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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Encino Community Center Auditorium
4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino CA 91316

1 Call to Order at 7:00pm. Roll call; determination of quorum.

Board Members			
Name	Board Position	Present?	
Laura Shovlowsky	Area 1 Representative	Absent(5 th):	2 nd consecutive
Scott Linden	Area 2 Representative	Absent (6 th):	2 nd Consecutive
Kenneth Silk	Area 3 Representative	Present	
Jess Whitehill	Area 4 Representative	Present	
Diane Rosen	Area 5 Representative	Present	
Laurie Kelson	Area 6 Representative	Present	
Jim Esterle	Area 7 Representative	Present	
Sherman Gamson	Apartment/Condo Resident Rep.	Present	
Victoria Miller (VP)	Business Representative	Present	
Varant Majarian	Business Representative	Present	
Adriohn Richardson	Education Representative	Absent (2 nd)	2 nd consecutive
Debra Lee George (Pres.)	Park Advocate/ Environment Rep	Present	
Eliot Cohen	Planning & Land Use Representative	Present	
Glenn Bailey (Sgt at Arms)	Public Safety Representative	Present	
Anni Keusseyan	Religious Representative	Absent	
Patricia Bates (Treasurer)	Volunteer Service Representative	Present	
Doug Kriegel	At-Large Representative	Absent(4 th):	2 nd consecutive
Henry Eshelman	At-Large Representative	Present	
Carol Levin	Encino Property Owners Association	Present	
Gerald A Silver	Homeowners of Encino Rep	Absent (1 st)	

Mark Levinson	Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep	Present	
Alternates			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Voting?
Alex Garay	Area 3 At-Large Alternate	Present	Yes
Samuel Apikyan	Business Alternate	Absent	
Shelley Billik	Park Advocate/ Environment Alt	Present	No
Norma Landau	Homeowners of Encino Alternate	Absent	

2 Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:

A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, Mayor’s West Valley Representative, BONC, City Council, Related Groups

Gurmet (8:59) Cd5 ACOE planning to clean the area including the encampment for invasive species and homeless encampments, after the clean-up there will be no trespassing signs, which will allow LAPD to enforce in the area

-Update on cut-through traffic, petition circulated in community for no left-turn signs in the area, this got in before the project closed, there will be stake-holder hearings, we’re watching what come up in the hearings on Sherman Oaks, so we don't make the same mistakes.

B. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs), Community Police Advisory Board, & LAFD Captains

None Present

C. County or State officials

a. AD-45 (Matt Dababneh) : Armine Sargsyan, Field Representative

-Town Hall with Assembly Member Dababneh and Congress Member Brad Sherman

February 24 at 3:30 PM Van Nuys State Building Auditorium, 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91401

Video of the event can be found on Facebook at:

Part 1:

<https://www.facebook.com/AssemblymemberDababneh/videos/vb.622493521154668/1402047146532631/?type=2&theater>

And Part 2:

<https://www.facebook.com/AssemblymemberDababneh/videos/vb.622493521154668/1402100623193950/?type=2&theater>

3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:** Limited to maximum TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 5 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board’s Secretary. Time may be adjusted at president’s discretion.

4. **Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council** Available positions include: Alternates: Apartment/Condo; Business; Education; Public Safety; Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; At Large Representative; Area 1; Area 2; Area 4; Area 5; Area 6; Area 7

- Application from Current Area 3 Alternate Alex Garay to Become an At-Large Alternate

Unanimous Consent 15-0-0

MOTION PASSES

After being approved as At-Large Alternate, Alex Garay was seated to fill the Vacancy posed by the Absence of Doug Kriegel

5 **PRESENTATION: Los Angeles International Airport Modernization including proposed LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP)**

See (<http://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483087-4939.pdf>) for presentation materials.

6 **First Reading of proposed By-Laws changes**

Glenn Bailey read the proposed changes with some comment, including language approved at the 2-20-2017 Special Bylaws Committee Meeting. Anyone desiring to object or comment on the proposed changes please email Ken Silk (Kensilk1@gmail.com) with subject line "Comments on By-Laws Changes". (There will also be an opportunity to object and make comment at the March Board meeting.)

See <http://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483087-4950.pdf> and <http://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483087-4952.pdf> for proposed language.

7 **Consent Items:**

All items pulled by Eliot Cohen

A. Parks Committee

1 **MOTION: Hope Mill, Inc NPG in the amount of \$2,495 to fund the preparation of approximately 90 backpacks with basic supplies (food, hygiene, etc) for distribution to local homeless. Passed 6-0-0**

Nick Hubber: We have Offices in Encino. Care packs include food, hygiene items, oral hygiene kits, clean shirts, stamped envelopes.

Rosen: How do you find these people?

Hubber: we go largely based on driving around the area and see where they are, we also work off reports and through a network of other agencies and non-profits.

Garay: do you determine who get the packages, is there priority for families

Hubber: We distribute on a first-come first served model, but we do have specialized packs for kids if we find families

Bailey: this breaks down to about \$25 a pack what are you paying for these packs

Hubber: It's normally about \$30 a pack, it depends on how we negotiate the prices

George: we met this organization at an event organized by the Mayor's Office, CD5, CD6

Cohen: this is a compassionate idea, but I think it's a bad idea, we had 40 people at our last meeting complaining about homelessness in their areas. I don't think that handing out supply bags is going to help the issue because I am concerned handing out backpacks will attract more Homeless people, I urge to board to vote NO on this proposal

Gamson: he's talking about the meeting last month, and those people have no compassion for anyone except themselves, I strongly encourage the board to support this proposal.

Gamson Moves, Eshelman Seconded

11=Y; 2=N; 3=A

MOTION PASSES

2 **MOTION: Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society NPG in the amount of \$2,000 to fund Educational Speaker's Program at annual Drought Tolerant Plant Festival to be held at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino June 10-11. Passed 6-0-0**

- Esterle Recused himself because his wife, Roxie Esterle Presented

Eshelman: how much goes to the speakers and how much goes to production?

R. Esterle: The Speakers don't get paid, but they do get a free booth and usually find new clients

Bailey: we gave you an NPG last year for the kids, what was the attendance?

R. Esterle: I'd say about 400 kids and parents for that event, but about 2,000 people attended the Drought Tolerant Plant Festival last year.

Miller moved, Kelson Seconded

Unanimous 15-0-0 (Esterle recused)

MOTION PASSES

- Esterle returned to the room after the vote.

3. **MOTION: Marking the Arts Real for Youth (MARY) Foundation NPG in the amount of \$500 to fund approximately 1/3 the cost of the Third Annual Children's Community Art Exhibit and Watercolor Workshop. Approximately 1/3 of the attending children are from Encino.**
Passed 5-0-0

Presentation by Cricket Jones Halpern CEO Drum to Learn and MARY

-Pat Bates recused herself as she is also the Treasurer of MARY

Halpern: proceeds are split between the artists and MARY, we have 11 kids participating in this event between 3 and 16, the event we're seeking funds for is on March 5th, last year 30-40 kids came to this event last year and about 60 Adults

George: what other NCs have provided funds?

Halpern: Tarzana, and we're working on getting Lake Balboa to sponsor as well

Bailey: how much are they contributing?

Halpern: \$550, we're trying to split it into 3rds

Eshelman moved, Whitehill Seconded

Unanimous Consent (-Bates) 15-0-0

MOTION PASSES

Bates returned to the room after the vote

8. Non Consent Items:

A. Executive Committee

1. **MOTION: Encino Neighborhood Council ~~supports~~ Recommends that the City Support CA Senate Bill SB 57 as amended (Stern/Hertzberg; Allen/Weiner/Wilk) which would continue the moratorium on gas injections and withdrawals at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage field until a specified root cause analysis of the natural gas leak from the facility that started approximately Oct 23, 2015, has been completed and released in its entirety to the public.**

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB57

Bailey: Procedurally, NCs cannot take positions on state legislation directly, if we amended it to recommend that the city support this legislation, also I want to disclose I'm on the Aliso Canyon Community Advocacy group

Moved by Rosen, Seconded by Gamson

15-0-1(Levinson)

MOTION PASSES

2. **MOTION: The City of Los Angeles has been making great progress in disaster preparedness at the level of City departments and agencies. It is now time to begin the process of training large number of City residents and, in addition creating liaisons between the City government and City residents so as to have a city which will be able to deal with any disaster that may befall us. Therefore, the Encino Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget in the 2017/2018 City Budget to cover the cost of four (4) staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to**

pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

Bailey: it should be "responders" and can we please include the Council File number (17-0600) so we can file a CIS?

George: Sure

MOTION: The Encino NC to submit a CIS on CF-17-0600 stating the following:
The City of Los Angeles has been making great progress in disaster preparedness at the level of City departments and agencies. It is now time to begin the process of training large number of City residents and, in addition creating liaisons between the City government and City residents so as to have a city which will be able to deal with any disaster that may befall us. Therefore, the Encino Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget in the 2017/2018 City Budget to cover the cost of four (4) staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

Bailey moved, Levinson seconded

Unanimous consent 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

3. MOTION: Authorize Mark Levinson as additional Community Impact Statement filer for the ENC.

15-0-1 (Levinson)

MOTION PASSES

B. Finance Committee

1. MOTION: Southern California Preparedness Foundation NPG in the amount of \$850 for the 10th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd.

Bailey: this is the 10th annual event, last year there were 3,000 attendees, some from as far away as San Pedro, and while we get a free booth, this is to offset the cost of the event, which is around \$25,000 about 34 NCs that actively participate, the \$850 amount is the standard they ask for.

Bailey moved, Bates seconded,

Unanimous Consent 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

2. MOTION: Authorize up to \$750 for 2017 Senior Symposium to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Includes exhibit space with canopy, table, and chairs. (Vendor: ONEGeneration)

- Esterle recused Himself since he's on the Board of Directors of ONEGeneration

Bailey: last year Encino had the highest level of attendees, also there's a discrepancy, another NC was billed for \$500 but saying up to \$750 we cover up to that.

Kelson Moved, Gamson Seconded

Unanimous 15-0-0

MOTION PASSES

- Esterle returned to the room after the vote.

C. Parks Committee

1. MOTION: Revise Motion previously approved on December 7th* authorizing \$1,000 in food for Daddy Daughter Dance to substitute Encino Community Center/ RAP as vendor in place of Encino based restaurants and food suppliers

** "Up to \$1,000 for Daddy Daughter Dance fundraiser. Monies to be used for the purchase of food. Vendors - various Encino based restaurants/food suppliers."*

Bailey: you also need to amend the date of the event (2-18-17)

AMENDED MOTION: The ENC to Revise Motion previously approved on December 7th authorizing \$1,000 in food for Daddy Daughter Dance originally scheduled for 2-17-2017, but held on 2-18-2017 to substitute 'Encino Community Center/ RAP' as vendor in place of 'Encino based restaurants and food suppliers'

George Moved, Rosen Seconded

Unanimous 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

D. Planning Land Use

1. 5133 N Louise Lot Split Proposed project involves the creation of five (5) new parcels from an existing 115,120.35 sq. ft. lot (2.64 AC) and the by-right development of five (5) new Single-Family Residences. The five houses proposed are designed to be consistent with the current homes within the neighborhood and adhere to current developmental standards. The proposed five parcels will be designed in order to meet the minimum lot standards provisioned by the LAMC of a minimum of 17,500 sq. ft. per lot. The project site has an average width of 172 feet and 630 feet in length. The proposed tract map will obtain frontage and access from Louise Avenue and Andasol Avenue. Louise Avenue is a fully improved street, while Andasol Avenue is currently unimproved. Andasol Avenue is to be extended northerly, including a turning area, and a 25-foot-wide area between the northerly terminus of Andasol Avenue and northerly property line of tract map be dedicated as future street. The proposed houses range at approximately 4,000 to 5,000 square feet. The houses will comply with all applicable zoning requirements and codes, including density, height, setbacks, lot coverage, and parking. Height is proposed at less than the 45 feet allowed per code. The overall site is planned in response to the topographic contours of the lot, with grading minimized as much as possible.

MOTION: The ENC-PLU has no objection to the by-right subdivision located at 5133 N Louise Ave as presented with acknowledgement of neighbors' concerns about environmental and traffic impacts. The applicant agrees to self-condition the project barring construction parking on Otsego and Andasol Streets and will endeavor to access the site from Louise Avenue as much as practical without affecting adjoining properties. All construction vehicles and employees will be contained on the project property. 7-0-0

Cohen moved, Eshelman Seconded

Y=14; N=1(Whitehill); A=1(Silk)

MOTION PASSES

9. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report –

1. Purposeful Aging Liaison Appointment
 1. Jim Esterle
2. Film Liaison Appointment
 1. Debra George
3. Emergency Preparedness Liaison Appointment
Glenn Bailey

George Recommended: Jim Esterle for Purposeful Aging Liaison, herself (Debra George) for Film LA Liaison, and Glenn Bailey for Emergency Preparedness Liaison

MOTION: to approve Jim Esterle for Purposeful Aging Liaison, Debra George for Film LA Liaison, and Glenn Bailey for Emergency Preparedness Liaison

Moved by George, Eshelman Seconded

Unanimous 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

B. Vice-President's Report – Committee Chairs and Membership

1. Establishment of a new committee - Government Affairs - to address city wide issues.

Motion: To approve establishment of a new committee - Government Affairs - to address city wide issues.

Moved by Bailey, seconded by Rosen

Unanimous 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

C. Treasurer's Report – Update for Board - ENC Account and cash flow.

1. **MOTION: Approval of Nov/Dec 2016, and January 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports**
Moved By: George, Seconded by: Esterle

Unanimous 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

D. Secretary's Report

1. **MOTION: Approval of December 2016 Meeting Minutes**
2. **MOTION: Approval of October 2016 Meeting Minutes**
3. **MOTION: Approval of September 2016 Meeting Minutes**
Motion Pulled, Minutes not ready.

4. **MOTION: Approval of revised June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: to approve the Revised June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes, The October 2016 Meeting Minutes, and the December 2016 meeting minutes,

Moved by: Eshelman Seconded by: Esterle

Unanimous 16-0-0

MOTION PASSES

E. Sergeant-at-Arm's Report

1. Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct
2. Animal Services Meeting Jan 9, 2017
3. Film Liaison Town Hall Jan 26, 2017
4. Purposeful Aging Town Hall Jan 31, 2017

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Regional Budget Day, Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Braude Service Center in Van Nuys
VANC Anniversary Mixer, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at CBS Studios. RSVP required