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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 24, 2013**

Location: Encino Community Center Auditorium, 4935 Balboa Ave., Encino

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by President Glenn Bailey. Sherman Gamson led the pledge and Kathy Moghimi-Patterson was appointed Parliamentarian. The President thanked Poquito Mas for donating the evening's refreshments. Roll call was taken and there were initially 18 members and voting alternates which increased to 20 based on the following:

Members & voting alternates present: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie De Armas Shrinky, Sherman Gamson, Victoria Miller, Todd Rubinstein, Marly Tempel, Debra Lee George, John Tashtchian, Talar Dardarian, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Ken Silk, Alicia Herring, Diane Rosen, John Arnstein, Debbie Watson, Gerald Silver, and Melissa Loeffler (alternate for absent member Keven Steinberg), Anni Keusseyan (arrived at 7:45 P.M.), and Kevork George Jawlakian, alternate for absent member Hrag Kitsinian

Additional alternates present: Tim Masterson, Sharon Brewer, Laurie Kelson, Carol Levin, Steven De Vore, and Norma Landau.

Members absent: Hrag Kitsinian, Keven Steinberg Alternates absent: Herbert Strickstein, Eliot Cohen, Gil Spiegel, Art Sherman, Jeremy Erlandsen, and Fred Myer

**2. MINUTES** The Minutes of the last Board meeting on June 26, 2013 were presented and a motion to approve the Minutes was made, seconded and adopted by a vote of 17 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention.

**3. VACANCIES** The President announced the resignation of Mia Howard Rubinstein (Education Alternate). It was noted that at the June meeting she was named DWP MOU representative and John Tashtchian was appointed the alternate. (See Item 9a)

**4. SEATING NEW MEMBERS** (See Item 14.5)

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** The following consent items adopted without opposition by the Planning and Land Use Committee were presented and after none of the items were pulled a motion was made by Talar Dardarian, seconded by John Tashtchian and approved by vote of 17 Yes 0 No and 0 Abstention.

5a. Not to oppose the on site beer and wine application for Green Olive at 17312 Ventura Blvd, Encino Case #ZA2013-1349 (proposed as a result of applicant having addressed concerns regarding illegal signage).

5b. Not to object to the application of Veggie Grill at 16542 W. Ventura Blvd. Encino (Case #ZA 2013-1107) for an on site consumption of beer and wine. 5c. To support the appeal for 4915 Densmore Ave. (#AA 2012-1221 –PMLA as well as case #ZA 2013-1063 ZAA). (The President reported the South Valley Area Planning Commission had since approved the appeal).

## 6. REPORT FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS

- a. City Attorney’s Office- Neighborhood Prosecutor Raffy Astvasadoorian spoke and answered questions. He stated his phone number 818-374-6837.
- b. L.A. Unified School District Jeannie Kamm, Deputy for School Board Member Steven Zimmer introduced herself. The President stated that due to his teaching Steven Zimmer could not attend ENC meetings on Wednesdays and suggested the Education Committee try to arrange a Town Hall for the Encino community.
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> L.A. City Council District. No representative was present but Glenn announced the ENC had received a note from Paul Koretz’s planning deputy Noah Muhlstein which he read aloud the following matters: (i) 4915 Densmore- No action taken since last hearing, (ii) Fire Station 83-effort being made by all involved matters to push matter in right direction, and (iii) Curtis School- in middle of redrafting their Mitigated Negative Declaration.

## 7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS & AGENCIES-None

## 8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT BY GLENN BAILEY

- a. Executive Order - None
- b. Community Impact Statements (CIS) No new ones were reported filed
- c. Code of Civility & Conduct at Board Meetings - The President referred to discussion at Executive Committee and in particular to possibility of calling a recess during a Board meeting.
- d. Community Outreach - Nothing new reported except as noted in Item 17a
- e. New Bylaws of L.A. Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC). A motion that the ENC approve the new LANCC Bylaws was made by Gerald Silver, seconded by Melissa Loeffler and adopted by vote of 17 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention.
- f. Report on Discussion at ENC July 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting. The President referred to a discussion including a call with Talar Dardarian on outreach and communications regarding the letter she issued and an understanding that was reached.

## 9. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT BY TODD RUBINSTEIN.

- a. Education Committee Co-Chairs - The agenda referred to consideration of this which included the role of Mia Howard Rubinstein, but this matter was deferred because her resignation.
- b. Ad Hoc 2014 Election Committee. Sherman Gamson offered to be a co-chair, but there were no other volunteers. Accordingly, motion was made and seconded to appoint Sherman Gamson interim Chair, passed 18-0-0.

10. SECRETARY’S REPORT Ken Silk referred to letters sent to members who miss two or more meetings and urged members to check the Minutes and report if they were inadvertently not listed as being present.

## 11. TREASURER’S REPORT BY JOHN ARNSTEIN

- a. Report of Expenditures. John Arnstein presented and discussed a written Report of Paid Expenditures, Approved Expenditures and Total Remaining Balance to Date and Monthly Financial Statement ending June 30, 2013 (including Demand Warrants, Purchase Card Transactions, Bank Statements etc.). The statement

shows total activity of \$411.99. A motion to approve this report was made, seconded and adopted unanimously by vote of 17-0-0.

b. Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG). John Arnstein stated that applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants can and should be made now. Materials for the public library was suggested.

c. Fourth Quarter Purchase Card Reconciliation Report. Although no written report was available, Glenn Bailey stated that the Reconciliation Report will consist entirely of information the Board previously voted on and approved and that a copy will be emailed to the Board. A motion to approve the report was made by Gerald Silver, seconded and adopted unanimously by vote of 18-0-0.

12. SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT Kathy Moghimi-Patterson gave an update on the Mandatory Ethics and Funding requirement and stated the need for compliance in order to vote.

13. GUEST SPEAKER The guest speaker was Dr. Raffi Chalian of the Armenian Cultural Foundation. He spoke about services that the Foundation offers and would offer if it was able to lease the Old Fire Station. He stated that the Foundation's services are and would be for all and not limited to Armenians. He answered questions from Board members and the audience.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT The following public comment was made:

- a. Armineh Chelebian spoke of her candidacy in the 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District special election.
- b. Brendan Leonard spoke about hydraulic fracking and possible motions.
- c. Marla Williams spoke about community use of the Old Fire Station 83.

14.5 FILLING IN VACANCY AND SEATING NEW MEMBER (Agenda Items 4 and 5)

After Kevork George Jawlakian arrived at the meeting Glenn stated that he had applied to fill the vacancy of Volunteer Alternate and there were no other applicants. Kevork spoke and answered questions. A motion to approve Kevork's appointment to fill the vacancy was made, seconded and approved by vote of 17 Yes 0 No and 2 Abstention. Kevork Jawlakian was then sworn in. Since Volunteer Representative Hrag Kitsinian was absent, Kevork was seated and participated in the remaining portion of the meeting.

15 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE The Agenda listed the dates of some future committee meetings. The President asked if there were any further committee meeting dates and the Airport Committee stated its next meeting date.

15a ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT- None

15b MOTION RE WEEKDAY TRAFFIC CLOSURE ON VENTURA BLVD.

The Traffic/Transportation Committee on May 29, 2013 unanimously recommended a motion that the Board was unable to consider at the June meeting. The motion was that the City of Los Angeles not permit closure of traffic lanes on Ventura Boulevard in Encino during the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. weekdays except for emergencies. There was discussion on the motion. A motion was made by Ken Silk and seconded by Sherman Gamson to add the following to the motion: "and where there is such closure during said hours there should be more advance notice to drivers and there should be at least one traffic officer to assist with the traffic." After discussion the amendment was adopted by vote of 16 Yes 2 No and 1 Abstention. The motion as amended was then adopted by vote of 16 Yes and 2 No.

15c APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MOTION DEFINING STAKEHOLDERS

A City Council Motion (CF 12-1682-S1) defining stakeholders was distributed and it was reported that the Executive Committee unanimously recommended support. A motion was made and seconded to approve the definition and was adopted by vote of 11 Yes 2 No and 3 Abstentions. A Community Impact Statement will be filed.

**15d ADOPTION OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS** It was reported that on June 17, 2013 the Bylaws Committee unanimously recommended the following described three amendments of the ENC Bylaws and there has been a First Reading at the June 2013 ENC meeting. It was further reported that in January 2013 the Bylaws Committee recommended other amendments which were listed on the agenda as 15 D (4) and (5). The President suggested, and it was agreed by the chair of the Bylaws Committee, that the January 2013 proposed amendments were superseded by the June 2013 recommendations and, as a result, there was no consideration of said proposed January 2013 recommendations. A motion was made, seconded and after discussion adopted by more than the required two thirds vote to approve the following amendments to the ENC Bylaws:

1. To amend Attachment B of the ENC Bylaws for Representative At Large positions: Eligibility to Run for the Seat: Stakeholders who live within the ENC boundaries and who are 18 years of age and older. Eligibility to Vote for the Seat: Stakeholders who live within the ENC boundaries and are 18 years or older
2. To amend Attachment B of the ENC Bylaws by removing the language which states: "or those who declare a stake" for Eligibility to Vote for the Seats of Apartment and Condo Representative, Business Representative, Education Representative, Park Advocate/ Environmental Representative, Public Safety Representative and Religious Representative.
3. To amend Attachment B of the ENC Bylaws , Eligibility to Run for the Seats, of Business Representative, Education Representative, Park Advocate/Environmental Representative, Public Safety Representative, Religious Representative, and Volunteer Representative by removing the language: " (but not limited to)" and add prior to the word "such" the words "within the ENC boundaries."

**15e BONC PROPOSAL** It was noted that the Bylaws Committee unanimous recommendation in April for support of a BONC proposal in its entirety was pulled from the consent list and has not been determined by the Board. A motion was made, seconded and adopted by vote of 14 Yes 2 No and 2 Abstention that the ENC support the following BONC proposal in its entirety: (1) Remove the requirement that Neighborhood Councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders; (2) allow each Neighborhood Council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that be allocated to factual basis stakeholders; (3) Remove any current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and (4) allow each Neighborhood Council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder.

**15f PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION STATEMENT** A Bylaws Committee recommendation to implement the Mission Statement was presented and discussed. The President, without opposition, referred this matter back to the Bylaws Committee since it should be presented as a Standing Rule rather than part of the Mission Statement.

## **16. NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

**16a SEPULVEDA PASS CORRIDOR** A motion by Gerald Silver was presented and seconded by Talar Dardarian. The motion was that the ENC objects to any further expansion of the 405 Freeway and/or Sepulveda Corridor through Sherman Oaks and the Sepulveda Pass, including widening, elevated trains, monorail trains, elevated carpool lanes, toll lanes or express lanes on the 405 Freeway or tunnel under the Sepulveda Pass. After discussion the motion failed by a vote of 1 (by Gerald Silver) Yes, 13 No and 4 Abstentions

**16b REVISION OF CITY PLANNING CODE** It was noted that a revision of the City Planning Code was referred to the Planning and Land Use and the Traffic/Transportation Committees.

**16c PENDING PLANNING AND LAND USE Projects**

1. II Villagio Toscano (IVT) Gerald Silver reported on an appeal that has been filed.
2. Curtis School Expansion- Was referred to in 5<sup>th</sup> CD note mentioned in 6c above.

17. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

17a . National

Night Out - It was reported that National Night Out would be at the park at Wilbur and Vanowen in Reseda (east of the LAPD West Valley Police Station) on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and it was suggested that the Public Safety and Outreach Committees have an ENC booth at the event.

17b. NC Board Member Development Series, Planning and Land Use 101. It was reported that there would be a meeting on August 17, 2013 and PLU Committee members should attend.

17c. Valley Alliance of NC's. The agenda noted the next meeting would be on August 8<sup>th</sup>

17d. L.A. NC Coalition. The agenda noted the next meeting would be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>

17e. BONC The agenda noted the next meeting would be announced.

17f. Congress of Neighborhoods Members were urged to save the date of September 28<sup>th</sup> when the Congress would be held .

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None other than was previously referred to hereinabove.

19. BOARD COMMENTS There were comments by Board members including reference to the civility of the meeting.

20. NEXT BOARD MEETING It was reported the next Board meeting would be on Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

21. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary