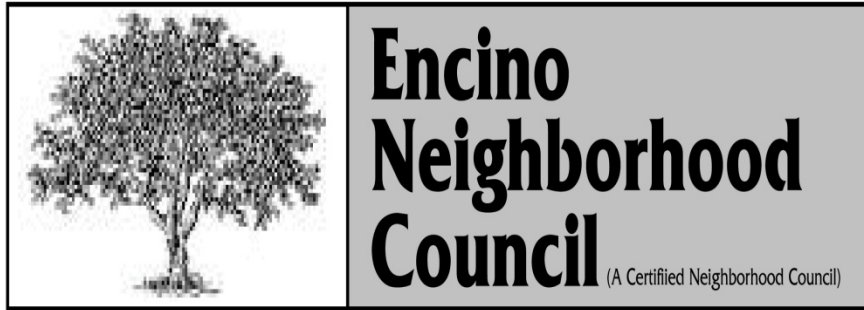


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PROPOSED MINUTES OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

Attending members: Glenn Bailey (Chair), Sharon Brewer (Vice-Chair), Kerri Barton, Millie Hamilton, Lyn Klein, Frances Zamir, (Secretary)

Absent Members: Elaine Glick (excused, non-voting)

Guests: Janie Thompson (Encino Green Committee)

Call to Order: 7:47 pm by chair Glenn Bailey. Quorum established and members introduced.

Announcements: Glenn announced that Elaine Glick will be joining our committee as a non-voting member.

Minutes November 23, 2009 Parks Committee meeting minutes approved as read. (Lyn/Kerri)
VOTE: 6-0-0

Encino Water Expo: Janie Thompson of the Encino Green Committee is organizing a Water Awareness and Conservation Expo which will be held on April 22, 2010 from 6-9 pm at the Balboa Sports Center gym. It is being co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks and supported by Councilmember Koretz. There will be demonstrations, speakers, and information provided to inform the public about what is available to conserve, save money and implement change to help the environment. A similar event was held in Mar Vista last year attended by 200 persons. No funding from the ENC is requested. Contact janiethompson@earthlink.com for more information. Motion: (Francie/Lyn) "to recommend that the ENC co-sponsor the Water Awareness and Conservation Expo to be held on April 22, 2010." VOTE: 6-0-0

Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Update: Second meeting to be held on Saturday, February 6th at 10am. Location to be announced.

2010 Persian New Year (Nooruz) Festival (reconsidered by the ENC on 12/2/09 and referred back to the ENC Parks Committee): The Department of Recreation and Parks has selected Mr Bahman Mojallall of CBM Special Events as organizer of the 2010 Persian New Year (Nooruz) Festival scheduled for April 4, 2010 in Beilenson Park/Lake Balboa. Discussion followed regarding the date of the event which is on Easter Sunday and would, in effect, close off much of the park to other park goers. It was noted Nooruz lasts thirteen days beginning approximately March 20 so Sunday, March 28, 2010 would be a feasible alternative date. Motion: (Lyn/Francie) "to recommend that the ENC request the Department of Recreation and Parks change the date of the 2010 Persian New Year (Nooruz) Festival to a date other than Easter Sunday." VOTE: 6-0-0

Further discussion ensued in which concerns were raised regarding the size of the event (20,000 attendees last year) in Beilenson Park/Lake Balboa and the impact on traffic and parking to the community. Motion: (Francie/Millie) “to recommend that the ENC recommend to the Department of Recreation and Parks that future Persian New Year (Norooz) Festivals be held at a location other than Beilenson Park/Lake Balboa due to the size and scope of the event which results in closure of the park to other park goers and an inconvenience to the general public.”

VOTE: 6-0-0

Proposed Radio Controlled Car Facility in the Sepulveda Basin (South of Pedlow Skate Park, 17334 Victory Blvd. (Referred by ENC Planning and Land Use Committee on 1/6/10): The proposal was described and it was noted that RAP has not approved any specific location. Other locations outside the Basin are also being explored. Motion: (Lyn/Mille) “to table this agenda item to the next meeting.” VOTE: 6-0-0

Old Encino Fire Station No. 83: Transfer of Jurisdiction to Expand the Encino Community Center and Site Refurbishment: Discussion followed with concerns raised regarding the possible overall cost of the project and how it will affect other park properties. Discussed possible uses of the facility including as a location for ENC meetings. The issue is being considered by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners at its January 20, 2010 meeting (General Manager’s Report 10-020). No Action Taken.

Meeting Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: Discussion followed regarding possible days and locations for our meetings. The next meeting is tentatively set for February 4, 2010 at 7 pm; location to be announced.

Committee Member Comments: Improvements at the Balboa Sports Center: A connecting pathway adjacent to the children’s playground on the west side of the park will be paved soon to restore the north south pathway to Burbank and additional benches will also to be installed.

Adjournment: 9:38 pm by Glenn Bailey, Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Zamir, Secretary