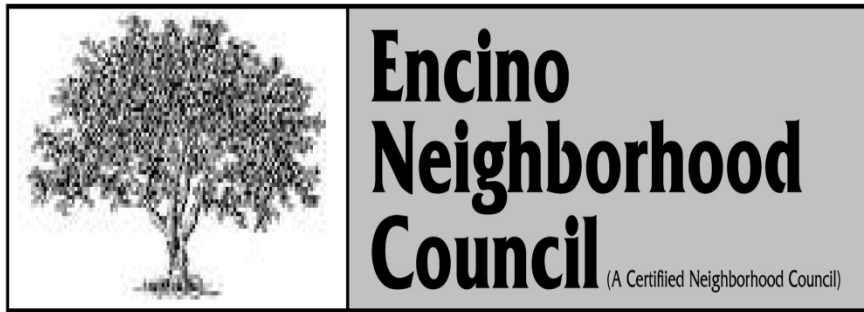


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PROPOSED MINUTES OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Attending members: Glenn Bailey (Chair), Kerri Barton, Elaine Glick, Lyn Klein, Janie Thompson

Absent Members: Sharon Brewer (excused, Vice-Chair, voting), Millie Hamilton (not excused, voting)
Frances Zamir (excused, Secretary, voting)

Guests: Ronald Kulberg (Resident)

Call to Order: 7:34 p.m. by Chair Glenn Bailey. Members and attendees introduced.

Announcements: Glenn announced that Elaine Glick will now be voting member and Janie Thompson will be joining our committee as stakeholder voting member. Quorum was established.

Minutes January 18, 2010 Parks Committee meeting minutes approved as read. (Klein/Barton)
VOTE: 4-0-1
Sharon (not present) noted that last names should be used in the minutes voting records. The January 18 minutes will not be changed, however last names will be used in the future. Sharon also noted that the Encino Water Expo should be Valley Water Expo. Janie noted at the time the name as in the minutes is correct and since the meeting the name has been changed to the Valley Water Expo.

Balboa Sports Center Asphalt Walkway Extension Update: Recreation and Parks (RAP) said they would extend the walkway around the north side of the children's playground. This path will connect two existing walkways. However, this project has been temporarily postponed due to the rain.

Balboa Sports Center Additional Benches along Walkways Update: Jeremy Thomas (RAP) has said he will order benches. However, we do not know how many benches will be ordered.

Proposed Radio Controlled Car Facility in the Sepulveda Basin Update (South of Pedlow Skate Park, 17334 Victory Blvd. (Referred by ENC Planning and Land Use Committee on 1/6/10): This location was reportedly previously a radio controlled (RC) car facility. Pedlow Skate Park was built on a portion of the former RC site. The proposal requested from the city electricity, water, and access to the restrooms at Pedlow Skate Park. Janie noted that this may not be a good location, due to the impact on the rabbits, etc. Yones Rahmati met with RAP. He was not encouraged with the response from RAP and he is looking at alternative locations not in Encino.

Valley Water Expo Update, Thursday, April 22, 2010, 6 – 9 p.m. Balboa Sports Center Gym: Janie noted the goal of the expo is to create water awareness. The website address is www.ValleyWaterExpo.blogspot.com. It lists the speakers at the expo, co-sponsors, links to different water organizations, and news items. There will be samples of water conservation products at the expo, for example dual-flush toilet, quick handle faucet, and the latest irrigation equipment.

Janie has been working very hard to advertise the event. A graphic artist donated her time to design the banners and flyers. Jeff Ebenstein (Councilmember Koretz) is looking into having banners on the street lights. Buckley School has offered their assistance. Glenn has contacted approximately twenty neighborhood councils requesting their co-sponsorship. Lyn will mention the event to the Sierra Club. Janie is also talking to movie theatres to show an ad before the movie previews. Among her other sources are the Red Barn, green websites, Encino Farmers' Market, homeowners' associations, chambers of commerce, World Fest, Encino Community Center catalog, Israeli Festival, Green Expo (March 21), Jewish Journal, churches, temples, and schools.

Motion (Klein/Glick) "to authorize up to \$250 for two banners to publicize the Valley Water Expo."

VOTE: 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

(CHAIR'S NOTE: This proposed expenditure and dollar amount was not agendaized and therefore will be added to the agenda of the next Parks Committee meeting.)

April 2010 Community Clean-Up in the Sepulveda Basin Update: A clean-up event is scheduled in the Wildlife Area in the Sepulveda Basin during April 2010. This event is sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) will be a co-sponsor of this event pursuant to its previously approved motion. We can help publicize the event and ask for volunteers.

Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Update: The second public meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Sepulveda Garden Center. At the first meeting, attendees marked maps and noted concerns. On January 4, 2010 Friends of Lake Balboa met with the Army Corps of Engineers and Tetra Tech and noted areas that need to be addressed. Janie suggested that coyotes need to be drawn away from the park, possibly by planting vegetation. She also noted a lack of parking at Lake Balboa Park.

Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex Project Update (former Sod Farm site; west of Balboa Blvd., north of the Los Angeles River): The original plan consisted of four baseball fields and an artificial-turf soccer field. Due to budget cuts the plan is now two baseball fields and an artificial-turf soccer field. Also planned are a buffer adjacent to the Los Angeles River, a passive park area, and a bicycle path. The plan includes native plants. The Balboa Sports Center will be in charge of the new sports fields. Megan Cottier (Council District 12) has a copy of the plans.

2010 Persian New Year (Nooruz) Festival at Lake Balboa/Beilenson Park on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010: On October 22, 2009 this committee heard a presentation from Mr. Bahman Mojallal. We voted to "Recommend Encino Neighborhood Council support Mr. Bahman Mojallal of CBM Special Events as the organizer of the 2010 Persian New Year (Nooruz) event to be held in Beilenson Park/Lake Balboa on Sunday, April 4, 2010 with the agreement that he come back to the ENC to address traffic and parking concerns associated with this event." This was approved by the ENC on October 28, 2009 but reconsidered December 2, 2009 and referred back to the Parks Committee. On January 18, 2010, we reconsidered the motion. The new motion was "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" and it was approved by the ENC at its January 27, 2010 meeting.

RAP has chosen Mr. Bahman Mojallal as the host of the event, but the permit has not been issued yet.

Motion (Klein/Glick) "to recommend to the ENC that the event coordinator of the Persian New Year (Nooruz) Festival come back to the ENC and address the traffic and parking concerns associated with this event."

VOTE: 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

End of Quorum: Elaine Glick left at 9:03 p.m.

Old Encino Fire Station No. 83: Transfer of Jurisdiction to Expand the Encino Community Center and Site Refurbishment: The fire station is empty and transferred from the Fire Department to General Services. It was built in 1948. There are potential issues with an underground storage tank and asbestos. In the General Manager's Report 10-020, it stated the cost of the environmental study is \$50,000 and it will cost least \$200,000 to refurbish the property. It mentioned that ENC might like to use the property for meeting rooms and an office. However, there is no mention in the report of ENC usage of the facility. Lee Marks Director of the Encino Community Center suggested a land swap, so the Center can acquire the land adjacent to it for more parking.

On January 20, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners met and discussed the issue. One commissioner lives in Encino and felt that this facility could not be practically used for recreation. The matter was deferred for 60 days. RAP should have a public meeting and evaluate the issue. No Action Taken.

City Parks Update; Public Safety Issues: Several cars have been broken into to steal valuables left in the cars. This has been especially prevalent at Woodley Golf and Bull Creek parking lots.

City Parks Update: Budget/Staff Reductions: RAP is on the list for additional staff reductions, even after the cuts from the early retirement program (ERIP).

Regular Committee Meeting Date, Time, and Location: Lyn noted that in 60 to 90 days she will no longer be a resident of Encino. After discussing available dates, it was decided our regular committee meeting will continue to be the first Thursday of the month. Janie suggested Coral Tree Café as a possible meeting location.

Committee Member Comments/Announcements: Tree People Planting event on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 5101 Genesta Ave. at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment: Rob stated that at the dog park, the walkway to the small dog area is too narrow. The width of the entry gate and the walkway are the same width. Therefore, when entering the small dog park area you must step into the dirt (mud when wet).

Announcement of

Adjournment: 9:33 pm by Glenn Bailey, Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerri Barton