, 2021 at 17400 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, 91406 and approve the expense of \$1000 for the booth. Passed: 3-0-0Pu

- The item was opened to public comment**
- One caller objected because they charge a fee for their movies.**
- Public comment on this agenda item was closed.**
- Lee B. commented that he attended the last one and it is a great way to make connections and 2nd the motion.**
- Glenn B. commented that there will not be a benefit from the health screenings or lectures and only go to vendor booths. In the past part of the fee went to pay for lunch but this would not happen this year. It seems as if this event is to raise money, I rather see us receive an NPG to support One Generation rather than to pay for the rentals of canopies and chairs. At this time the City Clerk is not allowing funding for in person events.**
- Alex G. commented that we received an invoice, not an NPG.**
- Sue clarified Glenn's questions.**



- **Evan O. would like to see the funds increased because of how valuable One Generation is to the community.**
- **There was clarification that the cost is a set price and that the ENC has provided grants in the past to One Generation and would look into that again.**
- **Heather M. commented that this is a great event and a great way to reach our community members.**
- **The motion passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A).**

5B. Community Improvement Project, Fire Station 83 Landscaping – (the following item has not gone through committee) The landscaping at the Encino Fire Station, Station #83 is in need of updates. Due to budget cuts the Fire Station is not able to update their landscaping. Several quotes have been received, the most reasonable is from Rodriguez Landscape and Tree Service. The ENC may assist with a community improvement project for a portion of the funds. The SFV Audubon Society or other local native plant organizations may also assist with the installation of a low maintenance native plant pollinator section. **Possible motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports partially funding, through a community improvement project, the landscaping at Fire Station #83 in Encino in the amount up to \$8,500. Payment would be made to the LAFD Foundation, fbo Station #83.**

- **The item was briefly introduced.**
- **Pat B. provided a detailed explanation of the scope of work which had not been upgraded since 2006 and commented that all upkeep comes directly from the firemen at the station.**
- **Eliot C. commented that his concern is the amount seems like a strain on our budget. Questioned if the amount is prudent.**
- **Glenn B. commented that the amount seems fine and had reviewed the plant list which was great. The main concern is with the synthetic grass for several reasons. The money should not go to synthetic grass, other things, rocks, etc., would be fine.**
- **Even O. asked if there's a rendition of what the final product would look like.**
- **Pat B. commented that the rendition provided is not user friendly and provided clarification**
- **Lee B. would like to postpone the motion until a usable rendition is provided**
- **Evan O. agrees that we should wait until a better rendition is provided.**
- **Heather M. commented that she agrees with Glenn and Pat that there are enviornmentaly friendly ways to do this without synthetic grass.**
- **Karie P. provided an update that the new turf is much better now but the idea of helping the firemen and neighborhood is something we should do.**
- **A motion to postpone the item until we receive further clarification on pending questions and to wait for an updated rendition of the scope of work.**
- **The item received a 2nd from Glenn B.**
- **The motion to postpone was approved: 17 (Y), 0 (N)**

6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS: (10min)

6A. Combined Special General Board Meeting and Outreach Committee Meeting – The ENC needs to formally approve a candidate forum. Monday, April 12th was discussed by the Outreach Committee. Discussion and possible action on proposed motion. **EXE-21-03-0010: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that**



the board support hosting a joint Special Meeting with the Outreach Committee and General Board to host a candidate forum on April 12th, starting at 6:30pm. Passed: 4-0-0

- The item was introduced and the motion was read
- The item was opened to public comment
- One member from the public commented that a standing committee cannot have a special meeting with the general board.
- Lee B. commented that it may be easier to get clarification on the public comment
- Glenn B. commented that it may be cleaner to call it a Special General Board meeting as not to cause issues. We could clarify with the Deputy City Attorney.
- Henry E. commented that it is very difficult to obtain a ballot but had a question on when ballot request period closes.
- Evan O. commented that we should look at this in depth and disagrees with the Sergeant at Arms and that this should be postponed to examine the legalities.
- Alex G. commented that if our next General Board meeting is past the date of the election and a decision should be made this evening on whether or not to change the name of the meeting
- Victoria M. commented that we should move forward with the change to a Special meeting.
- Jodie F. commented that she would like to make a motion to change it to a Special meeting.
- The motion received a 2nd from Evan O.
- A member of the public commented that the SAA was correct and it should be a Special meeting and that Mr. Bailey is correct.
- The question was called and the motion to change the name of the meeting to a Special Meeting on April 12th passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A).

6B. CF 21-0031: The Homelessness Committee passed a motion for a CIS in Favor of [CF 21-0031](#). **MOTION;**
HOM-21-03-0002: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Motion CF 21-0031 (Bonin-Ramen) directing LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based protocols for CARE+ operations citywide. The protocols should include: Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc. Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation. Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution, food and water Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. No use of law enforcement personnel. Further, the Encino Neighborhood council Homelessness committee will be thrilled to serve as community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation. It is about time the Neighborhood councils were engaged in the response to this city-wide humanitarian crisis.

- The item was introduced was by Pat B., and read the motion.
- The item was opened to public comment. No public comment for this item
- Lee B. requested to share his screen to introduce a competing motion
- The screen was shared and a competing motion was introduced which included most everything from the previous motion but written in 2 phases. An explanation of the phases was explained.
- Karie P, asked for clarification



- Lee B. provided clarification.
 - Karie P. 2nds the amendment
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- The item was opened for public comment – one comment supporting the competing motion
 - Henry E. commented on the amendment
 - Eliot C. commented that he would be inclined to support the substitute motion and this motion leads to a shelter first motion, which should be a first step in helping the homeless and would support the changes.
 - Kathy M. supports the amendment, and EPOA is having a community meeting with CM. Koretz regarding homelessness in Encino. There seems to be confusion regarding the Mayor's order and what City Council is doing, we do not get clear answers.
 - Evan O. in favor of the amendment and to Eliot's point of shelter first.
 - Erik Y. commented that the City's housing first policy isn't working but it's because they do not follow through with a housing first moment. If one wanted transitional housing we could have seized hotels but transitional housing has not worked.
 - Pat B. commented that the substitute motion was a wish list. All the items included have been asked for without resolve. If the substitute motion passes, it would not gain an audience.
 - Glenn B. asked if this is an amendment or a substitute motion.
 - The will be considered a substitute motion.
 - A vote on the substitute motion was taken. The item passed: 10 (Y), 7 (N), 2 (A).
 - A vote was taken to pass the motion. The item passed: 10 (Y), 7 (N), 2 (A)
 - Glenn B. commented that Jennifer is able to vote.
 - Jennifer decided to vote on the item.
 - Other requests to change the vote were received.
 - A re-vote was taken on the substitute motion. The motion for the substitute motion failed: 8 (Y), 11 (N), 0 (A).
 - Glenn B. questioned voting on the original item and mentioned that a motion for reconsideration may be introduced.
 - Lee B. commented that only a person from the prevailing side may introduce the motion
 - Glenn B. commented that he was on the prevailing side and would introduce the motion to reconsider.
 - The item was opened to public comment.
 - No public comment
 - Lee B. commented that the substitute motion had the merit but unfortunately we will be voting on continuing insanity which is wasting city funds.
 - Evan O. commented that he agrees that this motion is too reaching and: will not fix anything.
 - Jodie F. commented that we are just voting on something that is already on the table and we're voting to support what they're saying. The Homelessness Committee voted to support this motion.
 - Victoria M. commented that our Homelessness Committee works very hard and thanked them personally and that board members should attend committee meetings because that is where in depth discussions should take place.
 - Pat B. commented that this is a good start because more needs to be done.
 - The original motion passed: 12 (Y), 4 (N), 3 (A)



- Alex G. commented that it's 9pm and we should extend the meeting to 9:30pm. No public comment and no board member comment. The meeting was extended to 9:30pm
- Glenn B. asked if the vote was to reconsider or the motion. The item was only to reconsider the original motion and requested a voted.
- Pat B. commented that the vote we took was to reinstate the original.
- The question if any changes from the vote to reconsider.
- Eliot C., changed his vote to NO.
- Motion passes: 12 (Y), 5 (N), 2 (A)

7. NEW BUSINESS (25 min)

7A. ENC General Board Meetings – Extend to 3 hours. Time management is a continuous issue the ENC faces during meetings. In order to accommodate comments from public officials, board member comments and public comment, and complete the entire agenda, General Board meetings should be extended to 3 hours.

MOTION; EXE-21-03-0011: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support extending the General Board meetings to 3 hours. Passed: 3-0-1

- The motion was introduced and opened to public comment
- No public comment on the agenda item
- Jodie F. commented that with a new board being seated in a few meetings, that it may not be fair to the new board to extend the meetings
- Henry E., commented that we may as well lean on it and say 3 hours or less and shared his support for it.
- Glenn B., commented that yes it should be up to but it does take more than 2 hours to get through an agenda. This action would only be for this board and can be revisited with the new board.
- Jess W., commented that if we go back to meeting in person would we have to stop by 9pm
- Alex G., commented, in the past the ENC voted to have an additional hour billed to the ENC so be able to keep going longer at in person meetings.
- Pat B., commented that in person they usually let us stay til 9:30pm
- Jodie F., commented how would the new board take action to reverse the time of the meeting.
- Glenn B. commented it would just go on the agenda.
- Karie P., stated that without the meet and greet could we start earlier, not opposed to 3 hours but could we start earlier.
- Victoria M., commented, yes we can change the time. And to echo Jodie, we may want to wait til the new board is seated.
- Lee B., agenda items should have longer periods for discussion, extending is a good thing.



- **Evan O., agrees that we should wait til the new board is seated.**
- **Alex G. commented that this is why we need to extend the meeting, because we have taken 15+ minutes on a simple agenda item.**
- **The motion to postpone the motion received a 2nd.**
- **Motion passed: 10 (Y), 9 (N) – motion passed.**
- **AlexG., requested to extend the meeting to 10pm**
- **Karie P. 2nd**
- **No public comment**
- **No board member comment**
- **Motion to extend the meeting to 10pm passed without objection**

7B. Sustainability Alliance Representatives – The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices and community action. NCSA holds regular public forums and events and collaborates with Neighborhood Councils, public agencies and environmental and other community organizations to support effective engagement on LA’s Green New Deal, climate action and other timely sustainability issues. For additional information, visit <https://www.ncsa.la/>. The ENC may appoint up to three (3) representatives, currently the ENC has two (2) representatives appointed. A third representative may be appointed. **Discussion and possible appointment of a Sustainability Alliance Representative.**

- **The agenda item was introduced by Glenn B. There is an opening for another representative even with the new board coming, there are several meetings before then. If anyone is interested we can name at least 1 rep tonight and revisit if more than one person is interested.**
- **Heather M., is interested in being the 3rd representative.**
- **A motion to appoint Heather Michaels as the 3rd Sustainability Alliance Representative, Alex G. 2nd**
- **No public comment**
- **A vote was taken, motion passed without objection**

7C. Data Liaison – Data Liaisons are appointed by their Neighborhood Council and will be trained by the Department and the Office of the Mayor Eric Garcetti. Equipped with their new skills, Data Liaisons will be able to design maps , create data visualizations for digital outreach, highlight community issues, create surveys and map the data to build innovative, informative, and strategic resources to advocate for their community. Each Neighborhood Council can appoint one to three Data Liaisons. The learning path requires a high level of computer skills. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for: March 30th, April 29th, May 27th & June 30th. **Discussion and possible appointment of Data Liaisons for the ENC.**



- Glenn B. introduced the agenda item – we’re looking to add data liaisons, no previous computer experience is necessary to start and realized that we had not had this on the agenda. A question was posed to the board if anyone is interested.
- Pat B., commented that she is interested
- Jennifer G., requested if this is an opportunity to revisit after the election
- Glenn B., responded that we may be able to revisit but not sure what the plan is after June.
- Henry E., commented that he is interested in this
- Walter A., asked if access is provided and what the expectation is
- Glenn B., commented that they provide the training and take the data to our NC and share it with the board
- Walter A., commented that he is interested
- Glenn B., commented that Pat, Henry and Walter are interested.
- Karie P., commented that she is interested
- Glenn would like to suggest naming 3 people and arrange for Pat to be a guest and perhaps alternate in the future. Would like to suggest we name Walter, Karie & Henry with Pat as an alternate.
- Alex G. 2nd the request
- No public comment
- The motion to name Walter Almora, Karie Purcell, Henry Eshelman and Pat Bates as an alternate, to be the ENC’s Data Liaisons passed without objection.

7D. CF 09-0969-S3 – The following item did not go through committee, due to time sensitivity, it is on our agenda for discussion. The appeals fees may be increased to \$16,097 per appeal for development decisions from the current fee of \$89 for appellants that are not the applicant. The council file is scheduled to be heard by the City’s Planning and Land Use Committee on April 6th. **Discussion and possible action**

- Eliot C. introduced the item, he has received updated info that City Council will not raise fees to \$16K and received the same assurance from United Neighbors that it will not be increased. However we should still submit a CIS opposing the increase in fees as it would make it virtually impossible to file an appeal. The following motion was introduced: The ENC strongly urges LA City Council to reject any large increases in appeals fees. A large fee affectively blocks most neighbors or neighborhood groups from doing anything about an ill-advised project in their neighborhood. Community groups and concerned citizens are the City’s watchdogs against ill-advised developments. The input from community and negations that ensure make better developments make better projects that benefit the developer, neighbor and the City.
- Karie P. 2nds.
- The item was turned to public comment
- Call in user 3 asked clarification if there would be public comment on non agenda items.
- No further public comment
- Lee B., this board previously voted against large increases in fees. This turns into an equity issue. It shrinks those that can object a project. I strongly urge the board to support the motion
- Jess W., asked are most appeals filed by developers or neighbors that do not like the development



- **Eliot C., mentioned that it was a good question and perhaps Lee B. may know.**
- **Henry E. commented that he can't imagine anyone would**
- **Eliot C., asked if the motion could go to Richard L. and Mayor Garcetti.**
- **The motion passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

8. General 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 Zoom 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.

- **General Public comment on non-agenda items was opened**
- **Call in User 3 provided public comment regarding our SAA and the Web Corner**
- **Lissa M. spoke about the Gate and that they are back to loud music and is much worse today than before and appreciated the motion just passed.**
- **Glenn B. asked about the address for the Gate**
- **16925 Ventura Blvd. is the address**
- **Public Comment was closed.**

9. Committee Reports Items:

9A. Outreach Committee (5min): Alex Garay

9B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

9C. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

9D. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

- **Airport committee may meet 4/9/21, there has been an increase in traffic and noise from VNY**

9E. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

- **Karie commented that the next Bylaws meeting is on 4/2/21 at 4pm**

9F. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey

9G. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

9H: Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

9I: Executive Committee – Alex Garay

9J: Animal Welfare Liaison – Heather Michaels

- **Heather M. provided an update on animal welfare concerns**

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

11. Budget Advocate – Lee B. spoke on the budget



Adjournment at 9:00pm – Meeting was adjourned at 10pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 28th, 2021**

