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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 7 pm

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION

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The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

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 one minute per item and five (5) minutes per meeting. 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. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. 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. Please be aware that time accumulates for any agenda items

commented on.

Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Walter Almora Area 2 Rep	Alex Ventura Area 3 Rep	Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep	Michael Silva Area 5 Rep
Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep	Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Andrew Zucker Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep	Vacant EPOA Rep
Eliot Cohen HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep	Darin Spillman PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 2 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
Vacant Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	Vacant At-Large Rep Alt 2	Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt
Vacant Business Rep Alt 1	Vacant Business Rep Alt 2	Vacant Education Rep Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep Alt	Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Rep Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt	Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt	Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt	Vacant Religious Rep Alt
Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt				

- **Name highlighted in yellow were of members in attendance.**

1. **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**

- **Meeting called to order at 7:03pm**

2. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies.**

LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634

- **SLO Walia provided a report on the uptick in crime & SLO Scoggins shared an upcoming event to engrave catalytic converters as a deterrent on May 14th.**

Councilmember Nithya Raman: Kevin Sanchez-Morales Kevin.Sanchez-Morales@lacity.org

213-473-7004

- **Kevin S. provided an update from the CD4 office.**
 Mayor Garcetti - W. Valley Area Rep. Erin Seinfeld erin.seinfeld@lacity.org
 (213)422-0815
 Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Sarah Martin (Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov)(818) 346-4521
 LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416
 - **Blake C. provided an update from the County.**
 West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org
 Los Angeles City Planning: Courtney Schoenwald, Courtney.Schoenwald@lacity.org
 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews Dina.Andrews@lacity.org
 Budget Advocates: Lee Blumenfeld, encleeb@gmail.com
 - **Lee B. mentioned that he's stepping down as a Budget Advocate. Glenn B. provided an update from the Budget Advocates.**
3. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. 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 Comments. This comment period includes comment on all numbered agenda items including public officials' reports.
- **No members of the public spoke during the multiple agenda items comment period.**
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC's subject matter jurisdiction is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those who are using the Zoom application, please use the Raise Hand feature to speak.
- **No members of the public spoke during general public comment**
5. **Open Board positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council.** Open Positions Include: Area 2 Alt (1), Area 3 Representative (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Area 6 Alt (1), At Large Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Appointed position Encino Chamber of Commerce Alt (1). Encino Property Owners Association Rep. (1).
Discussion and possible action on any applications or appointments received. Consider application received for open board seat: Alex Ventura for Area 3 Representative and Daniel Glaser for At-Large Alternate
- **Alex V. introduced himself.**
 - **Daniel Glaser introduced himself.**
 - **Both Alex and Daniel were confirmed to the board. 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
 - *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
6. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): "If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. **The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible.**"
- **Dana C was seated for Area 2 and Lissa M was seated for the Public Safety Rep.**

7. **Officer's Reports:**

A. President's Report

• **Report deferred**

B. Vice-President's Report

• **Report deferred**

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Motion to approve the [March 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#).

- The MER was reviewed and a motion to approve was introduced by Glenn B., Pat B. 2nds. The MER was approved **19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.

D. Secretary's Report: Approval of minutes of [April 23, 2022 meeting](#)

- **Alex G moved to approve the minutes, Laurie K. 2nds. The item was opened to public comment.**
- **The minutes were approved: 20 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.

E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report

8. **Consent Items- from Traffic & Transportation Committee - vote will be taken. Board members please inform the Chair prior to the meeting of consent items to be pulled for discussion.**

1. The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests the following signs:

1. No Right on Red 7-9 Am M-F Eastbound On Ventura Blvd - Louise, Petit, Hayvenhurst, Noeline, Libbit
2. No Right 7-9 Am M-F on Rancho (Eastbound) @ White Oak Ave
3. No Right 7-9 Am M-F on Rancho (Eastbound) @ Louise Ave
4. No Right And Left 7-9 Am M-F on Oak View Dr @ Louise Ave. These Restrictions Will Encourage The Commuter Traffic To Use The 101 And Ventura Blvd instead of cutting through the narrow winding streets of the Encino Hillside. *Kelson/Whitehill 7/0/0*

2. The ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests a left-hand turn arrow fading to green on White Oak (S) to Burbank Blvd (E). with sensors in the queue. *Bailey/Kelson 9/0/0*

3. The ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests the Parking meter timing: The signs should be changed to 10AM to 6 PM. on Paso Robles and Genesta north of Ventura Blvd next to the Encino Park, Encino Women's Club, and Encino Charter School. *Kelson/Rosen 9/0/0*

4. The ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests Crosswalk flashing lights on Balboa Blvd @ Addison by the Fire Station. This is close to Encino Charter Elementary School and is needed for safety. *KELSON/JARVIS 9/0/0*

5. THE ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests a Left hand turn arrow fading to green on Petit (N) to Ventura Blvd (W). A huge backup on Petit blocking the driveway of the Ace Hardware Center and the Bank of America. A high pedestrian area including patients in wheelchairs approaching the medical buildings on the N side of Ventura Blvd. *Jarvis/Kelson 9/0/0*

- **Laurie introduced a motion to approve all the consent items listed above, items 8.1 – 8.5. Jess W. 2nds.**

- **The item was opened to public comment.**

- **Following public comment, the agenda items passed with consent, 19 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**

- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.

9. Added at President's discretion:

A. **Discussion and possible action:** Report from Southern California Gas Company regarding [pipeline safety improvement project](#) at Burbank Blvd. and Yarmouth Avenue. Discussion and possible motion acknowledging notice of the project. Matter was forwarded from the Executive Committee.

- **Representatives from SoCal Gas presented a proposed pipeline construction project.**
- **Following the presentation, board members commented on the project**
- **A motion was created and moved by Pat B., Lee B. 2nds. The motion was approved: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

- **Pat B. made a motion to extend the meeting another hour.**

B. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Case#s CPC-2018-3286-VZC-SPE-ELD-SPP-SPR, VTT-74892, ENV-2018-3287-MND: The voluminous [CEQA Report](#) very recently became available for a project located at 17017-17031 Ventura Blvd. The project first came before the ENC PLU and Board in November 2019, see: [PLU 11/12/2019](#), full board [12/4/2020](#). The project last came before the ENC board and PLU Committee in August 2020. See the ENC website for 8/26/20 board meeting [Minutes](#) and [supporting materials](#) including the meeting recording. The ENC PLU meeting was 8/11/2020, here are links to the [agenda](#) and the [supplemental materials](#) including the recording and presentation. Community concern has been raised about the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) report as well as other issues. **It is the President's recommendation that this matter be referred to the ENC Planning & Land Use Committee for consideration of the MND, any other related matters, and public comment at their next meeting, with the request that they report back to the ENC prior to its next meeting.**

- **Pat B. introduced the item and made a motion to have the item referred back to the PLU Committee to review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the board. Victoria M. 2nds.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment.**
- **Following board member comment the item was opened for public comment.**
- **Following public comment, the motion was voted on and passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (R)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

C. Discussion and possible action: The Encino NC requests the Mayor and City Council to seriously consider the recommendations contained in the April 2022 NC Budget Advocates White Paper and further that the CAO review and prepare a report back on the White Paper. Community Impact Statement to be filed on Council File [22-0600](#).

- **Pat B. made a motion regarding the agenda item, Alex G. 2nds the item.**
- **Lee B. introduced a subsequent motion outlining specific sections. Darin 2nds the subsequent motion.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment.**
- **Following discussion a vote took place, the original item passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

10. Old Business - Non-Funding - Motion, Discussion and vote may be taken on all items:

A. Bylaws Committee.

1. **Discussion and possible Motion::** The Bylaws Committee voted to remove the **Initiative** (Article VII §2) section from the bylaws entirely 3 yes/2 no/0 abstentions. Should the board want to keep

this provision, it will be added to Article X §6. It reads as follows: *Initiative. Upon written petition of stakeholders which describes in detail sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Brown Act a policy or action within the jurisdiction of the Council and includes the signatures of the greater of ten percent (10%) of the ballots cast in the last council election or not less than one hundred (100) Stakeholders, the policy or action shall be put to the vote of the Stakeholders in the next regularly scheduled Council election of Representatives. The affirmative vote of a majority of the Stakeholders voting in the elections shall be required to adopt the policy or action.*

- **Pat B. made a motion to remove the item, Alex G. 2nds.**
- **The item was opened for board member comment**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment the item was voted on: 7 (Y), 6 (N), 4 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

2. **2nd Reading of the Proposed Bylaws Changes Discussion and possible motion:** The ENC Bylaws committee has completed its review and amendment of the ENC Bylaws, approving the final Draft. Glenn/Victoria 4 yes 0 no 1 abstention. **Motion: The ENC accepts the Revised 2022 Bylaws and authorizes immediate transmittal of the final revised Bylaws redlined Word document to DONE after making the fonts consistent throughout the document.**

- **Pat B. introduced the item and completed the 2nd reading of the Bylaws.**
- **Pat B. made a motion to approve the Bylaws as revised and read. Victoria M. 2nds.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment.**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Lee B further commented on the item and requested an amendment.**
- **Victoria M. commented on the proposed amendment.**
- **The proposed amendment did not receive a 2nd. The original motion was voted on.**
- **The item passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

B. Parks committee

1. **Discussion and possible action: MOTION:** The ENC Parks Committee recommends to the board that the ENC present or co-present with other Neighborhood Council(s) a Town Hall on the proposed 2028 Olympic Venues in the Sepulveda Basin. Possible date is the evening of 5/31/2022.

- **Pat B. introduced the motion, Glenn B. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to board member comment**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

C. Executive Committee

1. Discussion and Motion: The ENC Executive Committee recommends that the ENC board utilize the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners policy with respect to time limits on public comments on agenda items. Glenn/Pat approved 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions
2. **Discussion and Motion:** The ENC Executive Committee recommends the addition of Standing Rule (Article VI, §2A, final sentence): The President will delegate or assume the duty of monitoring board member training compliance and verifying stakeholder status of applicants for vacant positions, and notify the Executive Committee of such assumption or delegation and any changes of assignment for such duties. Pat/Alex Passed 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions)

- **Both items from the Executive Committee were deferred – no action was taken.**

11. New Business - Funding - Motion, Discussion and Vote may be taken on all items:

A. Finance Committee:

1. Review Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from [Friends of the LA River](#) in the amount of \$2000. Grant was discussed, approved as submitted with inclusion of the overall budget for the project. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant from [Friends of the LA River](#) in the amount of \$2,000 to fund cleanup in the Sepulveda Basin South Reserve pending receipt of the [budget](#) for the entire project. Glenn/Pat 3 yes/0 no/0 abstentions

- **Pat B. introduced the item. Alex G 2nds.**
- **Glenn B. requested to add the month and year for the NPG.**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

2. Motion to recommend the ENC fund the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$1,000 Authorize funding of the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of up to \$1000 **Pat/Glenn, 3 yes/0 no/0 abstentions**

- **Glenn B. requested to have this item postponed until the following meeting.**

B. Outreach Committee:-

1. **Encino Clean Up Day(s)** – There's a call to action in areas in Encino to have clean up days. One group is attempting to meet the 1st Sunday of each month (Area 3) and another cleans on Mulholland. In the past the ENC has sponsored and participated in a Clean Up Encino Day. With more areas looking to have clean up days, should the ENC partner with CD4 and perhaps the Chamber to coordinate & sponsor clean up days in Encino? Part of the sponsorship may be to purchase snacks and waters before the teams depart to clean the areas or as a light meal (pizza or other) when the items are returned. **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board support having the ENC coordinate clean up day(s) in Encino at multiple locations. The Outreach Committee further recommends that the board support having the ENC sponsor either the pre-cleanup snacks, water and/or coffee or an after clean up light meal, such as pizza or similar with an expense up to \$350. Passed 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
2. **Trash Grabbers** – The ENC has participated and will most likely sponsor cleanup events in the community and should have an inventory of trash grabbers. Please see supporting document, [STANDARD GRABBER](#) for an image. The standard grabber is 32" and can pick up to 5lbs. Each grabber costs \$20. Please see supporting document, [TOTAL COST FOR 30 GRABBERS.](#)

MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board approve the purchase of 30 standard grabbers, from ULINE and further requests up to \$750 to complete the purchase. Passed 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

3. **Gloves for Clean Up Days** – In addition to purchasing grabbers, we should consider purchasing gloves for clean up days. The gloves will become part of the ENC's inventory and will be marked with ENC on them. When items are handed out at events (grabbers/gloves) we will request all items returned. Gloves will be washed immediately after they are returned. Please see supporting document, [GLOVES](#) for an image of the gloves and [TOTAL COST](#) for the total cost to purchase them. Each pack contains 12 pairs of gloves. Please see [GLOVE BREAKDOWN](#) for a breakdown of the costs.

MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board support the purchase of gloves (3 boxes in each size; S, M, L, XL), from Uline, for Encino Clean Up Day(s) and requests up to \$150 for the purchase of the gloves. Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

- **Alex G. introduced all the items at once.**
- **The motions were read and moved by Pat B., and received a 2nd by Laurie K.**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment, the items were voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

4. **Popup Retractable ENC Banners** – The ENC currently has two (2) retractable standing banners. The information on them is out of date and it may benefit the ENC to purchase new banners with updated information. These banners are used at all events, functions, sponsored events, and others. Our current banners were purchased a long while back and no information on where they were purchased from, or where the artwork is located. Vista Print, who prints the ENC's business cards makes these banners. The cost for 2 ENC logoed banners, with tax and shipping comes to \$376.77. Please see supporting document [BANNER COST](#) for details. A new banner would need to be designed. Please see supporting document [POSSIBLE BANNER](#) for a possible design as well as supporting document [CURRENT BANNER](#) for an image of our current banner. Possible **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board support the purchase of two (2) retractable standing banners, measuring 33.7" x 81.34," from Vista Print and approve a cost of, up to \$475**

- **Pat introduced the item and moved the motion, Lee B. 2nd.**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment a vote took place and the item passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

12. Committee Reports

13. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

14. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:32pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2022