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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 3, 2014 @7:00pm

**Balboa Sports Center
17015 Burbank Blvd. Room 1
Encino, CA**

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on items: 2, 3, and 4

Voting Members – ENC Members:

Debra George (Chair), Glenn Bailey, Stacie M. de Armas, Steven DeVore (Vice-Chair)

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

Diana Crews, Cynthia Weichelt, Sue Wilschke

Alternate – Jason Ackerman (ENC)

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Approval of February 2nd Park Committee meeting minutes.
- 3) Old Business:
 - Barn Owl Nesting Boxes – status report
 - New soccer field at Hjelte Sports Center – report
 - Off-Leash Dog Park - report
 - CF 13-0024 SFV Animal Habitat/Eradication/Loss of Habitat - Update
 - Replacement of an oak tree in the 5300 block of Aldea
Motion to approve funding of up to \$1,200 for the purchase and planting of one (1) 36” Quercus Agrifolia (oak tree) to replace oak tree lost in the 5300 block of Aldea.

4) New Business:

- Veterans Tribute Park – Proposed for the Sepulveda Basin. Review of design to date. Final meeting will be held on March 8th from 9:30am–12:30pm at the National Guard Armory, 17330 Victory Park Blvd. (at Louise)
- Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society in the amount of \$4,000 to support the Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program.
- Motion to approve funding of up to \$350 for the purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library.
- Motion to approve funds of up to \$9,000 for the replacement of the historic flagpole at Los Encinos State Historic Park.
- Motion to support Council File 13-1352 Partnerships to Combat Prostitution; including the filing of a Community Impact Statement in support. Prostitution along Sepulveda Blvd and other areas of the community spills over into local parks including the Sepulveda Basin. The result is trash that includes hazardous waste, and an otherwise unsavory and unsafe environment for park goers and wildlife.
<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>
- Motion to support Council File 12-0899-S1 Los Angeles Park Ranger Program; including the filing of a Community Impact Statement in support of expanding the Park Ranger Program to Optimum Program Level. Community Impact Statement to request that Park Rangers be assigned daily to the heavily used Sepulveda Basin regional park where there is a strong need for the positive educational and enforcement role of the Park Rangers. <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>
- Motion to support Council File 13-1580 Los Angeles Parks and Hillside Areas/Rodent Population Control/Use of Poisons Policies, including the filing of a Community Impact Statement. Anticoagulant poisons kill more than rats and gophers. They also kill hawks, owls, bobcats, mountain lions, dogs, and cats, the very animals capable of controlling rodents in a natural manner. These poisons pose an “unreasonable risk” to the environment and should be banned from use by City departments.
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5) Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: Recreation and Parks, Council Districts 5 and 6, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, other City departments.

6) Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: SFV Audubon, CA Native Plant Society, Friends of the LA River, Friends of Los Encinos, etc.

SFV Audubon will host a Bird Walk for Beginners and Families with School-Age Children on Saturday March 8th 9am-11am. Meet at the Wildlife Area Entrance/Amphitheatre. Visit www.sfvaudubon.org for directions and more information.

The San Fernando Valley Camera Club will meet on Thursday, March 20th at 7:00pm at the Encino Community Center. New members wanted!

The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30pm-9:00pm. All are welcome. Recreation and Parks Valley Regional Headquarters, 6335 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys <http://sepulvedabasinwildlife.org>

SFV Audubon will hold their general membership meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 7:00pm at the Encino Community Center. Topic will be conservation issues in and around the San Fernando Valley. www.sfvaudubon.org

SFV Audubon plans a clean up of Haskell Creek north of Burbank Blvd. in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area on Saturday April 12th from 8:00am – Noon. Volunteers needed!

The California Native Plant Society will hold their Wildflower Show, Symposium, and Plant Sale on Saturday April 19th from 9:00am – 4:00pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Native plants and books will be offered for purchase, also children's activity tables, exhibits, demonstrations. Three speakers are scheduled. <http://www.lasmmcnps.org>

A Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place at Los Encino State Historic Park on April 19th. Bring your own basket! <http://historicparks.org/data/>

Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) will hold their annual clean up of the LA River in Encino on Saturday morning, April 26th. Volunteers needed! Meet in Beilenson Park at Balboa Ave and the Los Angeles River.

- 7) Public Forum – comment on non-agenda items. Up to two minutes per speaker; no discussion.
- 8) Next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 7th @ 7:00pm.

Adjournment by 9:30pm

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two minutes, unless presiding officer of the Committee decides differently.

The agenda is posted for public review at the Encino Chamber of Commerce (outside display case viewable all hours), Encino Community Center, Balboa Sports Center, Encino-Tarzana Branch Library, and The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf store (17301 Ventura Bl.). Report(s) related to an agenda item will be available for review at www.EncinoNC.org.

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