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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 8, 2014 @7:00pm

Lakeside Café*
16817 Ventura Blvd.
(exterior seating area in the park, enter through restaurant)
Encino, CA

***Food and drink available to purchase if desired. Not mandatory!**
Free parking on Moorpark St, metered parking on La Maida Street, valet parking \$2.50. No parking in the Smart and Final lot please.

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

Voting Members – ENC Members:

Debra George (Chair), Jason Ackerman, Glenn Bailey, Victoria Miller

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

Pat Bates, Diana Crews, Steven DeVore (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Weichelt, Sue Wilschke

Alternates – Sharon Brewer (ENC), Eliot Cohen (ENC), Amy Zidell

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Approval of May 5th and May 17th Park Committee meeting minutes.
- 3) Old Business (30 minutes):
 - Barn Owl Boxes – status report
 - New soccer field at Hjelte Sports Center – status report
 - Neighborhood Purposes Grant requests from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and the Los Encinos Docents Association. – status report

- Purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. — status report
- Shakespeare in the Park events. — status report
- Kayaking in the Sepulveda Basin – status report
- Lakeside Café partnership with Los Encinos State Historic Park – status report
- Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park – status update

4) New Business:

- ACOE CAP studies related to Encino Creek, Woodley Creek, and LA River main channel. Three CAP studies to be presented at a public workshop to be held in September. Discussion of concerns and opportunities for ecosystem restoration.
- Motion to support CF 14-1062 Vending and Camping in Public Parks. The proposed amendment to LA Municipal Code Section 63.44 protects the rights of citizens to enjoy the full use of public parks. Further, we support the six-month delay in implementation in order to create a public awareness campaign. We also request that the camping ban be suspended in the event of a disaster such as a large earthquake with reported structural damages. Community Impact Statement to be sent to Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee.

5) Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: 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 Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk on Sunday, October 5th, 8am – 11am. Contact the leader for more information. kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org

The California Native Plant Society will host a Native Plant Sale at the Sepulveda Garden Center; 16633 Magnolia Blvd. on October 25th and 26th, 10am – 3pm. FREE Native Plant Gardening Talks each day at Noon.

Garden plots are available at the Sepulveda Garden Center Call (818) 784-5180 for more information. \$120 per year per plot

Los Encino State Park will host a FREE Let's Get Writing course to help you jump-start your writing project. Thursdays at 10am, Sept 11th to Oct 16th. Sign up at vrnwrites@gmail.com

7) Public Comment – comment on non-agenda items. Up to two minutes per speaker; no discussion.

8) Next committee meeting will be Monday, November 3rd @ 7:00pm. Adjournment by 9:00pm

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 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 Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles that ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials, and the Community on issues or concerns that affect the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of VOLUNTEERS who are elected by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the ENC General Board.

PUBLIC INPUT AT ENC PARKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public or other Board members not on The ENC Parks Committee to address the Committee will be provided during “**Public Comment section**”. **The ENC Parks Committee may or may not take any action or discuss matters addressed in “Public Comments.”** Members of the public (or ENC Board members or Alternates) who wish to be recognized on any item will have time during public comment section of this Meeting. However, the Parks Committee may refer such matters to the appropriate Council Committees for further consideration.
* **Public comments are limited to TWO (2) minutes per speaker.**

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