

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING  
Proposed Minutes  
Wednesday March 26, 2014

Location: Encino Community Center Auditorium, 4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino

**1. - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM Meeting and the pledge of allegiance were led by Sherman Gamson.

A sign in sheet was distributed and there were a quorum based on the attendance of 14 (13 Members and 1 Voting Alternate) Board members that were present: Todd Rubinstein, Kathy-Moghim-Patterson, Varant Majarian, Anni Keusseyan, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, Glenn Bailey, Sherman Gamson, Debra George, Art Sherman, George Jawlakian, Mark Levinson, and Gerald Silver. Alternate: Eliot Cohen. Talar Dardarian arrived when voting for on Agenda item

**2-3. – Seating of Newly Elected Board Member and Roll Call; Determination of Quorum:**

Thomas Soong spoke, reported on election noted 182 voters, thanked the members and referred to requirement for roll call vote. Per suggestion of Thomas Soong members introduced themselves & spoke of concerns. John Darnell, Deputy of 5th CD Council district administered the pledge to new members & alternates and new board members took their seats.

**New Board Members:** Todd Rubinstein, Kathy-Moghim-Patterson, Varant Majarian, Anni Keusseyan, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, Eliot Cohen, Sherman Gamson, Debra George, Art Sherman, George Jawlakian, Mark Levinson, Victoria Miller, Mel Roberts and Gerald Silver, Talar Dardarian arrived when voting for on Agenda item 11. Absent: Mickey Cohen.

**New Alternates:** Alex Treybush, Sharon Brewer, Glenn Bailey and Norma Landau.

**4. - Election of New Officers:**

Election conducted by Thomas Soong to win need majority of those voting including those abstaining.

- o **President:** Sole nominee Todd Rubinstein, accepted, spoke & vote 13 Yes and 1 Abstention.
- o **Vice President:** Nominees Kathy Moghim-Patterson, Debra Lee George- both accepted & spoke. 1st vote 6-6 tie with 2 Abstentions. 2nd vote: Kathy 7 Debra 6, 1Abstention 3rd vote: Kathy elected with 8 votes.
- o **Secretary:** Nominees- Kenneth Silk, Anni Keusseyan- both accepted & spoke 1st vote- 6-6 tie. 2 Abstentions. 2nd vote- Anni 8 elected.
- o **Treasurer:** Sole nominee-George Jawlakian, accepted, spoke & elected.
- o **Sergeant at Arms:** Nominees- Sherman Gamson & Jason Ackerman-both accepted & spoke. Sherman Gamson elected vote 8-6

**5. - Board Designation of Second Signatory for Funding Matters:** The Board elected its Council President, Todd Rubinstein as the secondary Signatory with vote of 13 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstention.

**6.- Board Designation of Purchase Card Holder:** The Board elected its Treasurer George Jawlakian as the primary PCard holder and the President, Todd Rubinstein as the secondary Card Holder with vote of 12 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions.

**7. - Appointment of Parliamentarian:** President Todd Rubenstein assigned Sherman Gamson as the Parliamentarian.

**8. - Review and Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings of February 26, 2014:** A motion was moved by Kathy Patterson to approve the minutes and was seconded by Sherman Gamson. The previous Meeting Minutes were approved by vote 12 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions.

**9. - Approval of Monthly Expenditure:** A motion was presented for the discussion and the approval of Monthly Expenditure report to be delayed until next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously with vote 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

**10. - Approval of Consent Items:** The Agenda included items 10a-10c that were adapted without any opposition by the Parks Committee. A motion was then made by Jason and seconded by George to approve the consent items 10a-10c. The motion passed with vote of 13 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstention.

- a) to recommend support of support of Council File 13-1352 Partnership to Combat Prostitution; including filing of a Community Impact Statement.
- b) to recommend support of Council File 12-0899-SI Los Angeles Park Ranger Program.
- c) to recommend support of Council File 13-1580 Los Angeles Parks and Hillside Areas/Rodent Population Control.

**11. - Approval of Funding Consent Items:** The Agenda included items 11a-11d that were adapted without any opposition by the Parks Committee.

- a) to recommend funding of up to \$1200 for the purchase and planting of one (1) 36" Quercus Agrifolia (oak tree) to replace the oak tree lost in the 5300 White Oak Ave.
- b) to recommend Neighborhood Purposed Grant request from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society in the amount of \$4000 to support the Sepulveda Basin
- c) to recommend funding of up to \$350 for the purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Library.
- d) to recommend funding up to \$9000 for the replacement of the historic flagpole at Los Encinos State Historic park.

Items 11a and 11d were pulled by Eliot Cohen. A motion was then moved by Mr. Silver and seconded by Kathy to approve the remaining items (11b and 11c). The motion was adopted by 11Yes, 0No and 3Absentions.

A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Mark to table the pulled items again at the Parks Committee meeting. But the motion was withdrawn,

A motion was made to approve the pulled item 11a; the motion did not pass by 5Yes, 5No, and 5Abstentions.

A motion was made to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> pulled item (11d). The motion was moved by Debra to approve funding of \$6850, it was seconded by Kathy. The motion was passed by 8Yes, 3No, and 4Abstentions.

**12. - Reports From City Officials and Departments: Police, Fire, Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, City Council Districts 5 and 6, Neighborhood Empowerment, Recreation and Parks, Other Departments:** Mr. John Carnell representing the Council District 5 was present,

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- He gave an update on Old Fire Station 83 (CF 13-0476), there are new updated, the lease has not been signed yet; still pending. LAUSD is not interested and declined the opportunity, no other takers.
- A complaints was made with the City in regards to mud slide in Pageant Place, his office is looking into this.
- On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the ENC general Board meeting, Councilmember Paul Koretz will be present, and will speak.

**13. - Reports from Representatives of Federal, State, and County Officials And Agencies::**  
None

**14. - Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (up to two minutes per speaker, no discussion)**  
None

**15.- Guest Speakers/Presentations (beginning no later than 7:45 pm for 90 minutes) New Board Orientation – Tom Soong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment :** Due to lack of time, it was decided the orientation/training be rescheduled for next month's General Board Meeting.

**16. - President's Report:**  
None

**17. - Vice-President's Report:**  
None

**18. - Secretary's Report:**  
None

**19. - Treasurer's Report:**  
None

**20. - Sergeant At Arms Report:**  
None

**21. - Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:**

Mr. Michael Gonzalez representing Curtis School was present and spoke. He said the projected was presented to the PLU and the ENC board many times, nothing has changed since. And that the project was decided previously at the PLU meeting.

Ms. Dorman representing the homeowners of that area was present, she spoke against the project. She said that the baseline hillside was not taken into consideration by the PLU.

The Agenda included item 21c which listed a motion adopted by Planning and Land Use Committee on (02/11/2014): Curtis School expansion located at 15871 Mulholland Dr. (CPC-2009-837-CU-SPE-DRB-SPP-SPR-DI-ZV (referred to PLU on 02/26/2014)

A Motion was presented and passed by the PLU committee (8-0-1) motion read as follows:

- The ENC's PLU Committee moves to support 2014-102-CU-spr-dd-spe-spp-msp at 15871 Mulholland Dr., Curtis School, as presented with further consideration to be addressed regarding the height of the gymnasium and traffic safety issues for the access road.

A motion was moved by Todd and seconded by Kathy to approve the motion as it is stated above. The motion passed by the ENC board 9Yes, 2No and 3Abstentions.

**22. - New Business and Committee Referrals:**

None

**23. - Neighborhood Council Reports and Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

President, Todd reminded everyone on upcoming events:

- Valley Alliance of NC: 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2014
- Los Angeles NC Coalition: Next Meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 10am
- Next General Board meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Submitted by: Anni Keusseyan, Secretary