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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey. Sherman Gamson led the pledge of allegiance and Gerald Silver was appointed Parliamentarian. A sign in list was distributed and there was a quorum based on the attendance of 15 (and after Mark Levinson was sworn in) 16 Representative members and voting Alternates:

**Members present (15):** Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie de Armas Shrinisky, Sherman Gamson, Victoria Miller, Todd Rubinstein, Debra George, Talar Dardarian, Art Sherman, Anni Keusseyan, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Kenneth Silk, John Arnstein, Gerald Silver, Mark Levinson

**Alternate voting for absent member (1):** Carol Levin for Debbie Watson

Members absent (3): Marly Tempel, George Jawlakian, Debbie Watson

Seats vacant (3): Area 4 Rep, Area 5 Rep, EPOA Rep

**Other Alternates Present:** Sharon Brewer, Laurie Kelson, Norma Landau

Alternates Absent: Herbert Strickstein, Tom Masterson, Eliot Cohen, Jeremy Erlandsen, Steven De Vore, Fred Myer, Melissa Loeffler

1A FUNDING VOTING ELIGIBILITY It was reported that two members (Talar Dardarian and Mark Levinson) were not eligible to vote on funding matters.

2. SEATING OF NEW REPRESENTATIVE It was announced that Mark Levinson was replacing Keven Steinberg as the Encino Chamber of Commerce Representative. Mark Levinson was sworn in by Lydia Grant, a Valley member of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

3. RECOGNITION OF BALBOA EXTRA BOYS SOCCER TEAM Glenn announced that the recognition listed on the agenda would occur at the February meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR MINUTES

4A October 23, 2013 Meeting. Jason Ackerman asked that 17E be changed to read that the support is of "an increase span of service of Metro bus line 236 (Balboa Blvd.) to being from 5:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and to increase the frequency of service to once every 20 minutes (from the current once every 45 minutes) from the current once every 60 minutes and that Metro shall implement this for six months on a trial basis." A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made, seconded and adopted without opposition.<sup>2</sup>

4B December 4, 2013 Meeting. An objection was raised regarding the indication in #17 that there were two separate motions. It was also asked to include a reference to discussion regarding transmittal of the agenda by the Friday prior to a general meeting. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer consideration of the Minutes until the next meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES John Arnstein spoke about the December 2013 report of monthly expenditures which was distributed. The report showed a total expenditures of \$99.00, cumulative expenditures of \$5,018.07. A motion to approve the monthly expenditures was made, seconded and adopted 14-0-1 by the members eligible to vote.
6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS The agenda included items (a) (b) and (c) that were recommended without opposition by the following respective committees. There was no request to pull or opposition to any of said items. A motion was made by Todd Rubinstein, seconded by Kathy Moghimi-Patterson and adopted by vote of Yes 15 No 0 and Abstention 1 to approve the following consent items:
- 6A. To support lighting (where necessary) of bicycle path paralleling Victory Blvd. between Haskell and White Oak Avenue (from Parks Committee).
- 6B. To submit applications to both the Encino Community Center and the Balboa Sports Center and to ask the Encino Community Center for use of the facility from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (i.e. to allow time for election set up and counting) and to offer to pay the cost of a second staff member to be present during the end of the election and vote counting. (from Ad Hoc 2014 Election Committee).
- 6C. To make two applications to the Encino Community Center, to wit one for the use of the dance room from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and another application to the Center for use of the Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and to recommend that the Board authorize a change of the voting hours from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., subject to the ability to use the auditorium and obtain any requisite DONE approval for the change in the election hours. (from Ad Hoc 2014 Election Committee).
7. APPROVAL OF FUNDING CONSENT ITEMS The agenda included expenditure items (a) and (b) that were recommended without opposition by the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Todd Rubinstein and seconded to approve the following recommended expenditures items. In response to a question none of the members stated they wanted to vote differently on the two items. The motion to approve was adopted by vote of Yes 14 No 0 Abstention 0; not voting due to lack of eligibility 2.
- 7A. To expend up to \$150 for the ENC's share of facility expense and for outreach for Region 3 Rally in the Valley event held on Friday January 17, 2014 at the Reseda American Legion Hall.
- 7B. To reimburse Glenn Bailey \$8.04 to duplicate four keys for the new ENC mailbox located in front of the Encino Woman's Club.

## 8. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS

- 8A. MTA Ayda Safaei MTA Construction Relations Officer spoke, distributed a document and answered questions about the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project and in particular the reduction of lanes during some hours and the full closure during the period from the evening of February 14 to the morning of February 18, 2014.
- 8B. EMPOWER L.A. Tony Wilkinson spoke (see #11 below).
- 8C. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT Craig Majors who is currently acting as lead officer spoke, distributed a sheet regarding preventing property crime, and answered questions. He warned against leaving ladders available for thieves. In response to questions about a recent shooting in

Encino he stated he understood the crime was not gang related and the victim was recovering. A member of the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) also provided information about that organization.

8D. LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY Neighborhood Prosecutor Raffi spoke and provided information about his work and how to contact him.

8E. CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER Chris Ramsey, a member of the staff of 45th District State Assemblymember Matt Dababneh, spoke about the Assemblyman's office in the Van Nuys State Building and future plans.

8F. 5th LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT Kathy Moghimi-Patterson read a written report from the office of 5th Councilmember Paul Koretz which is set forth in #9 below.

#### 9. WRITTEN REPORT FROM 5TH L.A. COUNCIL DISTRICT

9A. UPDATES ON OLD FIRE STATION #83 (CF 13-0476) Not a whole lot has happened since we met last. Continuing to work with LAUSD regarding the pick-up/drop off. CM is committed to help the school as much as possible. Lease has not moved forward. Still awaiting to hear back from LAUSD.

9B. CURTIS SCHOOL (15871 Mulholland Drive). Refer questions to Noah. Hearing was in December. Case number that was being heard was officially withdrawn by Curtis School Reps. Therefore, given that the CPC had no jurisdiction over the matter should come back to the Planning and Land Use committee for updates may be mid March. CM in support of project and does have concerns with proposed secondary access road.

9C. RESIDENT CONCERNS-KILLION AVE. Residents are awaiting for petitions to sign off and get this rolling. Can still take a few weeks.

9D. RESIDENT CONCERNS-ALDEA AVE. Spoke with Director of Street Services and here are some options:

- (1) Remove the island completely due to it being a major liability.
- (2) Repair the island which can cost hundreds of dollars to \$10-20,000.
- (3) Repair it with asphalt instead of concrete which will not cost any money,  
Asking the NC to vote on this.

9E. VENTURA BLVD AT&T was doing some conduit work on the road. Spoke with Russ Stradella and informed him that our office needs to know ahead of time of work if more than a 4 day long. Still working to get he work moved at night if they are expected to take a few days. This work we were not informed. (end of written report)

10. GUEST SPEAKER City Controller Ron Galperin, who was listed on the Agenda, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. However, MTA Construction Relations Officer Ayda Safaei (see 8A) and BONC Commissioner Lydia Grant (see 24) spoke.

11. 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS (See Item 8 B regarding time when Tony Wilkinson spoke) IEA Tony Wilkinson spoke about the Neighborhood Council election and the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for filing. He expressed the hope for having more candidates than offices.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT Norma Weiner spoke about the loss of a dog due to coyotes in Encino.

13-17. OFFICERS REPORTS- -NONE. The Agenda under the President's report referred to Board agenda being posted and emailed by the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting.

#### 18. ACTION ON COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

18A. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT ITEMS-None

18B. USE OF MAILBOX The Executive Committee by consensus recommended that the ENC use the mailbox on the Encino Woman's Club building to receive mail and to authorize the duplication of four keys for that use. The members voted to approve this recommendation by vote of Yes 14 No 0 Abstentions 0.

18C. FACILITY EXPENSE FOR RALLY IN THE VALLEY The Agenda included an item the Election Committee recommended regarding facility expense. This recommendation was considered superseded and covered by Item 7b and, therefore, 18 C was not considered at the meeting.

18D. WESTMARK SCHOOL EXPANSION (Case #ZA99-2385 CUZ Plan Approval #5 address-5461 Louise Ave.) Arne Levitt of Westmark School spoke about the school and plans for expansion and then answered questions. A motion to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting in order to have proof of notification of neighbors was made, seconded and after discussion failed on a vote of Yes 7 No 8 and Abstention 1 Talar Dardarian reported on the work of the Planning and Use Committee and its unanimous recommendation for approval. A motion to approve this proposal was made by Talar, seconded and adopted by vote of Yes 9 No 5 and Abstentions 2

18E. FRESH BROTHERS PROJECT (Case No DIR 2013-4174- 16060 Ventura Blvd. #113). Adam Holder, Fresh Brothers CEO, spoke and answered questions about Fresh Brothers and the proposal that would permit customers to dine in as well as take out food. Talar Dardarian reported on the work of the PLU Committee and its unanimous recommendation of approval. A motion to approve this project was made by Talar, seconded and after discussion adopted by vote of Yes 15 No 1 Abstentions 0. 5

18F. SANDWICH BAR #26 PROPOSED EXPANSION PLANS (Case #DIR 2013-3883 - 17932 Ventura Blvd.) The architect spoke and answered questions about proposed changes to the front of the Sandwich Bar. Talar Dardarian reported on the work of the PLU Committee and its unanimous recommendation not to oppose the plans. A motion not to object to the plans was made, seconded and adopted 15-0-0.

19. NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS- None were discussed at the meeting. The Agenda referred to a BONC recommendation regarding the Brown Act, L.A. River Improvement Guidelines, Community Plan Designation for Area west of Densmore, Curtis School expansion and 4915 Densmore Avenue lot split.

20. UPCOMING EVENTS The Agenda noted the following upcoming events on the following respective dates:  
February 1 Los Angeles N.C. Coalition  
February 4 BONC Meeting  
February 13 Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting

21. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY BOARD AND PUBLIC. The Public Comment is set forth in #12 above. During the discussion of Planning & Use Committee recommendations there were comments regarding having specific rules or guidelines regarding notification to neighbors of proposals being considered by the committee.

22. RECESS & RESUMPTION The meeting recessed at 9:05 P.M. for a special meeting and the Minutes of said Special Meeting are set forth below. The regular meeting resumed at 9:12 P.M.
23. NEXT BOARD MEETING The Agenda noted the next Board meeting would be on Wednesday February 26, 2014.
24. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT After the meeting resumed Lydia Grant, one of two Valley members on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners which oversees neighborhood councils citywide spoke and extended an offer of help. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary