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DRAFT* Encino Neighborhood Council 08-14-2018 PLU COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Following Minutes correspond with the 8/14/2018 ENC PLU Committee Agenda, which can be found at <http://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483191-5173.pdf>

Present:

Eliot Cohen (Chair)*, Lee Blumenfeld*, Carol Levin*, Henry Eshelman*, Al Mass**, Steven Turner**, Diane Menzer, Jo-Dee Becker (Alt Secretary)

1. **Call to Order 7:10 P.M., Roll Call, Determination of a Quorum,**
2. **The minutes from the previous PLU Meeting were not available and not reviewed.**
3. **Action Items:** In the interest of the participants the order of the agenda was rearranged and presented as follows:

A. Update on proposed Traffic Study encompassing Ventura Blvd. from Sepulveda Blvd. to Hayvenhurst and South to Mulholland.

- (1). Eliot Cohen presented that the requested Traffic Study has not yet been funded but that Planning Deputies from Councilperson Koretz's office said they should be able to find the funding from the 6 million dollar Ventura Boulevard Trust Fund. They have this information from an email by Joan Pelico, Chief of Staff for Councilperson Koretz.

D. PLU-18-08-0002 Discussion and motion regarding protection of our urban canopy through an adjustment to the municipal code, tracking system and enforcement.

Lee Blumenfeld stated that trees in our public right of way areas are not protected. There are no means currently for enforcement when someone cuts down or poorly trims City trees without permission. The motion before the committee would add means for enforcement of the current codes. It will be circulated and ratified to other neighborhood councils to increase its impact.

Motion (Lee Blumenfeld): The ENC PLU Urgently requests that the Los Angeles City Council, within 60 days, protect our urban canopy by amending the effectiveness gap in the municipal code to include enforcement, tracking, and corrective distribution of funds to the affected City/Neighborhood Council boundary. Please see attached document: Fines, Penalties and Enforcement for solution.

Amendment (Henry Eshelman): change the time to 120 days.

Second (Carol Levine)

Amendment passes 2-5-0

PLU 18-08-002 Amended Motion: The ENC PLU Urgently requests that the Los Angeles City Council, within 120 days, protect our urban canopy by amending the effectiveness gap in the



municipal code to include enforcement, tracking, and corrective distribution of funds to the affected City/Neighborhood Council boundary. Please see attached document: Fines, Penalties and Enforcement for solution.

Second (Carol Levine):

Motion passes with consent. 7-0-0

B. Power Point presentation by Jacky Surber from Angelenos 4 Trees

Jacky made a presentation about the importance of the urban tree canopy for the ecology and of the City. She stated that the canopy is diminishing yearly due to construction, urbanization and other factors. A report has been commissioned from environmental engineers Dudek & Associates which makes recommendations on how to protect and restore the tree canopy using a master plan and appropriate civic policies.

C. PLU 18-08-0001 The Encino Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council to upgrade it's Urban Forest Practices to the best of class.

PLU 18-08-0001 Motion (Jacky Surber, Angelenos4trees): The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council set a 2018 public hearing date in Council Chambers, to discuss the loss of tree canopy, causing an environmental crisis; and to discuss the Dudek & Associates Report for the greater good of the citizens of L.A., in an open government setting, to set for a path to quickly implement solutions recommended in the Dudek Report.

Second (Carol Levine):

Motion passes with consent. 7-0-0.

E. General Public Comments – None

F. General Committee Comments – Jo-Dee Becker inquired about our Council Districts plans for transitional and low income housing for the homeless. Henry Eshelman reports that based on information from the Executive Board, sites have not yet been identified for such housing in our District.

G. Meeting Adjournment – 8:35

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo-Dee Becker

Formatting and Minor Style edits by: Jason Ackerman

*Upon Adoption of the above minutes, the word "DRAFT" will be replaced with the word "Approved"
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