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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**  
The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Glenn Bailey. Sherman Gamson led the pledge and Keven Steinberg was appointed Parliamentarian. Roll call was taken and there were initially 15 members and voting Alternates (constituting a quorum) which increased to 17 based on the following:  
Members and voting Alternates present: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie de Armas Shrinisky (arrived at 7:25 pm during Item 5), Sherman Gamson, Eliot Cohen (alternate for absent member Victoria Miller), Todd Rubinstein, Sharon Brewer (alternate for initially absent member Debra Lee George who arrived around 8:30 pm), Art Sherman (alternate for absent member John Tashtchian), Anni Keusseyan, George Jawlakian (alternate succeeding member Hrag Kitsinian), Talar Dardarian, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, Laurie Kelson (who arrived around 7:30 pm alternate for absent member John Arnstein), Debbie Watson, Gerald Silver, and Keven Steinberg.  
Additional alternates present: Tom Masterson, Carol Levin  
Members absent: Victoria Miller, Marly Tempel, John Tashtchian, Alicia Herring, Diane Rosen, and John Arnstein.  
Alternates absent: Herbert Strickstein, Gil Spiegel, Jeremy Erlandsen, Steven DeVore, Fred Myer, Norma Landau, and Melissa Loeffler.
- 2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES** The Minutes of the last meeting held on July 24, 2013 were distributed and a motion was made, seconded and adopted by vote of 10 Yes 0 No and 5 Abstention to approve the minutes subject to deleting the word 'unanimous' in referring to the By-Laws Committee recommendation in Paragraph 15f.
- 3. VACANCIES** The President announced that Hrag Kitsinian had resigned as the Volunteer Representative. It was noted there is an Alternate who was willing to serve as member and, therefore, there was a vacancy in the office of Alternate Volunteer Representative.
- 4. SEATING OF NEW MEMBER** George Jawlakian had been sitting as an Alternate. After the announcement of Hrag Kitsinian's resignation, George sat as a regular member. 2
- 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** The following items designated as A, B and C were unanimously recommended by the Airport Committee, were severed from the other consent items and were approved by a vote of 14 Yes 0 No and 2 Abstentions. The item designated as D which was unanimously recommended by the Parks Committee was pulled and later adopted (see Item 15A below) The items designated as E and F

were unanimously recommended by the Executive Committee, were severed by motion from the other items and were approved by a vote of 16 Yes and 0 No

5A To support HR 456 and S 208 (Feinstein), the Residential Helicopter Relief Act of 2013 with amendments contained in Council File 13-0002-S26.

5B To support HR 2120 which would allow nighttime curfews (formerly HR 842).

5C To support the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Committee in opposition to the VNY Deficit Recovery Program which is paid by leaseholders.

5D To approve the Community Restoration Proposal as presented by the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Proposal was developed in partnership with City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and has received the approval of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee. The Community Impact Statement to be filed and letter is to be sent to the Bureau of Sanitation for presentation to the (City Council) River Committee. (See Item 15A below.)

5E To co-sponsor with other Neighborhood Councils, a Candidate Forum (with an expected date of September 10th or 11th for the 45th Assembly District (special election is September 17th).

5F To recommend that DONE retain responsibility for the conduct of the Neighborhood Council elections (CF 11-1912 S1).

## 6. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

6A COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 Deputy Noah Mulstein and Gurmet Khara spoke and answered questions. They referred to work the Council office on regarding the Old Fire Station 83. They also referred to an initial Council non-unanimous vote (a subsequent vote is needed) on the Mural Ordinance which the Council member did not favor. They also referred to the unanimous City Council vote on the IVT development. They provided office number of 818-971-3088.

6B LAPD. Officer Trulik spoke about theft of items from parked cars and residential break ins. He warned that a theft can enter and remove items within a few minutes. He announced he would be transferring to Topanga Division in September.

6C L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Attorney Larson spoke about actions including demolition taken regarding houses that have been broken into and appear abandoned and may be occupied by squatters.

## 7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES-NONE

7.5 SPEAKER Janie Thompson of Amestoy Estates Issues Update spoke about break-ins in her area and answered questions. (see Par. 13A) 3 3

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Glenn Bailey informed members of Operation Neighborhood Council Blitz by the Bureau of Street Services which was continued to September 16th at which time there will be a filling of some pot holes in Encino and asked members to submit possible locations. The President gave an update on the City Council Motion defining stakeholders. He referred to efforts to work out the new LADWP/IBEW contract. He urged members to attend the Annual Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, September 28th. He noted that the Executive Committee would be designating the date of one Board meeting in December instead of having meetings on the fourth Wednesdays in November and December. He asked members to indicate interest in being a Budget Representative or alternate.

9. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Todd Rubinstein reported on the need for committees to meet at least once quarterly.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT Kenneth Silk reported about concern regarding the numerous absences of some members and stated this would be discussed by the Executive Committee.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT The report was given by Glenn Bailey due to the absence of John Arnstein.

11A REPORT REGARDING EXPENDITURES The Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2013 was distributed and showed monthly expenditures of \$1,291.46 and a balance of budget of \$35,708.54. There was also distribution of the U.S. Bank statement showing total July activity of \$99. A motion to approve the Reports was made by Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, seconded by Debbie Watson and approved by vote of 16 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention.

11 B Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) It was noted that the forms were being checked. 11 C Evaporative Cooler. A motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$200 for the purchase of an evaporative cooler for the ENC office (i.e. Home Depot: Kuul Aire 350 CFM Evaporative Cooler) was made by Jason Ackerman, seconded and adopted unanimously.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT Kathy Moghimi-Patterson reported on mandatory ethics and funding training compliance. It was noted that the status of alternates would now be included on the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC.

13 GUEST SPEAKERS 13A Janie Thompson spoke earlier in the program see Par. 7.5 13B Kris Ohlenkamp spoke and answered questions regarding Sepulveda Basin South Wildlife area ("Vegetative Management" clearing by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a state investigation).

#### 14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

14A 18000 Erwin Street. Larry Harja, Susan Jacobs Chambers, and Pat Zicarelli spoke about the poor condition of property at 18000 Erwin. Glenn Bailey stated this was in his Area 1 and he would look into this. There was discussion about handling these types of issues on the agenda at a future Board meeting.

14B 45th AD Special Election. Dan McCrory, a candidate for the vacant 45th AD spoke. 4

14C Geri Seigel spoke about notification by the Neighborhood Council. 14D Lois Becker made comments critical of plans for expansion of the Curtis School at 15871 Mullholland Dr. (see Par 16).

15 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES The agenda set forth the next meeting date of some standing committees. There were reports from the following committees: Airport (Debbie Watson reported on status), Parks (by Debra George), PLU (by Talar Dardarian) Public Safety (by Art Sherman who referred to attending CPAB meetings) and Traffic/Transportation (Laurie Kelson referred to providing closure information. In connection with Public Safety Glenn Bailey suggested again having an Encino Watch as in past years. An Outreach Committee Report was made by Jason Ackerman who referred to Taste of Encino on October 13th and asked members to volunteer to help staff the ENC booth.

15A ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR The members discussed Consent Item 5d which was pulled and voted 15-0-0 to approve the item (see Par. 5 d above)

15B STRATEGIC PLAN There was discussion of submitting a Strategic Plan and the alternatives available because copies of the Plan were not made for tonight's meeting. A motion was made, seconded and adopted by a vote of 11 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention that a Plan to be submitted to the Board members for input, then

prepared and submitted to DONE as and labeled as a draft and for consideration of a final, revised Plan by the Board at its next meeting.

15C ENC OFFICER ELECTION Todd Rubinstein noted ENC officer elections are presently scheduled for October 2013 but an election that month would result in a short term. Todd Rubinstein moved to have the officer election sooner, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

16 NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS The proposed expansion of Curtis School at 15871 Mulholland Drive (CPC 2009-837-CU-SPEW-DRB-SPP-SPR-DI-ZV) which was referred to in the Agenda was discussed earlier in the meeting (see Par. 14D above).

17 UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS The Agenda listed the following dates: September 3- Next meeting of Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) September 7- L.A. Neighborhood Council Coalition September 12- Valley Alliance of NC's meeting September 28- Congress of Neighborhoods.

18.OTHER COMMENT- NONE

19.ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary