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NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 7 pm
MINUTES

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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	Vacant 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	Daniel Freedman 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	Daniel Glaser 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	Vacant 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				

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to:

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

- Officer Walia provided an update; huge increase in stolen cars with KIAs and Hyundais are targeted using a TikTok challenge, requested to take in to dealer. Crime is up, lapdonline.org and click on crime mapping. There’s usually a 24 hour lag. West Valley crime up 28% and 35% in Encino. Burglaries are up 69%, SLO provided tips
- Members of the public were able to make comments/questions
- Board members were able to make comments
- Glenn B. recognized Officer Scoggins who was in attendance

Councilmember Nithya Raman: Emma Taylor, emma.taylor@lacity.org

- **Emma and Josef, our new field deputy were in attendance. Josef introduced himself and Emma provided updates from the CD4 office.**
- **SLO Walia provided an update**
- **Glenn B. commented on project room key at the Airtel, and asked if CD4 could engage with CD6, should be closing in October**
- **Victoria M. wanted to take a moment to thank Emma and welcome Josef**
- **One member of the public had a comment**
- **Blake C. commented that he could also reach out to him.**

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Sarah Martin, Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov (818) 346-4521

- **Sarah M. provided an update from the State and mentioned some of the upcoming events planned and are trying to schedule more coffees/meetings with the community. A new field deputy starts tomorrow, not sure if he will cover Encino**

LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416

- **Blake C. provided an update**
- **Pat B. had a comment for Blake**
- **Lee B. commented on the revised CDC guidelines, stating “libraries continue to require masks and what have you, any word when LA County will revise their thing”**

West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews Dina.Andrews@lacity.org

- **Dina provided an update from DONE and welcomed Josef. Mentioned the gender equity program and is looking for women to promote the 2023 elections but cannot run for a seat**

CalTrans District 7: Cuong Phu Trinh Cuong.Trinh@dot.ca.gov

Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey

- **Glenn B. provided a quick report from the Budget Advocates**
- **Following the update, the item was opened for comment.**
- **Glenn B. commented on an item from the DONE report and asked about the additional Zoom license.**
- **A member of the public made a comment**

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 one 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.
 - **The item was opened**
 - **Two members of the public spoke**

5. **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.**”
- **Alex G nominated to seat Lissa, no objection.**
 - **It was noted that Anni joined the meeting at 7:58pm**
6. **Officer's Reports:**
- A. President's Report
1. **Digital Communications Policy Training**, August 31st & September 24th (at the Congress of Neighborhoods). To RSVP for the August 31st training, please visit: <http://tiny.cc/DigitalCommsTrainingRSVP> Zoom details will be sent to the email address used for RSVP. Registration for the training at the Congress of Neighborhoods opens August 27th
 2. **Congress of Neighborhoods**, The 2022 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods, the largest annual gathering of Neighborhood Councils, is taking place on **Saturday, September 24, 2022**, via Zoom. The theme of this year's event is “**The Future of LA: Celebrating our City.**” Registration for this year's event opens on **August 27, 2022** at <https://www.NeighborhoodCongress.la/2022->
- **Alex G. provided an update on the communications policy and Congress of Neighborhoods**
- B. Vice-President's Report
- **Victoria M. provided an update on the ENC committees**
- C. Treasurer's Report
1. Motion to approve the [July 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)
- **Pat B. shared her screen and spoke about the MER**
 - **Alex G moved to approve, Henry E. 2nds**
 - **The item was opened to public comment.**
 - **Following comment, the item was voted on and passed: 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**
 - Following public comment and board member comment the item was voted on and passed:
- D. Secretary's Report: Approval of the July 2022 meeting minutes, if available.
- **Glenn B. commented that the minutes should be ready next meeting and will start sending them out as they are available and commented to watch out for two (2) sets of minutes**
- E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report
- **The SAA yielded his time**
7. **NEW BUSINESS – FUNDING:**
- Finance Committee:**
- A. **Revision of [2022-2023 budget](#)** - The 2022-2023 budget was revised to reflect the addition of the 2021-2022 rollover amount of \$6319.64, which is expected but not yet confirmed by the City Clerk's office. **Motion: The ENC's Finance Committee recommends that the board approve allocation of \$2,050 of the rollover to Elections cost, and the balance of \$4,269.64 to Community Improvement Projects. The proposed resulting budget (rounded) is reflected in the [2022-2023](#)**

Budget Revision 1. (Pat/AI, 3 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions).

- **Alex G introduced the item, read the motion and moved. Glenn B 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment Glenn B provided an update**
- **Following comment the item was voted on and passed: 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**

B. NPG Request, New Friends Homeless Center (NFHC) - The ENC received an application from New Friends Homeless Center in the amount of \$2,000. NFHC operates in Encino, 17114 Ventura Blvd., providing meal service to anyone in need twice a week, Tuesdays (dinner service) and Sundays (lunch service). **Motion: The ENC Finance Committee recommends to the ENC Board that the Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from New Friends Homelessness Center be approved pending receipt of the following (At the time of posting the agenda, all items listed below had been received):**

- If a Completion Report has not been received for the \$1,000 grant approved 4/28/2021, it should be submitted
 - The applicant should consider extending the Expected Completion Date (10C) to possibly 12/1/2022 or beyond
 - The missing information in items 4 and 5 should be provided
 - Clarify current and expected meals provided weekly in Encino
 - How is the # of people using the meal program determined and what historical data are available
 - How will the Encino Neighborhood council receive credit for the grant by New Friends Homeless Center?
- Glenn/Pat 3 yes/0 ni/ 0 abstentions**

- **Alex G. introduced the item and read the motion from the Finance Committee. Alex G moved, Lee B 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment the item was opened to board member comment**
- **A member of the public commented that this is for Woodland Hills**
- **Alex G. clarified that the service is in Encino at a church and we are funding the Encino service**
- **Lee B commented on the item**
- **Victoria M reiterated the comments made by the President**
- **Following public and board member comment the item was voted on**
- **The motion passed: 15 (Y), 1 (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**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Parks and Environment Committee:

- NCSA Trees Committee:** [Council File 15-0499-S2](#), the original motion was proposed in 2015, requiring reports back on a number of conservation items. A 2020 report back was classed under [CF 15-0499-S1](#); the Encino NC filed a CIS on this detailing a method of revising the permitting procedure to provide for protection of trees. **Motion: Loss of our tree canopy is making our city**

hotter and contributes to the climate emergency. The Encino NC Parks/Environment Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support [CF 15-0499-S2](#) in a community Impact Statement, urging that the requested reports and draft ordinances be prepared expeditiously. Further, that the resulting ordinance impose severe penalties for violations, and that provisions for adequate and timely enforcement of violations be made. The CIS is to be filed with City Council, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, and Community Forest Advisory Commission (Pat/Amy, 5 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions)

- **Alex G. introduced the item.**
- **Pat B. read the recommendation/motion from the committee**
- **Pat B. moved, Alex G. 2nds**
- **Glenn B requested to make 2 corrections, last entity should be committee and the one before that we're not able to file a CIS to, rather with a copy to**
- **Michael S. commented on a tree removal notice received and questions if the Parks and Environment takes it on.**
- **Glenn B. commented that it would be the proper committee but the time frame to respond is so short it does not allow for the committee to meet**
- **Lee B. attempted to provide a history of trees and removals**
- **Alex G. asked to stay on topic, the agenda item is whether or not to file a CIS, not a discussion on fees**
- **Lissa M. commented on the item**
- **Following public and board member comment the item was voted on and passed:
15 (Y), 1 (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**

B. **Street median maintenance issues:** We have been informed by CD 6 that Street Services will not maintain the medians along Burbank and Balboa Boulevards and Woodley Avenue through the Sepulveda Basin, and the CD has to use their discretionary funds and LACC for the work. The Encino NC has received and forwarded many constituent complaints regarding the dangerous and unsightly mess along these medians. There has been at least one fire in the median on Burbank Blvd. which damaged a number of trees. This is what these medians have looked like all summer: [Encino Median](#). **Motion: The Encino NC Parks Environment committee recommends that the ENC board approve a Community Impact Statement to the Mayor, City Council and Board of Public Works asking that the Bureau of Street Services provide timely and at least annual maintenance of medians and parkways of Balboa Boulevard between Burbank Boulevard and Victory Boulevard, Burbank Boulevard Between Balboa Boulevard and Woodley Avenue, and Woodley Avenue between Burbank Boulevard and Victory Boulevard. The medians and some of the parkways are severely overgrown with invasive weeds, posing extreme fire and traffic hazards and causing the entire area to look disturbingly unkempt. These are center medians which require street closure for safe maintenance. Street Services needs to clean this area up. (Pat/Marianne, 5 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions)**

- **Glenn B. read the recommendation/motion from the committee.**
- **Glenn B. moved, Alex G. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **The item was opened to board member comment**

- **Following comment, the item was voted on and passed: 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**

Executive Committee:

C. Review of current ENC Ambassadors for selected organizations. The current list may be viewed by clicking: [ENC Ambassadors](#). **Review, discussion and possible selection/appointments.**

- **Alex G. introduced the item and asked for the screen to be shared to show the current appointments**
- **Pat B. shared the document**
- **Glenn B. requested to share the dates that the organizations meet**
- **Alex G requested anyone interested to email**

The following items have been added by the President for discussion and possible action.

D. **Finance Committee Chairs** - The ENC's Vice President recently appointed Pat Bates and Glenn Bailey as Co-Chairs to the Parks and Environment Committee. Committee Chairs must be finalized by a board vote. **Possible motion: The ENC approves the appointment of Pat Bates and Glenn Bailey as Co-Chairs to the Encino Neighborhood Council's Parks and Environment Committee.**

- **Alex G. read the recommendation and moved**
- **Anni K. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment, the item was opened to board member comment**
- **Glenn B. commented that if possible to have Pat B. the chair.**
- **The recommendation was amended**
- **Lee B. commented that on the previous item Lee B. had been previously appointed as the alternate**
- **Following comments, the item was voted on and passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

E. **LAWA & CM Raman letter to the FAA** - The CEO of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has written a letter to the FAA asking them to move more swiftly on the EIR to get the VNY flight paths to revert back to mostly their previous routes. In addition, CM Raman sent a letter to support the LAWA letter, and the VNY CAC also voted to support it. To read the letter LAWA sent click here: [LAWA LETTER](#). To read CM Raman's letter, click here: [CM RAMAN LETTER](#). To read the CAC motion click here: [CAC Motion](#). **Possible MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports the letter written by CEO Justin Erbacci requesting the FAA that a determination be made on the type of environmental review that will be required and a timeline for expediting that environmental review so that the new procedures can be implemented as quickly as possible.** To be distributed, but not limited to: Councilmember Raman, Justin Erbacci, Shannetta Griffin, P.E., Associate Administrator for Airports, FAA, Tamara Swann, Acting Regional Administrator, FAA Western-Pacific Region, Samantha Bricker, Chief Sustainability and Revenue Management Officer, LAWA, Flora Margheritis, VNY Airport Manager LAWA.

- **Victoria M. introduced the item**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment**
- **Following comments, the item was voted on and passed: 14 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)**

The following item is for information only. It will be discussed at ENC Committees before the board takes a position. Please note, the public comment period will close on August 22, 2022.

F. Wildlife Ordinance - A code amendment to Sections 12.03, 12.04, 12.32, 13.21, 13.22, and 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to create a new “Wildlife District,” or “WLD,” Supplemental Use District and a zone change to apply the Wildlife District and its regulations to properties within the district. The Wildlife District is proposed to reduce cumulative development impacts to the environment, wildlife and biological resources while providing co-benefits related to climate resilience and public health. The Wildlife District ordinance proposes new development standards for lot coverage, landscaping, setbacks, as well as grading and height limitations, among others. The ordinance includes regulations that apply to all properties within the Wildlife District, as well as additional regulations that apply to lots where natural resources, such as water features, open space, or ridgelines are present. The proposed Wildlife Ordinance may be read by clicking: [Wildlife Ordinance](#).

In 2014 the ENC voted to support the project but at the time there were no details. The original motion the ENC voted on may be viewed here: [Wildlife Ordinance Original City Motion](#). The motion passed by the ENC was: *“Motion to support CF 14-0518, which instructs the Planning Department to prepare and present an ordinance to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance zone). We recommend that this ordinance be applicable to all of the Santa Monica Mountains within the City of Los Angeles. Community Impact Statement to be filed and communication sent to Planning and Land Use Management.”*

The ENC only supported the creation of an ordinance. Now that it has been created, we are able to review and comment on the report. This item will be discussed by the ENC’s PLU & Parks/Environment Committees.

- **Alex G. commented on the item and requested to have the item heard at the Parks & Environment and PLU Committees**
- **Pat B. commented on the item, stating it will be heard by the Parks Committee**
- **Glen B. commented that since it involves setbacks and other land use items, that it would be good to have the PLU Committee make a recommendation**
- **Laurie K. commented that this is very concerning in the environment we’re living in, given certain provisions from the ordinance, and that it would be a no for her**
- **Lee B. commented on the item requesting to look at when the lobbying ordinance will be passed versus the wildlife**
- **No action was taken as it was an informative item only**

9. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

- **Lee B. commented on sidewalk repair**
- **Laurie K. mentioned that EPOA will have a debate with the candidates for Sherrif**
- **Glenn B. encouraged Pat B. to promote an upcoming forum**
- **Pat B. commented on the upcoming mayoral debate on Sep. 11**
- **Daniel F. thanked for a good meeting and staying on time and finishing well before 10pm**
- **A member of the public commented on the item**

10. Adjournment

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm**