

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING  
PROPOSED MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 4, 2013

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by President Glenn Bailey, Sherman Gamson led the pledge of allegiance and Keven Steinberg was appointed Parliamentarian. The President reported that pursuant to the Bylaws due to absences John Tashtchian vacated his seat and that his Alternate Art Sherman stated he was willing to serve the remainder of the term, but due to lack of requisite training Art Sherman was ineligible to vote on funding motions.

Roll call was taken and there was a quorum based on initially 13 and then later 14 members and voting Alternates present consisting of the following:

Members present (12 and later 13) Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Sherman Gamson, Victoria Miller, Todd Rubinstein, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, John Arnstein, Debbie Watson, Gerald Silver, Keven Steinberg, Art Sherman and Anni Keuseyan (who arrived at 7:25 ).

Alternates present and voting for absent member (1) Sharon Brewer (for Debra Lee George)

Members absent (5) Stacie De Armas Shrinisky, Marly Tempel, Debra Lee George ,Talar Dardarian, and Geroge Jawlakian

Alternates present but not voting (3): Laurie Kelson, Carol Levin and Norma Landau

Alternates absent (8) Herbert Strickstein, Tom Masterson, Eliot Cohen, Gil Spiegel, Jeremy Erlandsen, Steve DeVore, Fred Myer and Melissa Loeffler.

Member Positions Vacant (3): Area 4, Area 5 and EPOA.

Alternate Positions Vacant (9): At Large, Education, Public Safety, Religious, Volunteer, Areas 3, 4, 5 & EPOA

2 DEFERRAL OF MINUTES The Minutes of the last meeting held on October 23, 2013 and a motion to defer consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting was made, seconded and adopted by vote of 10 Yes 1 No and 2 Abstentions.

2.5 ITEMS GIVERN PRIORITY

A REPORT FROM CITY OFFICIALS (Agenda Item 8) LAPD Officer Foxhoven spoke and answered questions. He referred to avoiding exposure of valuable items in cars.

B GUEST SPEAKER (Agenda Item 10) State Senator Fran Pavley spoke and answered questions. Among the items referred to were keeping Los Encinos Park open, need for work on State Parks, the Sepulveda Basin and fracking. She stated the committees she was on included Energy and Transportation. She distributed a flyer about an informational hearing on the L.A. River on December 13, 2013.

3 APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS John Arnstein reminded the members that the September 2013 report was distributed for the October meeting. He distributed the report for October 2013 showing expenditures of \$620.73 and a report for November 2013 showing monthly expenditures of \$920.27 and cumulative expenditures from prior months of \$4,718.53. Motions to approve each monthly report were made by Glenn Bailey, and seconded by Anni Keusseyan. Each monthly report was approved by a vote of 13 Yes, 1 No (Sharon Brewer) and 1 (Art Sherman) not voting due to ineligibility.

4 VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS The President announced that Art Sherman was now a voting Board member (see Par.1) and that an applicant for the Volunteer Alternate vacancy was not present.

5. SEATING OF APPLICANTS WHO WERE APPOINTED- NONE

6 APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS The Agenda included items a-i that were adopted without opposition by the respective committees indicated herein below. Item 4 reflected that there was no resolution submitted by the PLU committee. Items a and e were pulled (See Parag. 9.5A below for disposition of said items). A motion was then made, seconded and adopted by vote of 14 Yes and 0 No to adopt the remaining portion of the consent agendas which consisted of the following items:

(b) that Request to Cooperate letters to agencies be in a specified template (copy of which was distributed). (From Bylaws Committee)

(c) to support the purchase or acquisition of the NASA property located within the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in the Simi Hills by the National Park Service. Acquisition is to take place after completion of the site clean up by NASA. Site is to be preserved as open space and parkland forever. (Parks Committee)

(d) to support, in concept, the landscaping of Killion Street north side median between Louise and Amestoy Avenues (Parks Committee)

(g) that Jason Ackerman be the ENC's Transportation liaison and Laurie Kelson by the ENC's Transportation alternate (Executive Committee)

(h) that Kathy Moghimi-Patterson be the ENC Public Works Alternate (Executive Committee)

(i) that Art Sherman be the ENC's Public Safety liaison and that John Tashtchian be the Public Safety Alternate (Executive Committee)

7. FUNDING CONSENT ITEMS The Agenda included items a-b regarding funding which were adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee. Motions were made and adopted by vote of 13 Yes and 1 (Art Sherman) not voting due to ineligibility to approve the following financial consent items:

(a) That ENC be a co-sponsor of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Holiday Mixer on Dec. 12, 2013 and the 11th Anniversary Mixer on April 10, 2014 and to contribute \$250 for said events.

(b) to reimburse Glenn Bailey \$18.00 for two Post Office box keys from the US Postal Service to replace the one misplaced by the ENC office staff.

8. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS See reference to Police report in Par 2.5

above and to Thomas Soong in Par 9.5 D below.

## 9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES None

### 9. 5 ITEMS CONSIDERED OUT OF AGENDA ORDER

A. APPROVAL OF NON-UNANIMOUS TRAFFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (Agenda Item 18b) The Traffic/Transportation Committee recommended by vote of 7-1-0 that the ENC supports the neighbors request for the LADOT to explore: "No Left Turns" from southbound Louise Avenue to eastbound Killion Street from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M Mondays through Fridays. There was discussion including public comment by Jamie Thompson, Perry Paul and Allen Aster on problems they have getting out of their driveway and into the street during morning rush hours. The members voted to approve the recommendation and take said position by vote of 13 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention.

B. APPROVAL OF PULLED CONSENT ITEM 6A (Agenda Item 18a) The unanimous recommendation of the Traffic/Transportation Committee that the ENC support the request for permit parking on Killion Street from Louise to Amestoy Avenue was pulled from the consent calendar (See Par. 6 above). There was discussion and public comment by Jamie Thompson regarding concern of residents of burglaries. The motion was adopted by vote of 13 Yes and 1 No

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEM (Agenda Item 21) There was public comment regarding condos on Oak View.

D REPORT FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS (Agenda Item 8) Thomas Soong of DONE spoke about the Neighborhood Council elections on March 16, 2014 and how the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was checking on the system.

E APPROVAL OF PULLED CONSENT ITEM 6 e (Agenda Item 18a) the unanimous recommendation of the Parks Committee set forth below was pulled from the consent calendar (See Par. 6 above). There was discussion and by a vote of 10 Yes 1 No and 2 Abstentions the members voted to approve the recommendation and vote for the following motion: that ENC support use of Proposition K Project R 18 Los Angeles Riverfront Park monies earmarked for Encino for the purpose of planning a Los Angeles Riverfront Park with a kayak launch area, walk paths, and other passive park amenities in the area of Encino between Balboa Boulevard and the easterly terminus of Oxnard Street, north of the AYSO soccer fields and the north side of the Los Angeles River from Balboa Boulevard to Lindley Avenue.

10. GUEST SPEAKERS. Guest Speaker State Senator Fran Pavley spoke as set forth in Par.2.5 above. Independent Election Administrator Tony Wilkinson who was also listed as a guest speaker was unable to speak because of his attendance at another NC meeting the same night.

### 11 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A. FACTS ABOUT ELECTION Glenn Bailey informed the members that the election for ENC and other Neighborhood Councils in Region 3 would be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014. He stated the ENC Election would be held for the six hours between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Encino Community Center Auditorium (pending confirmation). He stated the election would not have vote by mail because such voting would be only self-affirmative unlike voting in person which is verified and checked. Glenn

also stated there is a 30 day filing period for candidates starting on December 31 and ending on January 30, 2014. The agenda gave the webpage URL of <http://empowerla.org/enc>.

B. ADOPTION OF MOTION REGARDING FUNDING. The agenda included a recommended authorization for funding. The members voted 13 Yes 0 No 0 Abstention and 1 (Art Sherman) not voting due to ineligibility. The motion authorized an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for joint Regional (or Valleywide) NC advertisements in the Daily News for Candidate Recruitment and/or Get Out the Vote . It was noted that the budget category of 500 is funded for \$3,700.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS See Par. 9.5

13 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. EXECUTIVE ORDER(s) - None

B. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS-None

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH None

D. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL MOTION DEFINING STAKEHOLDERS- The President stated the City Council is still working on this and their determination may effect the election.

E. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LIAISON The President asked for volunteers for serving as liaison and Jason Ackerman was the only member who stated he would serve. A motion to approve Jason Ackerman as liaison was made by Gerald Silver, seconded by Debbie Watson and adopted by vote of 14 Yes 0 No and 0 Abstentions.

f. BOOTH AT TASTE OF ENCINO Jason Ackerman gave a report on the ENC booth at Taste of Encino and thanked the members who worked on the booth

14 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Todd Rubinstein reported on committees and urged them to meet regularly and have their agendas timely prepared.

15 SECRETARY'S REPORT Ken Silk noted how some members were removed for lack of attendance and urged members to attend the remaining meetings of the term.

16 TREASURER'S See Parag. 3 above.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT Kathy Moghimi-Patterson expressed concern that the agenda for the meetings were not sent out earlier and there was discussion on this.

18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. ITEMS PULLED FROM AGENDA (See Par. 9.5 B and 9.5 E above)

B. TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE NO LEFT TURN ON LOUISE (See 9.5A above).

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIOEN-DWP LIAISON A motion to approve the proposed designation of John Tashtchian as the ENC's DWP Liaison was made by Ken Silk, seconded and discussed. The vote was 6 Yes 3 No and 5 Abstentions and failed because of failure to obtain approval of a majority of those present and eligible to vote.

D. BY LAWS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT The subsequently described non-unanimous recommendation of the Bylaws Committee was presented, discussed and adopted by vote of 12 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention. The motion was that the Standing Rules be amended and that the following be added as the last item in the Standing Rules: "The proposals and recommendations of the ENC shall be in the form of a Community Impact Statement (CIS). The CIS will include findings of fact, recommendations and a summary of the public input (i.e. speaker's comments). Should there not be a consensus on an issue, then a Majority Statement and a Minority Statement will be included in the CIS. It shall be improper to submit the results of a majority vote of the ENC, without the required Statement of findings of fact, proposals and recommendations of the ENC.

E EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBMITTAL FOR CONSIDERATION SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING The Executive Committee submitted for Board consideration for an opinion of the City Council motion requiring sexual harassment training of neighborhood council board members (CF 11-1017- S1). A motion was made by John Arnstein and seconded to oppose such training. There was discussion and Ken Silk stated he wanted the record to reflect that his support of the motion was based on his belief that there has not been a showing of an adequate basis for such training at this time. The motion to oppose training was adopted by vote of 18 Yes 2 No and 3 Abstentions

F EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MAILBOX USE The Executive Committee by consensus recommended that the ENC use the mailbox on the Encino Woman's Club building to receive mail and authorize the duplication of four keys for that use.

19 NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-None

20 UPCOMING MEETINGS The agenda reflected the following upcoming meetings and events:

December 7, 2013 L.A. Neighborhood Council Coalition meeting

December 12, 2013 Valley Alliance of NC's Holiday Mixer- RSVP required

December 16, 2013 BONC meeting

21 PUBLIC COMMENT See Par 9.5

22. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS- NONE

23 NEXT MEETING Members were reminded that due to the holidays the next meeting would be on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

24 ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary