

PROPOSED MINUTES

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Encino Community Center Auditorium

4935 Balboa Blvd, Encino Ca 91316

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Kathy Patterson and the pledge of allegiance was led by Raffy Astvasadoorian. Sherman Gamson was appointed as the Parliamentarian.

A quorum was established based on the attendance of the following Board members: Mark Levinson, Talar Dardarian, Laurie Kelson, Ken Silk, Shelley Rivlin, Al Mass, Anni Keusseyan, Sherman Gamson, Kathy Patterson, Diane Rosen, Henry Eshelman (for Todd Rubinstein), Jason Ackerman, Victoria Miller, Carol Levin, Eliot Cohen, Jerry Silver, Sharon Brewer, Debra George

The following Alternates were also present: Jean Strauber, Racquel Marshall, Norma Landau, Debbie Watson and Valerie Dean.

2. **Approval of the July 22, 2015 General Meeting Minutes (Motion required, unless no objections)**

It was agreed to discuss the minutes at next month's meeting.

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

- a. LAPD / LAFD - Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) & Captains (5 min)

- (1) Officer Scoggins, Senior Lead Officer for Encino and Tarzana was present, he gave a brief update about the recent activities in the valley. He said the crime rate is on the increase side, we need lock our doors and windows, also he said to not leave stuff in the cars and to lock our cars all the time. He reiterated and encouraged everyone to report the non-emergency incidents to the (877)ask-LAPD.

- b. LA City Council Offices (CD5) - Field Deputies & Reps (5 min)

- (1) Gurmet Kara was present she gave an update on Council Koretz' office activities. She also mentioned that there was no new update to report on Fire Station 83.
- (2) Deputy Raffy Astvasadoorian from Los Angeles City Attorney's office was present. He gave an update on the few cases that he was handling in Encino. He said he was working hard on keep the Ganesta Park safe and clean. He said to notify his office with any out of ordinary incidents.

- c. State Assembly or State Senate Offices - Field Deputies & Reps (5 min)

- (1) **Rosalba Gonzalez, from the State Senate Office was present, she gave updates on the State Senates activities and the Bills that are being considered currently on the State Senate floor. She said all bills are due end of August. To mention few of the new Bills:**

- a. **Student Loan Forgiveness initiative**
- b. **Pierce College not to stay as a Farm**
- c. **Pay as you drive initiative**

- (2) **Ankur Patel, LAUSD school Board member was present. Ankur gave an update on LAUSD recent activities.**

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

- e. Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) & Related Groups: (5 min for all) - **None**

4. Officer's Reports:

- a. President's Report – (2 min) - UPDATE – Status of several NPGs submitted to DONE (**None – the President was not present.**)
- b. Vice-President's Report – (2 min) - Committee Chairs and membership
 - (1) All board members must sit on one committee and attend meetings regularly.
 - i. **Kathy mentioned that all committees should meet regularly.**
 - (2) Committees that haven't met may be disbanded per By-Laws.
 - i. **Kathy mentioned that, the ByLaws committee has not yet met. She assigned Mark Levinson as Co-Chair for ByLaws Committee.**
 - (3) Chairs: Vacancies - Airport Committee & Public Safety Committee
 - i. **Kathy said she is still looking for qualified candidates to fill the vacancies within the ENC.**
 - (4) Congrats to Glenn Bailey for being elected Northridge East NC President position.
 - i. **She congratulated Glenn for his position as the President for Northridge East NC.**
- c. Treasurer's Report - (2 min) – Update on FY 2014/2015 Funds, FY 2015/2016 Increase
 - i. Approval of June and July 2015 MERs
 - i. **Al updated the Board members with the details on the MER for June and July 2015. Shelley Rivlin moved to approve the June and July MERs as presented, 2nd by Diane Rosen. Motion passed 15/3/0 (No=Sharon, Jason and Debra)**
- d. Secretary's Report - (2 min) Voting on funding matters - were ineligible board members removed from General Board Voting. New Board Voting forms – Funding & Non-Funding – **None**
- e. Sergeant-at-Arm's Report – (2 min) Updates on Ethics and funding training mandates for Board members and Alternates. **None**

5. Committee Reports: (New and Old Business) - (10 min)

- a. Education - Update from Chair if needed – Report on Enc Youth Orchestra.
 - (1) **Shelly gave an update on her recent Education committee meeting. And gave the date for her upcoming meeting.**
- b. Planning & Land Use (PLU) - Information about other projects, etc. - **None**
- c. Traffic / Transportation – Burbank / Hayvenhurst, etc. – **None**
- d. Outreach Committee – Updates: Goals, Strategy, & New ENC Marketing effort.
 - (1) Movies in the Park expenditure was \$465 instead of approved \$500 for Mad Scientist.
 - (2) Valley Preparedness Fair Participation – Board members, Alternates, and stakeholders.
 - (3) Taste of Encino Participation – Board members, Alternates, and stakeholders.
 - **Racquel gave an update on ENC office cleaning efforts. She also gave an update on the Movies in the Park event. She reminded everyone on the upcoming events and encouraged everyone to attend and or to volunteer in these 2 events.**
 - **Kathy congratulated Racquel on the outstanding job that she has done in the ENC office cleaning project as well as the chair of the Outreach Committee.**

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

- a. Open Board/Alternate Positions – (2 min) - Area 1 Alternate, Area 4 Rep, Area 5 Representative and Alternate, At-Large Alternate Positions open. **No new applications.**
- b. Approval of Capital & Improvement Expenditures for ENC Office and Outreach efforts from Operations and Outreach Budgets
 - (1) Approval of up to \$175.00 for 2 additional office chairs for guests that have been purchased out of Operations budget.
 - (2) Approval of up to \$75.00 additional funds for cleaning of office floor out of Operations budget.

- (3) Approval of \$149.00 invoice from Ron Cianci for building desk and hutch for ENC office from Operations budget. Racquel Marshall-Cianci ought to recuse herself from vote and room.
 - (4) Approve expenditure of \$2,885.63 in check #5048 for Outreach Promotional Items that was paid to ABC Promotional on or about 6/30/2015 out of Outreach budget of 2014/2015 budget year (BY) funds.
 - (5) Approval of up to \$150 to acquire light/fan combo for ENC office above shelves and desk from Operations budget.
 - (6) Approval of up to \$99 to acquire lighting above file cabinets at west end of ENC office from Operations budget.
 - **Kathy Patterson moved to approve the following items: 6b1, 6b2, 6b4, 6b5, 6b6 – 2nd by Anni Keuseyan. Motion passed 14/3/1 (No= Sharon, Debra and Jason) (Abstain= Eliot)**
 - **Kathy moved to approve 6b3, 2nd by Anni Keuseyan. Motion passed 14/3/1 (No= Sharon, Jason and Debra) (Abstain= Mark)**
- c. Outreach Committee - Motion to provide a food budget for Outreach Committee Meetings in budget (fiscal) year 2015/2016 of up to \$59 per meeting not to exceed 10 meetings for a total of \$590.00.
Discuss this next month.
- d. Planning & Land Use (PLU) Committee - Motion(s) passed at PLU Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2015:
- (1) 4A from PLU agenda – Streets of India - 16260 W Ventura Blvd - ZA-2014-3117-CUB proposing sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption. Open 11-10 Sun-Thurs, 11-11 Fri-Sat. Motion: Encino Planning and Land use Committee supports Type 41 license, sale of beer and wine for Streets of India - ZA-2014-3117-CUB 16260 W Ventura Blvd as presented Moved by Cohen/Hudgins - 5-1-0 Motion passes.
 - **Jason Ackerman moved to approve, 2nd by Eliot Cohen. Motion passed 17/1/0 (No=Jerry)**
- e. Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting – Motion(s) passed or discussion items at the Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2015:
- (1) Los Angeles Mobility Plan - Discussion and Motion on the Mobility Plan- <http://www.citywatchla.com/lead-stories-hidden/9102-will-people-have-to-die-for-mayor-garcetti-s-great-streets> requested by Jerry Silver. Jerry gave a presentation: City streets used to be for vehicles. Selma Reynolds wants to get cars off the streets and repurpose some streets for more bikes. Across the country move for "Great Streets", parcels, etc. Each city has a transportation code to measure congestion on new development. New terminology will be mobility element. LA City Council File: CF 15-0719 (look for details). LA City wants to repurpose streets. Much discussion: LA is unique and spread out. People do not live near where they work. Who is paying for the roads thru gasoline tax? Pedestrian and bikes have the most accidents. Is the goal reducing congestion? **MOTION:** The ENC opposes the overall repurposing of the streets in the mobility plan 2035. CF 15-0719. We believe that LA streets are dangerous for extensive bike use, and it creates incapability between bicycles and automobiles. Silver/Rosen Vote: Yes: Silver, Kelson, Grossman, Hand, Belasco, Jarvis, Silk (7) No: Bailey, Ackerman (2)
 - **Jerry Silver moved to approve the Los Angeles Mobility Plan as written above in 6e1, 2nd by Eliot Cohen. Motion passed by 8/6/4 (No=Talar, Shelley, Sherman, Jason, Henry, Debra) (Abstain = Anni, Laurie, Kathy, Diane)**
 - (2) MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council Supports the resolution by Council Members Koretz, Bonin, and Huizar [15-0002-S82] urging the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission to deny the approval of the proposed Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension project. If approved, the project will enable enormous trains to transport crude oil through neighborhood in Los Angeles, creating tremendous and terrifying public safety and public health hazards. The resolution can be found at: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0002-S82_reso_07-29-2015.pdf (THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BY JASON

ACKERMAN FOR DISCUSSION AT THE ENC GENERAL MEETING. No committee vote was taken

- **It was discussed and decided to table this to next month.**

7. Consent Items (Old & New Business):

- a. Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting – Motion(s) passed at the Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2015:

- (1) Signal Timing - Burbank/ 101 W Hayvenhurst off ramp/Magnolia
Motion - The ENC supports keeping the daytime signal timing at the 3 PM - 6 PM peak hours. Congestion and pollution are caused by the poor signal timing that has not been changed after numerous requests. Kelson/Silver Vote: Yes: Kelson, Silver, Bailey, Silk, Jarvis, Belasco, Ackerman, No-0, Abstain: 2 Hand, Grossman CONSENT ITEM
- (2) Parking Meter Timing - A motion to change the parking meters near the Encino Park and Encino Elementary School on Paso Robles and Genesta. Motion: The ENC moves that the LADOT restore the parking meters to 6 PM from 8 PM. BAILEY/HAND CONSENT ITEM
 - **Laurie Kelson moved to approve the motion listed above in 7a2 to change the time to 10am to 6pm, 2nd by Anni Keusseyan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- (3) Parking Meter Timing - A motion to change the parking meters from 8 PM to 6 PM on Ventura Blvd and the adjacent streets in Encino. Motion: The ENC moves that the LADOT change the parking meters from 8 PM to 6 PM on Ventura Blvd and the metered streets adjacent to Ventura Blvd as the timing has been a detriment to business and homeowners. Bailey/Silver CONSENT ITEM (1 Abstention -Silk)
- (4) Enforcement of tow-away times on Ventura Blvd in Encino. MOTION: THE ENC REQUESTS THAT THE LADOT ENTOURAGE AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TOW-AWAY TIMES ON VENTURA BLVD IN ENCINO. Kelson/Jarvis CONSENT ITEM
- (5) Move the LADOT Commuter Express Bus stop to Magnolia immediately West of Hayvenhurst or to the Park and Ride Lot. MOTION: The ENC requests that the LADOT Commuter Express Bus stop be moved to the Park and Ride lot on Hayvenhurst S of Magnolia or to Magnolia immediately W of Hayvenhurst. Bailey/Silver CONSENT ITEM
 - **Jerry Silver moved to approve the item listed above in 7a5, 2nd by Eliot Cohen. Motion passed by 11/1/6 (No= Jason) (Abstain= Mark, Shelley, Victoria, Sharon, Debra, Henry)**
- (6) Request for a left-hand arrow fading to green on White Oak S to Burbank Blvd E.
MOTION: The ENC requests a left-hand arrow fading to green on White Oak S to Burbank E. Kelson/Hand CONSENT ITEM
 - **Shelley Rivlin moved to approve the following items listed above 7a1, 7a3, 7a4, 7a6 as written, 2nd by Anni Keusseyan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- b. Outreach Committee Meeting – Motion(s) passed at Outreach Committee Meeting Wednesday August 19, 2015:

- (1) The Committee moved and approved the purchase of the ENC Branded Tent for up to \$1,999.00. See this link to view a similar item contemplated by the committee at: [Promotional Design Group](#). Todd/Michele W (proposed/seconded) Vote: 4-0-0.
 - **It was discussed and agreed to table this for next month's meeting.**

8. Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM