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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Approved Minutes

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by President Glenn Bailey who named Kathy Moghimi-Patterson as Parliamentarian. Sherman Gamson led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum with the presence of 18 Representatives and voting Alternates based on the following:

Representatives present: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie De Armas Shrinsky, Sherman Gamson, Todd Rubinstein, Marly Tempel, Debra Lee George, Anni Keusseyan, Hrag Kitsinian, Talar Dardarian, Glenn Bailey, Ken Silk, Alicia Herring, John Arnstein, Debbie Watson, Gerald Silver, and Keven Steinberg.

Voting Alternates Present: Eliot Cohen (for absent member Victoria Miller) and Art Sherman (for absent member John Tashtchian).

Other Alternates Present: Tom Masterson, Sharon Brewer, Jeremy Erlandsen, Laurie Kelson, and Norma Landau.

Absent Representatives: Victoria Miller, John Tashtchian, Jason Ackerman, Diane Rosen

Absent Alternates: Herbert Strickstein, Gil Spiegel, Mia Howard-Rubinstein, Steven DeVore, Fred Myer, and Melissa Loeffler.

All those present and voting reported compliance with the ethics training requirements.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS The minutes of the Board meeting of March 27, 2013, consideration of which had been deferred, were distributed. The minutes of the last Board meeting, a special meeting held on May 8, 2013, were also distributed. The President asked if there were any objections to the Minutes of either meeting and there were none. Accordingly, the minutes of both of said meetings were approved.

3.0 FILLING OF VACANCY - AREA 7 ALTERNATE The President announced the only application to fill a vacancy was by Carol Levin to fill the vacancy of Area 7 Alternate. Carol Levin spoke. The members then voted 18-0 to appoint Carol Levin as alternate. Kathy Moghimi-Patterson advised Carol about mandatory ethics training.

4.0 SEATING OF APPLICANT Glenn Bailey swore Carol Levin in as an Alternate. However, since Area 7 representative Debbie Watson was present Carol Levin did not take a seat at the table during the meeting.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS There were none.

6.0 INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT There were none.

7.0 REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS

- A. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Trulik spoke and introduced Sergeant Frank Avila and Lt. Espinosa and they answered questions.
- B. City Attorney Deputy City Attorney Raffy Astvasadoorian spoke and answered questions including about the patrol of parks.
- C. Glenn introduced Tracie Field, director of the Encino Community Center.

8.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES Noah Muhlstein, the Planning Deputy for Council District 5 member Paul Koretz spoke both in the capacity as a Council representative and guest speaker. He gave an update and answered questions regarding the IVT development, the Curtis School expansion at Mulholland Drive and the Verizon cell poll as well as a lot split case on Densmore Avenue. He stated that Jeff Ebenstein would arrive later and speak about Fire Station 83, but Jeff did not arrive at the meeting.

9.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Executive Orders - There were no new orders.
- B. Code of Civility - Members were reminded this was referred to in the Standing Rules
- C. Community Outreach - Glenn referred to articles in Encino Patch about the Candidate Forum.
- D. Board Workshop - Glenn stated a workshop would be planned in July.
- E. Appointment of DWP MOU Representative & Alternate - Glenn stated the need for two members to serve at meetings usually held on the first Saturday at 8:45 A.M.
- F. Neighborhood Council Elections - Glenn stated our Region's election would be in March 2014 and since filing would probably be in November there will soon be a need for an Election Committee.
- G. Microphones and Authorization Motion. Glenn referred to the need for the purchase of two hand held microphones for use in the Encino Community Center auditorium. A motion was made by Gerald Silver and seconded to authorize expending up to \$160 for the purchase of two hand held microphones for use in the Encino Community Center and the motion was adopted unanimously.
- H. Murals and Resolution Regarding Ordinance. Glenn and the agenda referred to a proposed Mural Ordinance (CF 11-0923). A motion was made by Gerald Silver and seconded by Todd Rubinstein to recommend that the ordinance exclude residences of four (4) units or less. There was discussion. The motion was approved by a vote of 15 Yes and 3 No (Steinberg, Sherman and Gamson). A Community Impact Statement will be filed.
- I. Appreciation Glenn thanked members regarding the candidate forum and for attending the special meeting on May 8, 2013.

10.0 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Todd Rubinstein gave an update on committees. Gerald Silver expressed concern about the availability of committee minutes.

11.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT Kenneth Silk expressed concern about absences from the Board meetings and members who had two or three absences.

12.0 TREASURER' REPORT

- A. EXPENDITURES John Arnstein distributed and explained an April 2013 Expense Report listing expenses in April which was approved without objection. He also distributed reports reflecting payments since July 2012 which was approved without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN CURRENT BUDGET John referred to funds that were available, but that had to be expended by June 14, 2013. There was discussion of possible use of the funds and making pre-payments. There was also a discussion of promotional expenses such as having pens and T-shirts. A motion was made by Gerald Silver, seconded and adopted unanimously to authorize the following payments in the current budget: the prepaying of the website hosting services, the prepayment of internet service and the addition of \$441 to outreach for appropriate outreach promotional materials.

C. NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET It was reported that the deadline for submission of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 was extended to July 12, 2013.

13.0 SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT - REQUEST REGARDING BYLAWS EXTENSION

Kathy Moghimi-Patterson did not report any changes regarding ethics training compliance. Glenn reported that although DONE may not include Alternates on its Encino webpage, ENC will post the expiration date of ethics compliance of Alternates. It was also reported that the June 1 deadline for submission of Bylaws amendments might be extended if a Neighborhood Council requested this. There was discussion regarding the possible need for such a request. A motion was made by Glenn Bailey, seconded by Kathy Moghimi-Patterson and adopted by vote of 18-0 that ENC request an extension of the time for filing Bylaws amendments.

14.0 GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION & DISAPPROVAL OF FIRE STATION LEASE

A. Noah Muhlstein. See Paragraph 8.0 regarding his presentation.

B. NC Budget Advocates No one from the Advocates appeared at the meeting

C. Disapproval of Proposed Lease of Old Fire Station 83 (CF 13-0476). There was a report on a City Council motion for authorizing a fifty (50) year lease of old Fire Station 83 at \$1 a year to the Armenian Cultural Foundation located in Glendale. A motion of disapproval was made by Eliot Cohen and seconded and a motion to amend was made. Eliot subsequently revised the motion with the consent of the both the member seconding and the member proposing to amend the motion. The members discussed the motion including the lack of prior notice. There was public comment by Encino Charter Elementary School Principal Marcia Koff and PTO President Lisa Becker. They opposed the proposed lease; both referred to safety of the children and the school's need for additional space. The members adopted the resolution by vote of 13 Yes and 4 No. Alicia Herring left the meeting during the discussion and before the vote. The final wording of the motion as adopted was that:

“The Encino Neighborhood Council disapproves of the manner, circumstances and terms of the lease for the repurposing of the old Fire Station 83 and the lease to the Armenian Cultural Foundation. The Encino Neighborhood Council further recommends the City Council consider other leasing opportunities and organizations for the repurposing of old Fire Station 83.”

Glenn stated this action would be reflected in a CIS and there was no objection thereto.

15.0 PUBLIC COMMENT The only public comment were two speakers opposing the lease (See Item 14.0C) and a stakeholder requesting a copy of the resolution.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. and the agenda reflected the next Board meeting would be held on June 26, 2013.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary.