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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by President Glenn Bailey and Sherman Gamson lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum based on 14 (and for a period during the meeting of 15) members and voting alternates consisting of the following:

Members present (12): Sherman Gamson, Victoria Miller, *Marly Tempel, Debra Lee George, Todd Rubinstein (who arrived at 7:30 P.M. during Item 7a), *George Jawlakian, *Talar Dardarian, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, John Arnstein and Debbie Watson.

Alternates present and voting for absent members (3) Norma Landau (for Gerald Silver).

*Melissa Loeffler (for Keven Steinberg) and *Art Sherman (for John Tashtchian) who left around 8:45 P.M. during Item 7c.

Members absent (6): Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie de Armas Shrinsky, John Tashtchian, Anni Keusseyan, Gerald Silver and Keven Steinberg.

Member seats vacant (3): Area 4 Rep, Area 5 Rep, and EPOA

Alternates present but not voting (4): Tom Masterson, Sharon Brewer, Steven DeVore, and Carol Levin

Alternates absent (6): Herbert Strickstein, Eliot Cohen, Gil Spiegel, Jeremy Erlandsen, Fred Myer and Laurie Kelson

Alternate seats vacant (8): At Large, Education, Religious, Volunteer, Area 3, Area 4, Area 5, and EPOA

*Not eligible to vote on funding matters this meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Minutes of the last Board meeting held on August 28, 2013 were distributed and a motion was made, seconded and adopted by vote of Yes 13 No 0 Abstention 1 to approve the Minutes.

3. VACANCIES Glenn Bailey reported that due to automatic removal of two members for absences there are now vacancies in the positions of Area 4 and Area 5 representative. It was also reported that there was an application received for the vacancy in the Volunteer/Service Alternate position.

4. SEATING OF APPOINTEES- None

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS The Items designated as A and B were unanimously recommended by the Planning and Use Committee and items designated as C and D were recommended without opposition by the Executive Committee. Item B which recommend ENC opposition to murals in residential areas was pulled and not subsequently considered during the meeting (see 16a). A motion to approve the remaining items A, C and D set forth below was adopted 14-0-0.

A. That the ENC neither support nor oppose the ABC license application for Sabzee Mediterranean Market located at 17461 Ventura Blvd. Case Number ZA 2013-2385 for Conditional Use Permit to sell off-site alcohol (beer, wine and distilled spirits; Type 21 permit).

C. That the ENC Strategic Plan 2013/2014, as revised, be approved.

D. That instead of November and December meetings on the fourth Wednesday there be one meeting for both months which will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

6. APPROVAL OF FUNDING CONSENT ITEMS These items were considered later in the meeting as set forth in Paragraph 12 below. John Arnstein reported on the items which were recommended without opposition by the Finance Committee. Copies of the application for the Neighborhood Purposes Grant referred to in 6A and a letter from Encino Community Center regarding additional funds for the Daddy Daughter Prom referred to in 6B were distributed. It was noted that only the ENC Representatives and Alternates who are current on Ethics Compliance and have completed the Funding Training per the Empower L.A.org/ENC webpage as of 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting may vote. *Five members were not eligible to vote.

A The motion to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application from Autism and Sensory Integration Foundation for \$600 to purchase T-Shirts in support of their fundraising event on November 9, 2013 failed by vote of 4 Yes 1 No and 5 Abstentions.

B. The motion to approve a request from Encino Community Center for \$1,500 to purchase food to support the Daddy Daughter Prom scheduled for February 21, 2014 passed by vote of 10 Yes 0 No and 0 Abstentions

7. REPORTS LAPD Officers Ham, Oakley and Estrada made a report and answered questions including about a recent homicide in an Encino home on the 5300 block of Andasol Avenue (but indicated some information could not presently be released) and abandoned homes.

A. Council District 5. Shawn Bayliss and Gurmet Khara of the office of Councilmember Koretz made a report and answered questions. Among the items referred to were communications with and regarding the Encino Charter Elementary School located in the area of Old Fire Station 83 (including regarding possible joint use, parking and loading), the Mural Ordinance, and the proposed expansion of the Curtis School. Gurmet mentioned the Killion Street median project and a Festival of Fitness on November 7th with registration due by October 25th and a flyer was available. She also discussed repair work in the streets during between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

B. Department of Recreations and Parks. Steve Cline spoke and answered questions about how the Encino Community Center was one of the City centers responsible for recovering staffing costs and as a result would have to increase fees and close at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise reserved. However, he stated that the ENC as a City organization would not have to pay additional fees.

C. Department of Transportation. Steve Gaur spoke and answered questions about the City bicycle plan and in particular the plan for bicycle lanes on White Oak Avenue between Ventura Blvd. and the Ventura Freeway.

Members expressed concern about the transition to the Freeway and Ventura Blvd. Glenn Bailey noted prior ENC approval of bicycle lanes on White Oak from Ventura Blvd. north to Oxnard Street but asked that the specifics of the separately funded White Oak/Ventura Freeway project

be brought to the Traffic/Transportation Committee. He also referred suggestions for bicycle lanes on Balboa Blvd. to that Committee.

8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY OFFICIALS & AGENCIES - None

8.5 GUEST SPEAKER (On agenda as Item 14). Sara Glaser, organizer for Nextdoor.com Social Network, spoke about the organization, distributed a flyer, and answered questions. She specifically mentioned how members can join without cost.

9-13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS The only report was by Treasurer John Arnstein (Agenda Item #12). The Treasurer urged adoption of the Finance Consent Items and they were acted on as reflected in Par. 6 above. John Arnstein also presented a report for August 2013 showing August expenditures of \$900.45, cumulative expenditures from prior months of \$1,291.45 for a total of \$2,191.91 leaving a Budget balance of \$34,808.09. A motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2013 was made, seconded and adopted by a vote of 11 Yes 0 No and 1 Abstention.

14. GUEST SPEAKER This Agenda item was called earlier as shown in Paragraph 8.5 above.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT Brent Lowensohn made the only public comment, thanking the ENC for its prior vote on the proposed 4915 Densmore Avenue lot split and requesting the ENC review the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan designation of the neighborhood west of Densmore Avenue. The President asked the request be submitted in writing and that it would be referred to the PLU Committee.

16. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES Outreach Committee Chair Jason Ackerman reminded the members of the Taste of Encino event on October 13 and the need for volunteers to staff the table.

A. Consent Items Pulled. Item 5b was pulled but never further considered during the meeting.

17. NEW BUSINESS - None considered

18. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS The Agenda listed the following items on the following respective dates:

September 28- Congress of Neighborhoods

October 1- BONC meeting

October 5- L.A. N.C. Coalition Meeting

October 10- Valley Alliance Meeting

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

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary