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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017
 Encino Community Center Auditorium**

4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino CA 91316

This meeting was livestreamed and available in 2 parts

<https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/>

PART 1: <https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/videos/1533394136714411/> (meeting starts at 3:20)

PART 2: <https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/videos/1533421693378322/>

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1. **Call to Order at 7:14pm. Roll call; seating of alternates per the ByLaws; determination of quorum.**

ROLL CALL

Board Members			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Notes
Lee Blumenfeld	Area 1 Representative	Present	
Scott Linden	Area 2 Representative	Absent	12 th (3 rd in row, 9 th in 12 months)
Miriam Davis	Area 3 Representative	Present	
Jess Whitehill	Area 4 Representative	Absent	2 nd (Huckins 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	Absent	1 st
Samuel Apikyan	Business Representative	Absent	4 th
Adriohn Richardson	Education Representative	Present	
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	Present	Arrived≈8:15PM
Patricia Bates (Treasurer)	Volunteer Service Representative	Present	
Henry Eshelman	At-Large Representative	Absent	4 th (2 nd in 12 months)
Alex Garay	At-Large Representative	Present	
Carol Levin	Encino Property Owners Association	Absent	
Gerald A Silver	Homeowners of Encino Rep	Present	
Mark Levinson	Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep	Present	
Alexandra Turner	Youth Representative	Joined	Non-Voting
Alternates			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Voting
David Ellis	Area 1 Alternate	Present	For Eshelman
Walter Almora	Area 2 Alternate	Present	No
Chris Huckins	Area 4 Alternate	Present	For Whitehill
Lynn Walker	Area 6 Alternate	Absent	1st
Zachary Helsper	At Large Alternate	Absent	2nd
Shelley Billik	Park Advocate/ Environment Alt	Absent	4 th (2 nd in row, 3 rd in 12 months)
Marly Temple	Homeowners of Encino Alternate	Present	No
Diana Menzer	EPOA Alternate	Present	Ineligible

Motion: to Appoint David Ellis to Fill the At-Large Rep seat normally filled by Henry Eshelman for this meeting only.

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Esterle

Y= 16 N=0 A= 0 I=1 Menzer

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION PASSES

(Part 2 ≈ 27:40- 28:23)

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Stakeholders Spoke Up About the Following:

- Loud Music on Ventura near Balboa
- Group Recovery home on Otsego (several people spoke about this)
- Hayvenhurst Ave needs to be repaved under the freeway, it's a mess and it's damaging cars and the Commuter Buses alike.

3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:**

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet Khara, Valley Director (818-971-3088) Aviv Kleinman, Deputy Planning Director

- There was a very robust discussion with Gurmet Khara and CM. Koretz' new Deputy Planning Director about several contentious planning issues in Encino such as the proposed project at 16161 Ventura Blvd , City and State Guidelines on Assistive living homes, The prestation and discussion start at Part 1 of the above linked video at (≈21:14) and continues through (≈ 27:40) of Part 2.

Kleinman: The California Community Care Facilities Act says all residential recovery facilities are allowable in all residential zones and prohibits Homeowners Groups from restricting their opening so long as they are treating 6 or fewer patients at a time.
(http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=1502.)

- Most of the issues the stakeholders are concerned about were created at the State level and cannot be overridden by the City by design.

- Slides available at: <http://www.encinonc.org/admin/docs/34483079-5045.pdf>

- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs): Officer David Ham (25717@lapd.lacity.org), Officer Para (34488@lapd.lacity.org)

-Heard about noise violations, there are rules about music after hours, we report to the Police Comission about these issues since they issue the permits, but this is a low priority call. Please organize or join neighborhood watch groups to reduce redundancy in communications.
(This prestation occurred before Item 3-B and the seating of David Ellis)

- D. Community Police Advisory Board and LAFD

- E. LA City Attorney: Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor (Raffy.A@lacity.org)

- F. Mayor's West Valley Rep:

- G. County or State officials

Blake Clayton from County Board District 3 (Sheila Kuehl) was in attendance but did not present.

4. **Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council** How to apply Available positions include Alternates: At Large, Apartment/Condo; Business (2); Education; Public Safety; Planning and Land Use, Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 5; Area 7

Motion to Elect Alexandrea Turner to fill the Youth Representative seat
Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: George
Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Menzer)
Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES

- 5. **Community Arts Funding -Andrea Wilson, Executive Director for the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles** www.cacla2006.org

- No Vote was taken, Presentation Only.
- Slides available at <http://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483079-5044.pdf>
- Part 2 (≈33:37-≈46:27)

- 6. **Consent Items:**

Part 2 (≈46:30-≈1:18:30)
Kelson asked to pull C-2

Bailey Pulled A-1

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar Items 6-B-1, 6-C-1, and 6-C-3

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Gamson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES

A. Executive Committee

- 1. MOTION - Motion: Approval of \$2,000 to purchase a standalone computer to be used by the community to file online reports via the LAPD department's system as per the NPG submitted by Support Law Enforcement Out West Inc. Passed 5-0-0.**

Bailey pointed out the logistical issues of such a proposal and that It's not entirely clear where this request came from.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved By: Bailey; Seconded By: Bates

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Levinson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES- ITEM TABLED

B. Outreach Committee

- 1. MOTION - End of the Year ENC meeting - Councilmember Paul Koretz will attend the ENC November 29th meeting to have a forum on crime and homelessness. The meet and greet will begin at 6pm and last 1 hour giving stakeholders an opportunity to meet board representatives. We would like to have upgraded refreshments from Buca di Beppo for between 70-90 attendees. We would like to request up to \$1,100 for our end of the year ENC Board meeting. About \$800 will go to food with the additions going to drinks (soda, water and coffee). We would also like to purchase a cake for desert representing the ENC's 15 year anniversary. Remaining funds will go to the purchase of disposable plates, napkins and plastic wear. Passed 5-0-0**

ITEM PASSED AS PART OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Gamson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES

C. Planning and Land Use Committee

- 1 MOTION: The City of Los Angeles needs to give Neighborhood Councils ample time for public comment on planning items prior to approval by the LA City Council. Passed 6-1**

ITEM PASSED AS PART OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Gamson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES

- 2 MOTION: Support for Ventura-Cahuenga Blvd Specific Plan Revision (Council File 17-1071) - The ENC PLU Committee believes that the Encino NC should have early on "robust public participation" and involvement in the updating and revision of the Specific Plan revision process.**

Given the increasing density, congestion and traffic on Ventura Blvd., the Encino NC PLU committee urges the LA Planning Dept. to give major consideration to the following recommendations when revising the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan:

- 1 No additional residential units, such as condos, or apartments be permitted on Ventura Blvd.**
- 2 No mixed-use projects should be permitted, and no mixed-use density bonuses be allowed.**

- 3 **New signage rules must be put in place to prevent sign “modernizations”, including digital billboards.**
- 4 **Maximum allowable build-out should be reduced, until traffic problems are resolved.**
- 5 **Project Impact Assessment (PIA) fees should be adjusted upwards to generate needed funds for street improvements.**
- 6 **Planned street and intersection improvements must be implemented before any new construction is permitted.**
- 7 **New uses along Ventura Blvd. should primarily serve local residents, not add more residents.**
- 8 **Building height and bulk should be reduced and building setback requirements increased.**
- 9 **Exceptions, variances or other deviations from the Plan should not be permitted.**
- 10 **No more density bonus incentives for new development should be issued**
- 11 **Honest, reliable and complete traffic studies must be conducted before any new project is approved.**
- 12 **Shared parking arrangements should not be permitted.**

Kelson: I serve on the specific Plan Review Board (PRB), there will be a report out in 60 days, this is very premature. I think the first half of the motion is fine, but the later half that says saying ‘don’t do this, don’t do that, doesn’t do us any favors with City Hall.

Cohen: I feel that waiting for the plan, will be too late, the stakeholders have been quite clear that they want less traffic and less development on the Encino corridor of Ventura Blvd. We need to make our wishes known ahead of time so they can be considered

George: this is not a body that makes laws, a lot of what this motion calls for would require changes to many state laws, so I have some concern with some of the

Kelson: PRB meets monthly, I’ve never seen any of you there, it meets every 1st Thursday of the month in Van Nuys City Hall(6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, California 91401) at 2:30PM

Silver: I totally agree with Eliot, let’s stake our position now, as to what we want and don’t want. The president of the PRB doesn’t want to give out her contact info, so it’s difficult to reach her.

(Stakeholder) Karen: I don’t; feel that motion is representative of everyone in this community, especially me, we need to talk about transit, we need to talk about mixed-use, Ventura Blvd is a main street, we need to move forwards not backwards.

- Full discussion is available in Part 2 from (≈52:08-≈1:18:30)

MOTION TO AMEND: to delete “PLU Committee”

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Blumenfield

Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 I= 2 (Menzer, Turner)

Unanimous Consent

AMENDMENT PASSES

MOTION TO AMEND: :to strike all of #1, and the first half of #2 up to the word “no”.

Moved By: Bailey ; Seconded By: Gamson

Y= 7 N= 6 A= 4 I= 2

Yes: Rosen, Kelson, Esterle, Gamson, Garay, George, Bailey

No: Blumenfeld, Davis, Huckins, Cohen, Levinson, Silver

Abstain: Richardson, Keusseyan, Ellis, Bates

Ineligible: Menzer, Turner

AMENDMENT FAILS

MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENED

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 7 N= 7 A= 3 I=2

Yes: Blumenfeld, Davis, Huckins, Cohen, Bates, Levinson, Silver

No: Rosen, Kelson, Esterle, Gamson, Ellis, George, Bailey

Abstain: Garay, Richardson, Keusseyan

Ineligible: Menzer, Turner

MOTION FAILS

- 3 **MOTION: Support for Interim Control Ordinance – The ENC PLU believes the LA City Planning Department should issue an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) “Moratorium” on new construction over 45 feet in the Ventura Blvd. Specific Plan. Passed 6-0-0.**

ITEM PASSED AS PART OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Gamson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES

- 4 **MOTION: The ENC PLU moves for reconsideration of the Planning Appeal Fees Motion to the ENC with the corrected fee value. 6-0-0**

ITEM PASSED AS PART OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen

Y= 16 N= 0 A= 1 (Gamson) I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

MOTION PASSES

7. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report

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

1. Current Committees and membership information

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

1. MOTION: Approval of Sept 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Moved By: Bates; Seconded By: Keusseyan

Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 I=2 (Menzer, Turner)

Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

C. Secretary's Report

-All Items Postponed until the November 29, 2017 Meeting in the interest of time.

1. MOTION: Approval of July, 2017 Meeting Minutes

2 Motion to Approve the August 2017 Meeting Minutes

3 Motion to Approve the September 2017 Meeting Minutes

E. Sergeant at Arms Report

1. Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct - training required of members

9. Committee Reports

1. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall/Glenn Bailey
2. Education - Adrioohn Richardson
3. Government Affairs - Patricia Bates
4. Outreach - Alex Garay: The Outreach Committee would like to put together a small presentation of the accomplishments/issues tackled. All board members and Committee Chairs are invited to submit ENC accomplishments no later than November 15th, 2017.
5. Parks/Environment - Debra George
6. Planning & Land Use - Eliot Cohen
7. Public Safety - Glenn Bailey
8. Traffic/Transportation - Laurie Kelson

10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Gamson Attended the BONC ceremony marking the 15th Anniversary of the ENC's founding.

11. Adjournment at 9:19pm - The Encino Neighborhood Council adjourned in memory of LA River and environmental activist Karin Flores. Karin was a frequent contributor to the ENC Parks Committee and the Encino community. We will miss her deep knowledge and ability to connect people. Her Memorial will be held Saturday, October 28th, 10:30am at The Frog Spot (beside the LA River), 2825 Benedict St, Los Angeles 90039

The Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29th.

6:00pm start time!

Community Events

Los Encinos State Historic Park Haunted History Spooky Jazz Halloween Saturday, October 28th, 4PM.

Put on your roaring 20s picnic duds or vintage style Halloween costume, pack a picnic supper and come out to the park. Live jazz age music will be provided by Dutch Newman's Musical Melodians, the lawn will be available for dancing;

there will be activities for the kids and grown ups, and after dark, we'll have a showing of classic spooky cartoons and the 1925 movie Phantom of the Opera. Additional activities include a costume parade for kids and adults, and for the kids: pumpkin carving and painting, face

painting, spooky stories and games. California Pizza Kitchen will set up on site, selling personal pan pizzas and beverages.

Sign up for email notifications at www.encinonc.org

The event is free but donations are encouraged.

Haunted House of Balboa Tuesday, October 31st, 3:30pm - 7pm Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino

Game booths, arts and crafts, face painting, tattoos, cookie decorating, costume contests, and more!