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MINUTES
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 2017
Encino Community Center Auditorium
4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino CA 91316
 The Following Minutes Were Approved 1-28-2018

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm. Roll call; determination of quorum.

Board Members			
Name	Board Position	Present?	
Lee Blumenfeld	Area 1 Representative	Present	
Scott Linden	Area 2 Representative	Present	
Miriam Davis	Area 3 Alt/Elect	Present	
Jess Whitehill	Area 4 Representative	Present	
Diane Rosen	Area 5 Representative	Present	
Laurie Kelson	Area 6 Representative	Present	
Jim Esterle	Area 7 Representative	Absent	
Sherman Gamson	Apartment/Condo Resident Rep.	Present	
Victoria Miller (VP)	Business Representative	Present	
Samuel Apikyan	Business Representative	Absent	
Adriohn Richardson	Education Representative	Present	
Debra Lee George (Pres.)	Park Advocate/ Environment Rep	Present	
Eliot Cohen	Planning & Land Use Representative	Present	
Glenn Bailey (Sgt at Arms)	Public Safety Representative	Present	
Anni Kusseyan	Religious Representative	Absent	
Patricia Bates (Treasurer)	Volunteer Service Representative	Present	
Alex Garay	At-Large Representative-elected	Present	
Henry Eshelman	At-Large Representative	Present	

Carol Levin	Encino Property Owners Association	Present	
Gerald A Silver	Homeowners of Encino Rep	Present	
Mark Levinson	Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep	Present	
Alternates			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Voting?
Shelley Billik	Park Advocate/ Environment Alt	Present	Yes (Esterle)
Norma Landau	Homeowners of Encino Alternate	Absent	
Kathy Moghimi Patterson	At-Large Alternate	Absent	14 th Consecutive

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

- A. Marsha Godwin regarding proposed 6 story building near Genesta. Gerald Silver, Scott Linden and Eliot Cohen suggested dealing with proposed project pro-actively
- B. Lynn Walker regarding issues with homeless persons in the area

3. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related groups – no presentation, Gibson Nyambura was present
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz, Gurmet Khara: not present
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ham: police have captured some of the knock-knock burglars. He suggests having good alarm system, using a safe, don't hide valuables in master bedroom, use cameras and report suspicious activity to police. Don't leave valuables or bags visible in cars. Report activity at 877-ask-LAPD. There are issues with sober living houses and rehab facilities including Encino Hospital.

4. Motion to approve seating alternate Shelley Billik in place of Jim Esterle for this meeting only.

Unanimous consent 18-0-0

5. Community Plan Update: Discussion of July 12th meeting and the ENC response

- Glenn Bailey: There were good things about the Planning workshop and not-so-good things. People were not able to access the ADA entrance. Start time conflicted with /Camp Encino. It appeared to Glenn that the facilitator was not taking notes.
- Eliot Cohen: Eliot felt the workshop did not work. People wanted to talk about concerns, not play with colored dots. They were interested in having a real dialogue on issues such as parking spaces in new development, amenities, traffic on Ventura Blvd., etc. He felt debate was shut off.
- Laurie Kelson: Felt workshop was poorly done.
- Gerald Silver: Felt workshop was poorly organized, not a good way to gather input from community.
- Shelley Billik: Asked if preliminary statement had been presented to planning.
- Debra George: Findings will not be submitted until late summer, not ready for it yet, they are supposed to give us copy of comments.
- Gerald Silver: Question is what do they want to do in terms of adding housing density. Main job of {illegible}
- Diane Rosen: Planning workshop was dog & pony show
- Lee Blumenfeld: Wants requirement in future that Neighborhood Councils approve any variance from rules

Eliot Cohen: Require true costing – large high density projects will result in huge increase in water/electricity use – who will be responsible for the added infrastructure?
Audience comment – the workshop was no help at all.
Debra George: The statement from Encino NC planning & land use did not address re:code LA
Gerald Silver: there should be no changes to zoning law other than modernization of the system. Changes in zoning laws will lead to unchecked development.
Debra George: Parks & public space should be addressed, will be topic at next Parks Committee meeting.
Gerald Silver: this should be an ongoing agenda item for future meetings.

6. Consent items:

6A1: From Executive Committee: Motion to set Wednesday, November 29, 2017 as the combined November/December Encino Neighborhood Council board meeting date, by Kelson seconded by Rosen, passed 19-0-0

6.B.1. From Outreach Committee: Motion to pay for Encino Neighborhood Council tile on ‘Welcome to Encino’ Sign: cost is \$750 for first year, \$500 per year for years 2 and 3. Request is for first year advertising funding of \$750. Measure was discussed, member Cohen asked where the sign is. He recommended that ENC advertise in Encino Patch. Motion by Eshelman, second by Sherman, Approved 17-1-1 (No: Cohen, Abstain: Linden)

6.B.2. through 6.B.5. from Outreach Committee: Motion to approve expenditure of (6.B.2) \$385 for 500 Encino Neighborhood council logo pens (6.B.3) Up to \$1,200 for the Encino Family Festival to be held October 8, 2017 (\$575 for booth charges with the balance for event promotional supplies), (6.B.4.) up to \$655 for glow sticks as Encino Neighborhood council promotional items for Disaster Preparedness Festival to be held October 7, 2017, and (6.B.5.) up to \$250 to purchase a table cover containing the Encino Neighborhood council logo to be used at promotional events. Moved by Garay, second by Eshelman, Passed 18-0-1(Abstain: Cohen)

7. Non-Consent Items

7.A.1. Regarding appropriate billboard content pulled on advise of Los Angeles City Attorney. President Debra George advised that individuals could object to the billboards on their own but the ENC could not in its official capacity.

7.B.2. Motion to approve up to \$250 for refreshments for the July 12, 2017 Encino Community Plan workshop held at the Encino Women’s Club. President Debra George noted that the Los Angeles City Attorney requested that this vote be taken. Moved by George, seconded Eshelman. Motion passed 18-1(No: Silver)-0

8. Officer’s Reports:

Glen Bailey spoke on Budget Day, Budget Advocates and City of Los Angeles Budgeting process. Advised to contact Budget Advocates with budgetary issues and input for process.

8A. President: Timeline for clean-up of Burbank Blvd. homeless encampments was discussed, as was the issue with homeless person at Encino Park.

8B. Vice-President – nothing to report

8.C. Treasurer:

1. Monthly Expenditure Report: Noted about \$4,800 was unspent from prior year, issues with reversal of payroll checks. Bailey noted prior fiscal year items can be adjusted by Los Angeles City Council by FSR report. Bates noted new system works well. Blumenfeld inquired as to whether funds could be carried forward. Answer is no (Bailey). Can we be notified how much not spent. Bates noted Board was notified how much it had left to spend. Money has to be actually spent by year end, not just earmarked. Silver – can we sell stuff to get money back?

MOTION TO APPROVE the July, 2017 M.E.R.

Moved Bates, Second Approved 18-0-1 (Abstain: Blumenfeld)

8.C.2. Removal of Equipment: Motion to salvage 2 printers

Moved Bates, Second Levin Approved 19-0-0

8.D.1. June minutes deferred to next month

8.E. Sgt at Arms: Everyone current on all requirements. Bailey will advise of upcoming requirements.

9. Open positions on the Encino Neighborhood council:

Miriam Davis Area 3 alternate is now Area 3 Representative.

Doug Kriegel resigned as At-Large rep. Alternates are Alex Garay and Kathy Moghimi-Patterson. Alex Garay spoke, noted 46 year Encino Resident happy to take position. Moghimi-Patterson was not present. Election was held including Board and stakeholders in attendance – 2 hands for Moghimi-Patterson, 26 for Garay, Garay elected. Moghimi-Patterson remains an alternate, and there is a new alternate seat open.

Area 1 alternate: David Ellis, Encino Village resident. Concerned about direction City is going. Selected unanimously.

Need for Area 3 alternate was noted.

10 Committee Reports:

Education

Government Affairs

Outreach: Thank you to outreach committee.

Parks: meeting 8/7/17

PLU: Eliot: Fat Sal's design, issue with sign. Exterior not complete. Valley Beth Shalom expansion, Valley Beth Shalom trying to mitigate problems. SB 577 – minimum floor parking spaces is .6/unit. Planners had wrong information. Next month Chick-fil-a is coming back – will be at current Pollo Loco location. Project on Sherman Oaks Avenue – 4625 Sherman OKS Ave extensive remodel is planned – the building is historical, should not be modified extensively. They will be at 8/8/17 planning. Coalition to Preserve LA people will be at PLU meeting. Asking for openness in planning – get rid of pay-to-play in city government. Page after page of back-room deals.

Transportation: Ad hoc committee on Amestoy Estates Plan

Public Safety: Glenn – Valley Disaster Preparedness coming up, going to new location in the parking lot of the Northridge Fashion Square (10/7/17). Register to get preparedness kit.

11. Board member comments:

In memory of Ken Silk – Sherman Gamson, Glenn Bailey commented. Wayne Spindler noted that Councilmember Koretz has spoken in memory at LA city council.