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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Approved minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Encino Community Center

4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino

**1. Call to Order at 7 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:** Present – Mr. Gamson, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Rubinstein, Ms. Barseghian, Ms. Brewer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Silver, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Krokover, Mr. Silk, Mr. Moses, Ms. Rivlin, Ms. Kelson, Ms. Watson, Mr. Arnstein, Ms. Moghimi-Patterson, Mr. Bailey. Excused – Mr. Martayan, Ms. Strauber, Ms. Henderson. Absent – Ms. Tempel, Ms. Loeffle, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hudgins, Mr. Goldberger. Determination of a Quorum of 18.

**2. Approval of the SEPTEMBER 2011 General Minutes**

**3. Reports from City Officials:**

• City Offices

Erik Rodriguez (Englander) Donations may be dropped off at city offices for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual business clothing drive; Opposes transfer of Side walk repair to homeowners. Supports Los Encinos.

LAFD Battalion 10 Commander. Jeff Elder

Officer Trulik – Car break-ins and home robberies most crime but decreasing 9%. Oct 29 Free shredding at Granada Hills Target

Jeff Ebenstein (Koretz) – Enhancement for code enforcement to write a ticket which goes through an administrative process. Opposes sidewalk repair transfer. Encino office hours every other Thursday.

**4. President's Report (Louis Krokover)** Appointment of Mayor's Budget Day Representatives. Our meetings must be finished by 9 :00 for Rec & Park community center compliance. District atty replied on status of abstentions as neither pro or con vote.

**5. Vice-President's Report (Laurie Kelson)** - Openings in some committees. Metro.net/405 daily updates and link from our website.

**6. Treasurer's Report (Michael Kaufman)** – Reviewed September expense report. Mr. Kaufman moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Kelson. 15 pro. 1 against.

**7. Public Comment** – Mark Reed, Congressional Candidate

Anita Haeggstrom – Haven Gardens HOA President

Wendy Mosch – Noise levels by business vendors, referred to PLU chair.

**8. Consent Items:**

Consent Items Noted and motion to approve by Mr. Silver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Rosen. Passed 16

pro. 1 abstention

**Executive Committee -**

Motion: Outreach Committee should appoint a representative to attend meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and report back to the ENC board.

**The Public Safety Committee -** \*See Attached Flyer

Recommends inserting an explanatory article, in question and answer format, onto the ENC web site, which provides details on how to effectively deal with nuisances cause by medical marijuana dispensaries. [Consent Item]

The Public Safety Committee recommends distributing, by Eblast, the attached "Preparing the Encino Community" flyer to ENC's list of stakeholders, and also posting it onto the ENC and Encino Patch web sites. [Consent Item]

**PLU Committee**

B. 17209 Ventura Blvd. EuroAsia Restaurant CUB (Beer & Wine) Former "Red Square" Plaza Del Oro. Presentation by: Janelle Williams

MOTION by: Michael Kaufman 2nd by: Talar Dardarian

*"Move that we do not oppose or support the application. subject to the conditions and information stipulated in the conditional use permit alcohol CUB attachments to the Master Land Use Application."*

VOTE: For (9) Against (0) Abstain: (0)

MOTION: Passed Unanimously. send to Consent Calendar

D. CASE NO: CF 08-2020. 08-3386-FI Community Impact Statement Regarding CITY SIGN DISTRICTS (at VENTURA & SEPULVEDA).

MOTION by: Jerry Silver 2nd by: Al Mass

*"The ENC PLU adopts the community impact statement council file 082020 citywide sign ordinance. 08-3386s1 "*

VOTE: For (8) Against (0) Abstain: (1)

MOTION: Passed Unanimously. send to Consent Calendar

9. Guest Speaker(s):

**Vicki Kirschenbaum**

Volunteer Leader -- Sierra Club Beyond Coal

Ms. Kirschenbaum presented and requested the following motion:

Motion to endorse the Sierra Club Beyond Coal campaign to eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 by investing in a combination of energy efficiency. solar, wind, and geothermal. Also. to send a letter of support for the Sierra Club Beyond Coal campaign to Councilman Koretz, Councilman Englander, and Councilman Cardenas. So moved by Ms. Rivlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gamson. Jon Arnstein moved to table Dec 7 mtg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Watson. 15 pro 3 opp.

Mr. Gerald Silver spoke from the Opposing side on this matter.

Discussion regarding LA Board of Public Works vote banning all single use bags. There would be no plastic bags and no paper bags in Los Angeles. Andy Shrader representing Councilman Koretz's proposed ordinance.

Speaker from Sanitation, Alexander Helou.

Sid Marantz from Cooperative Purchasers spoke as representative of the grocery supply/bag industry.

Mr. Silver moved that ENC oppose City of L.A. pursuing a ban on single-use paper and plastic bags and the city pursue an environmental education program to encourage good environmental practices. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms.Kelson. Mr. Silk moved to divide the question oppose efforts to ban plastic bags. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Bailey. Following discussion, Mr. Baily moved to table to Dec. 7 meeting. Passed 15 pro, 3 opposed.

Green Vets LA speaker.

### **Planning and Land Use:**

- 1) Presentation by Equinox Health & Fitness Center - Located at 16830 W. Ventura Blvd: Case #'s ZA-2011-2625-ZV-CU & DIR-2011-2626SPP  
Motion to approve by Mr. Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms.Rosen passed Unanimously.

A. 15963 Valley Vista: 5 lot subdivision 96,580 sq ft . (Gavlota dead-end)

MOTION by: Jerry Silver 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Diane Rosen

*"The ENC PLU supports the revised plot plan reducing the proposed 8 lot configuration to the tentative plot # 69966 plan, maximum of 5 lots requiring the private street to be on the west side of the property."*

VOTE: For (9) Against (0) Abstain: (0)

MOTION: Passed Unanimously. Pulled from consent calendar due to lack of clarity in document. Developer will provide information to Ms. Rosen confirming proposal. Passed with 17 votes.

10. Committee Reports: (All reports with the exception of Bylaw/Censure report, were postponed due to time constraints)

### **By- Laws:**

Mr. Silver moves to have this be a first reading 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms.Moghimi-Patterson. Second reading will be at Dec. 7 mtg. Mr. Bailey will have review by bylaws committee in November.

### **"Censure"**

A Censure may be imposed against an ENC Board Member due to his or her disruptive conduct and/or interfering with Council business. Serious grounds for Censure of an ENC Board Member are: assumption by the Board member of dictatorial powers - powers not conferred upon him or her - by which he or she harasses, embarrasses and humiliates members; or, specifically: (1) refuses to recognize members entitled to the floor; (2) refuses to accept and to put motions to vote; (3) refuses to entertain appropriate appeals from his/her decision; (4) ignores proper points of order; (5) disobeys the bylaws and the standing rules; (6) disobeys the ENC's will and substitutes his own; (7) denies to members the proper exercise of their parliamentary rights; (8) makes a public statement or public statements prior to consulting with the board and obtaining an opinion from the Parliamentarian, (9) submits a complaint or disguised complaint as a question to the City Attorney's office prior to consulting with the board and obtaining an opinion from the Parliamentarian.

Censure must be because of multiple occurrences, at anyone or more meetings of the board.

Procedure After a motion to Censure is passed by 2/3 of the board, the Presiding Officer addresses the censure member by name. He/she may say something to the effect of, "Mr. / Ms., you have been censured by vote of the Board. A censure indicates the Board's resentment of your conduct. A censure is a warning. It is the warning voice of suspension or expulsion. Please take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly."

1. The minutes for the September General Meeting were not available . Ms. Brewer informed the Ad Hoc Committee Members that at the general meeting , it was decided that the petition which includes: i) the identity of the Board Member to be removed, ii) states the reason for removal by identifying the violation of the internal rules or procedures and specifies the conduct of the person, and iii) contains the signatures of at least [select one] 0 three (3) OR 0 [insert number] Board members.

a. The petition shall be delivered simultaneously to all Board Members and the matter placed on the agenda and scheduled for a vote at the next regular Board Meeting.

b. Removal of the identified Board member requires a [select one] 0 two thirds (2/3) majority OR 0 majority of the attending Board Members.

c. The Board Member who is the subject of the removal action shall have the right to deliver to Board Members a written statement about the matter and/or to speak at the Board Meeting prior to the vote, but shall not be counted as part of the quorum , nor allowed to vote on the matter.

d. The Board member being removed must first have been censured by the Board once for the same action before a Petition by the Board for removal shall be considered by the Council

**Education –**

**Finance – no report**

**Outreach Volunteer – no report**

2) Proposed Sidewalk Repair and Transfer of Liability To Property Owners -

**Public Safety**

**Parks**

**Traffic & Transportation**

**11. Board Member Comments - none**

## 12. Future Meetings:

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 29, 2011

B. Next ENC General Board Meeting: December 7, 2011

Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Rivlin

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is a certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which advises City and other Governmental Officials on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of Encino.

The ENC is made up of elected persons 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.

The ENC General Meetings are usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the:  
**Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd at 7:00pm.**

For further information – Please go to: [www.encinocouncil.org](http://www.encinocouncil.org)

**PUBLIC INPUT AT ENC MEETINGS** - An opportunity for the public to address the Council or Speaker on agenda items will be provided before or during consideration of the item. Members of the public who wish to be recognized on any item are requested to complete a question card for each item they wish to address, and present the completed card(s) to the Sergeant-At-Arms. Speaker cards are available at the back of the meeting room.

The Council will also provide an opportunity for the public to speak on any **[Non-Agenda Items\*]** during **“Public Comment”**. **The Council may not take any action or discuss matters addressed in “Public Comments”**. However, the Council President may refer such matters to the appropriate Council Committees for further consideration.

**\* Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.**

**\* ENC COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** – ENC Councilmember's requesting to speak will be recognized by the President in the order requested. **For any item, the Chairperson of the Committee, or the maker of the original motion shall have up to five (3) minutes to discuss the item. Councilmember's may speak up to TWO (2) minutes each on the matter unless extended by the President or Council.** After all members desiring to speak on a question have had an opportunity to be heard once, **the time for each Member desiring to speak again shall be limited to a maximum of ONE (1) minute unless extended by the President or Council.** A motion calling the **“Previous Question”** may be introduced by any member during a Council debate.

If adopted, this motion will terminate debate on a matter and the matter will then be submitted for a vote.

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** - Most motions require a majority vote of the Councilmember's present and voting will be by hand vote unless otherwise decided by the Council.

Unless requested for further consideration by an ENC Councilmember, any item which has been forwarded to the Council by a unanimous committee vote shall be approved as a “Consent Item” without further discussion.

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