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OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 4th, 2019 @ 6:30pm

**Woman's Club Room – Kitchen
4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino, CA, 91316**

Voting Members – ENC Members:

Alex Garay (Chair)*, Jim Esterle*, Carol Levin*,

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

Gail Reysa, Gina Corso, Jenny Birchfield-Eick, Varant Majarian

Alternate Committee Members:

Victoria Miller*, Lee Blumenfeld*, Shani Hudson

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Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

- 1. Call to Order. Roll call. Gail was not in attendance and requested to be moved to an Alternate. Jenny Birchfield-Eick & Varant Majarian joined as a new committee members (Stakeholder).**
- 2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**
Limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Committee Chair. – No public comment.

3. **Old Business (10 min):**

A. Utility Boxes – Update – Gail R.

- Alex G, “Councilmember Koretz has agreed to pay for some of the utility boxes and I finally spoke with Susan that controls the BID who said it might be a possibility to use funds from the BID. We will continue to explore the amount that the CM will provide and search for additional funding to complete the project.”

B. Forum on Crime – Update – Alex

- No new update – working on scheduling Chief Moore

C. Clean Up Encino Day – Recap – Alex

- Alex G, “Due to rain the event has been postponed to May 4th.”

D. Restaurant Tour – A list of restaurants was distributed and Carol and Gina agreed to start contracting the restaurants to see if they would be interested in participating.

4. **Old Business – Not Voted On (60 Min):**

A. **1K Dog Walk** – Discussions continued – a tentative date has been set of June 9th. Discussions need to continue with RAP, Chamber and LAFD for a coordinated event. Ideal location is Encino Park. Three Dog Bakery and Dogs Without Borders are interested in participating. Next step is to set a meeting with the Chamber, the CM’s office and the LAFD to coordinate the event.

B. **POP Up Art Event at the Park** – Nora Ross will be invited to the next Outreach Committee meeting to discuss the details – possible

5. **New Business**

A. **Miry’s List Welcome Neighbor Resolution** – As part of the ENC’s participation in the Welcome Neighbor program, the ENC has to adopt the resolution.

- Lee B. – Can we add the word “legal” to the letter
- Alex G – I suppose so, although they only work with legal refugees.

The letter was amended and the motion passed: 7-0-0 – Gina C. moved, Carol L. 2nd

B. **ENC Town Hall on Crime** – The CD5 office was supposed to setup a town hall type forum on crime but it has been postponed without a new date. Many Encino residents expressed interest in the forum – the ENC should take the lead; set a date, find a location and invite high level representatives from LA City, the LAPD and other organizations for a town hall type forum. The ENC has already approved a budget for refreshments and all we would need to do is set the date, find a location (Crespi is an option) and invite guests. The ENC Public Safety Committee in conjunction with the Outreach Committee should be able to put this together. **MOTION; OUT-19-01-0013:** The ENC Outreach Committee supports taking the lead, with the support of the ENC’s Public Safety Committee and hosting the town hall forum.

- **Alex G.**, “For whatever reason that previous one, initiated by us with the CM’s office fell apart and no new date has been set. We should consider taking the lead on this, securing the room and inviting people. We already passed a budget for food so all we need is a date and a location.”
- **Lee B.**, “We should invite Jesse.”

- **Alex G.**, “OK, I’ll see who from West Valley can attend, perhaps Chief Moore and others. I’ll see if Crespi is still willing to provide the room and we’ll look at dates in March, towards the end but cautious of Easter and holidays.”
 - **Carol L. moves, Lee B. 2nds – Passed 5-0-0**
- C. **Restaurant Tour Event:** Recently conversations on social media have arisen where constituents are stating that there are not enough restaurants in Encino, however there seems to be several along Ventura Blvd. A way to introduce our restaurants to our residents would be to have a restaurant tour weekend or 3 day event (Friday – Sunday). Each participating restaurant would set a menu at a specific price for the weekend. The key is to get as many restaurants to participate and for it to be well advertised. This will help our businesses and our residents. The Chamber should also be able to assist with promoting the event. **MOTION; OUT – 19-01-0014:** The ENC’s Outreach Committee will begin to look at dates and create an action plan on contacting restaurants for participation. There will be no cost to the NC.
- **Gina C.** “What types of restaurants?”
 - **Alex G.**, “Sit down – each participating restaurant would set the menu and the price, this way they’re not losing anything and are comfortable with the price they set. It would be a specific menu and this would be towards the end of summer, perhaps August. We should consider this Tuesday thru Thursday so we do not take away from the weekend business.”
 - **Lee B.**, “This is great”
 - **Alex G.**, “By starting this now we have lots of time to get restaurants to participate.”
 - **Alex G. moves, Gina C 2nds – Passed 5-0-0**
- D. **LIME Scooters** – By the 2nd week in December Lime Scooters have popped up all over Encino. Although this service offers residents an alternate to walking or driving, several safety & use concerns have arisen from these scooters. **Discussion and possible action:** Safety & Use Concerns; users ride on the sidewalk, users fail to use helmets & users leave scooters blocking pedestrians right of way on City sidewalks. Will the LAPD enforce the use of helmets? Will the LAPD enforce the law indicating that the operation of motorized scooters on sidewalks is illegal in CA? Should we urge our Government or Traffic and Transportation Committee to discuss or request that the board take a position and send to Councilmember Kortez for action?
- **Alex G.**, “All of a sudden we have been invaded by scooters. I, personally, do not have an issues with the scooters, my concern is the riders. They leave the scooters just about anywhere, they’re riding them on the sidewalks and at night with poor lighting.”
 - **Carol L.**, “What can we do, are they supposed to be on the streets?”
 - **Alex G.**, “Yes, they’re supposed to be used on the streets, by people over 18 and not just left in the middle of a sidewalk. I wonder who we should direct this to, Officer Walia, the Traffic and Transportation Committee or Public Safety?”
 - **Lee B.**, “Why not all three?”
 - **Alex G.**, “Let me contact SLO Walia and see what he has to say.”
- E. **Van Nuys Airport Noise – Discussion and possible action:** There’s an increase in air traffic noise from incoming flights into the Van Nuys Airport. Although our Councilmember opposes the new flight paths, should the ENC attempt to setup a meeting, forum or town hall type meeting with the Execs from the Van Nuys Airport, Congressman Sherman and the FAA and other City Officials?
- **Alex G.**, “I will remove this item. It’s been suggested to create an Ad-Hoc Airport committee and it’s been added to the Executive Committee agenda.”

- F. **POP UP Park Art Event** at Genesta Park – With the assistance of the Valley Cultural Center and the CD5 office we can have a “POP UP Park Art Event” at Genesta Park (Encino Park). Local artists will be invited to showcase their art, upcoming bands will be able to perform and food trucks would be invited (3 food and 1 desert) truck. The event would be during the summer, most likely on a Thursday afternoon into the evening. **Discussion and possible action:** Encino is in need of events to bring the community out and pop up events have become popular – an art event, with local artists as well as food trucks during the summer should bring out our residents.
- **Gail R.**, “This sounds good but I think we need more information: how much control will the ENC have over the event? Will the ENC be able to name the event and/or have decision making about the local artists that show their art?”
 - **Alex G.**, “Let me check with Nora and we can continue this at the next Outreach Committee meeting.

6. **Future Outreach Projects/Events:**

- A. Inventory of Outreach Items
- B. Encino Clean Up Day – March 2nd 2019
- C. Movie at the Park – July 2019

7. **Adjournment – 7:42pm**

Next Outreach Committee meeting: February 4th, 2019.

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