

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Proposed Minutes
Wednesday January 28, 2015

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

1. – Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Excused Absences, Determination of a Quorum, Sign-in Sheet, Public Speaker Cards, Code of Civility, & Appoint Parliamentarian:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Officer Daryl Scoggins. Sherman Gamson was appointed as the Parliamentarian.

A quorum was established based on the attendance of 19 board members. The following Board members were present: Mark Levinson, Ken Silk, Art Sherman, Eliot Cohen, Shelley Rivlin, David Hudgins, Anni Keusseyan, Sherman Gamson, Todd Rubinstein, Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Debra George, Glenn Bailey (Alternate At-Large), Jason Ackerman, Carol Levin, Mel Roberts, Jerry Silver, Talar Dardarian, Victoria Miller and Sharon Brewer.

Also, the following Alternates were present: Racquel Marshall, Laurie Kelson, Norma Landau, Pat Bates and Henry Eshelman.

2. - Approval of the Oct 22, 2014 & Dec 03, 2014 General Meeting Minutes (Motion required, unless no objections)

- Sharon Brewer moved a motion to table the minutes to the next month's meeting. It was agreed to have the minutes review/approve at the next general board meeting.

3. - Reports from City/State/Fed Officials:

a. LAPD / LAFD - Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) & Captains:

- Officer Daryl Scoggins from Tarzana was present; he gave a brief update about the recent activities in the valley. Also he talked about the safety concerns and stated that overall crime had been reduced. He reiterated and encouraged everyone to report non-emergency incidents to the designated # (877) ask-LAPD.

b. LA City Council Offices (CD5) Field Deputies & Reps:

- Germeet Kara from Council Member Koretz office was present. She talked about the Verizon Cell Tower and mentioned that the Council office is opposing the project and that they are trying to find alternate location for the tower.
- Germeet said that a petition to restrict the left turn on Killion Street was turned to LADOT.
- She also mentioned that the Lease agreement for the old fire station was not finalized yet.

c. State Assembly or Senate Offices Field Deputies & Reps:

- Sanan Shirinian from Assembly Member Matt Dababneh office was present, she talked about an event that was going to take place on Saturday February 7th, where the Assembly member was going to be present, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

- Henry Stern from Senator Pavley's office was present; he gave an update about the CA budget. He said the CA credit rating has improved from previous years and now is now listed as 'A'. He also mentioned that are few government programs that people should take advantage of. Such as the loan forgiveness program for individuals that become teachers.
- Raffy Astvasadoorian from Los Angeles City Attorney's office was present. He talked about a program that the city is trying now, 1st time offenders program, where the offenders go mediation panel with appropriated punishment. He also talked briefly about the Neighborhood Justice Program and gave out the contact number (213)978-8735.

d. Federal Congresspersons - Field Deputies & Reps (5 min) none

e. Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) & Related Groups: Glenn Bailey spoke and gave the following updates about:

- VANC includes of 34 councils; he is on the board, the meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the month. He mentioned the upcoming Mixer even in March. Glenn also gave brief update about LANC's activities. LANC includes all the 95 councils.

- ❖ The Encino Community Center's new Director Jackie Kochi spoke for few minutes. She mentioned that the Community Center is getting ready for their annual event the 'Daddy Daughter Dance' on February 20. The event is for 5-11 years old kids. She said that its one of the best fund raising events for the Encino Community Center. Ms. Ivy one of the event organizing members also spoke about the event. And she asked for ENC help in sponsoring the event with \$1500 donation. Since this request was not agendized, it was decided to cover it in a special board meeting.

4. Guest Speakers (10 min per issue):

a. Proposed Verizon Wireless Tower at 17806 Erwin St. ZA-2014-3111-CUW (ref item 8d)

i. Emran Elyas (5 min), Verizon Radio Frequency engineer assigned to this project.

- Emran was present and he spoke about the project. He said that Verizon is proposing to build a new to improve the service for the Encino residents. He said that this tower is not a health hazard and will not cause any harm to the surrounding neighbors.
- Josh Green, a Verizon rep spoke about the project as well. He said that this tower was needed to off load the usage from another facility. And that Verizon is in the talks with the council's office. He said that the ZA hearing has not been determined yet.
- Also, Josh and Emran answered questions from many concerned neighbors and Encino residents that were at the meeting.

ii. Rob Glushon (5 min), Attorney for Erwin Street Neighbors.

- Rob mentioned that he is representing the neighbors and he is working diligently to have Verizon to reconsider the location of the tower. He has asked the Board to consider his proposed findings.
- Jerry Silver has moved the following motion and was 2nd by Shelley. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Motion:** ENC oppose the proposed ZA-2014-3111-CUW and wishes to include the proposed findings in objection.

- b. Brad Rosenhiem, Rosenheim & Associates (Land Use Specialist) - Richard Moss, President, Moss Group (Developer/Stakeholder) - 17100 W Victory Blvd - Balboa Park Terrace Mixed Use Project. (ref item 7c)
 - Todd mentioned that this project was on hold.

5. - Officers Reports:

- a. President's Report: New forms from DONE; voting, NPGs, MERs, etc
- b. Vice President's Report: Positions available. Area 1 Alternate / At-Large Alternate / Business Alternate / Public Safety Rep and PS Committee Chair (see ENC Website for other vacancies below and item 7a)
 - i. Committee Participation by Stakeholders and Committee Meetings - Airport, Outreach, Public Safety, and By-Laws should meet at least once a quarter
 - ii. Update: Board Seats, Vacancies, and Candidates to fill positions. Stakeholders – ENC Website - http://encinonc.org/home_elections.php
- c. Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Union Bank Account update - ENC Funds remaining - FY 2014/2015
 - ii. Review of the 2014-2015BY ENC Budget and Expenses to Date (7/1/2014-1/20/2015)
- d. Secretary's Report (2 min): None
- e. Sergeant-at-Arm's Report (2 min): Update Board members' ethics and funding training compliance.
 - i. BONC Code of Conduct requirements - Extension of deadline for completion.
 - ii. DONE website and links at: <http://empowerla.org> (Ethics and Funding Buttons
 - iii. Ethics Training link (NEW): <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>
 - iv. Funding Training at: <http://empowerla.org/funding>

✓ ***Due to time constraints there were no updates from the officers.***

6. – Committee Reports:

- a. Education - Update from Chair if needed
- b. Parks - Update from Chair if needed
- c. Planning & Land Use (PLU) – 01/13/2015 Meeting Update - Information about other projects, etc.
 - i. Lum Ka Naad - 17644 Ventura Blvd - CUB (Conditional Use Permit - Alcohol) - Full line Alcoholic Beverages / Live Entertainment - Related Case ZA-2013-2922-CUB-CU
- d. Traffic / Transportation – Update from Chair if needed
- e. Outreach Committee – Updates: Recap Taste of Encino. Goals, Strategy, Desires, and New ENC Marketing effort. Drawing of Raffle Winner.

✓ ***Due to time constraints no committee report updates were given.***

7. - Committee or General Action Items: (New & Old Business)

- a. Open Board/Alternate Positions | Decision on possible removal of At Large Rep2, Alex Treybush, and filling the seat by one of alternates for that seat.

- b. Funding or Expense Matters:
 - i. Approval of Monthly Expense report(s) (MER) – July, August, September, October, November and December 2014 reports

✓ **Due to time constraints no actions were taken on these items.**

- c. Planning & Land Use (PLU) Committee - Motion(s) passed at PLU Committee Meeting Tues, Jan 13, 2015:
 - i. 17100 W Victory Blvd - Balboa Park Terrace Mixed Use Project - Case AA 2014 2851 - Description: The Applicant seeks to develop an approximately 1.84 acre parcel with an apartment building providing a total of 187 dwelling units constructed to a maximum height of approximately 75 feet, exclusive of architectural projections, stairwells and roof equipment. The proposed project will provide a total of 344 automobile parking spaces within the ground level and two subterranean parking lots, as well as 206 short-term and long-term bicycle parking spaces.

Motion: The ENC PLU supports the Balboa Park Terrace Project as presented by The Moss Group & Nadel Architects. (Eliot Cohen/ Jason Ackerman)

For-3 Against -2 Abstain-2 Motion Passes

8. – Committee Consent Items: (Items approved unanimously without abstentions in Committee)

- a. Executive Committee: Motion(s) passed at Executive Committee Meeting Wed, Jan 14, 2015)
 - i. Motion to provide up to \$500 to the VANC 12th Annual Mixer at CBS Studios 3/12/15 so the ENC can be a co-sponsor at event. **Motion** by Todd, 2nd by Kathy, passed 5 yes - 0 no - 0 abstention
- ✓ **Jerry moved a motion and was 2nd by Kathy to approve consent item 8a. Motion passed by 17/0/0. 2 members were ineligible to vote.**

- b. Education Committee - Motion(s) passed at Edu Committee Meeting Sat, Jan 17, 2015:
 - i. Eight NPG applications were read by those attending, and scored according to the rubric. Following a tally and discussion of points and availability of funds, **Motion** by Shelley Rivlin, Jean Straber second, and unanimous approval of those in attendance, including 3 committee members, to recommend that the Encino Board Meeting on January 28, allocation of \$4,957 as follows:
 1. \$569 - Portola MS for Printerbot Simple Kit Metal (3D)
 2. \$1462 - Portola MS for study of Dead Sea Scrolls at CSC
 3. \$1359 - Reseda SH for IDigital-Tutors, Intuos Pen & Touch Medium
 4. \$1000 - Encino Charter for staff First Aid/CPR Training
 5. \$428 - Lanai Rd for Discovery Cube admission
 6. \$139 - Lanai Rd. for sketch books & tempera cakes

- c. Outreach Committee - Motion(s) passed at PLU Committee Meeting Wed, Jan 21, 2015
 - i. **Motion** by Todd Rubinstein, second by Racquel Marshall-Cianci to provide a food budget for Outreach Committee Meetings in calendar year

2015 of up to \$99 per meeting not to exceed 6 remaining meetings for a total of \$594.00. Unanimous consent for approval.

- ✓ **It was decided to review consent items 8b and 8c at the special board meeting.**

d. Planning & Land Use (PLU) Committee - Motion(s) passed at PLU Committee Meeting, Dec 9, 2014:

- i. Verizon Cell & Wireless Tower being installed at 17806 Erwin St - Case ZA-2014-3111-CUW

Motion: Encino Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee opposes the placement and construction of a cell tower at 17806 Erwin St Case# ZA-2014-3111-CUW as presented. And that the ZA hearing be held at the Braudie Center in Van Nuys. (Eliot Cohen/Diane Rosen) Unanimous Consent (7-0-0)

9. – Public Comments: [Non-Agenda Items] Within the “Board’s” jurisdiction are limited to **TWO MINUTES (2)** per speaker. This is a NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD

- Karin Florez and Joanna from Friends of the LA River – announced LA River cleanup efforts at Balboa on April 11, 18 and 25th. Encouraged everyone to volunteer.
- Andra Hoffman – Candidate for the Los Angeles Community College Seat 1, Election is on March 3
- Ankur Patel – Candidate for Los Angeles Unified School Board
- Ray Verches – from Gas Company
- 10 members of public (Encino Residents) talked in opposition to the Verizon Cell Tower.

10. - Board Member Comments: On any subject matter within “The Board’s” jurisdiction shall have – one (1) Minute per speaker. These are NON-DISCUSSION items between Board members and the public.

- Laurie Kelson – spoke about the some civility concerns.

11.- Future Meetings:

- a. Next ENC Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
- b. Next ENC General Board Meeting: Wed, February 25, 2015
- c. VANC Monthly Meeting: - Thurs, February 12, 2015 (*Generally 2nd Thurs of month*)
- d. LANCC Meeting: - Sat, February 7, 2015 at 10:00am (Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall)
- e. BONC Meeting: - Tue, February 3, 2015 (Hollywood Studio District)

12. - Adjournment: 9:30 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Anni Keusseyan, Secretary