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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 26th, 2019
6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments
7:00pm Meeting
Encino Women's Club
4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

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Meet and Greet with refreshments 6:30pm-7pm

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates – Diane Rosen sat for Walter Almora, Shelley Billik sat for Eliot Cohen
Sherman Gamson lead in the Pledge
Lee Blumenfeld read our code of conduct



Discussion and Possible Action: Should any Representative and its Alternate be absent The President may nominate Alternates of other seats to fill that seat for this meeting only, whom may be seated upon approval by the seated members of the Board.

MOTION: To approve President Garay's Recommendations for the seating of alternates (18,0,0)

- 3. Public Comment (10 min): Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board's Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker is allotted; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes. Time may be adjusted at President's discretion. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items will be heard at the onset of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items will be heard when the respective item is up for consideration.**

Sherman Gamson resigned

Morgan Roth introduced himself as scooter relations manager – Presentation in July

Marion Kohn spoke in reference to accidents on Hayvenhurst – want bigger sign or gate.

Deji Ojo – Neighbor to Marion – same conversation

Corine spoke on accidents on Hayvenhurst but also spoke on property damage – multiple / severe

Lisa spoke on Genesta/Ventura – running red lights

Rob Troy – spoke on Sherpa – Scooter operator

Gary Thorpe – wants “Tow Away” sign due to RV Parking with Homeless (Topin/Lindley)

Russell Steinberg – Youth Orchestra (120 students) (LosAngelesYouthOrchestra.org)

4. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (25 min):

5-A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups – Swearing in of New Board & Executive Committee Selections conducted by Gibson Nyambura (10 min)

Alex Garay voted in as President (16,0,0)

Varant was nominated as VP (Anni Keusseyan 2nd) – Karie nominated Victoria Miller

Victoria Miller voted in as VP (16,0,0)

Lee Blumenfeld voted in as Sergeant At Arms (16,0,0)

Karie Purcell voted in as Secretary (16,0,0)

Patricia Bates voted in as Treasurer (16,0,0)

Ethics Training is July 31 from 6 to 9 pm

5-B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Chris Givens, Encino Field Deputy (818) 971-3088 (5 min)

Updates on Traffic, Airport and Homeless

Spoke on illegal Synagogue at 4948 Encino Ave

5-C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers: Officer Walia (10 min)

Upcoming Golf Tournament

#1 in crime reduction (24% overall decrease in crime over last year)

Mentioned fireworks – non-emergency call, fines are to be placed.

Jake from Jesse Gabriel's office – spoke on budget. Passed both houses, Governor to sign

Tessa from Sheila Kuel's office – thanked the Homeless committee, talked about “LA HOP”, 2020 Census, and the available BEACH BUS



5. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 min):

Open Positions Include: Education Rep (1) & Alt (1), At-Large Alt (2), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Park Advocate Alt (1), Planning & Land Use Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 1 Alt (1), Area 2 Alt (1) & Area 3 Alt (1).

Shelley Billik applied for Parks alternate (G Bailey motion to accept, C Levin 2nd) (16,0,0)

5.A – Maya Rosov, the elected Area 5 Representative has decided to not continue with her position. Diane Rosen is the Alternate Elect. Per the Encino Neighborhood Council By Laws, the seat is deemed vacant. The Alternate Elect may be seated as the Area 5 Representative. **MOTION: To approve Diane Rosen as the Area 5 Representative. (18,0,0)**

6. Officer's Reports:

7-A. President's Report (5 min) – “Welcome New Board Members and Returning Members”

7-B. Treasurer's Report (30 min) – Update for Board – ENC Account and cash flow

7-B1. MOTION – Approval of May 2019 MER (P Bates motion to accept / D Rosen 2nd 16,0,1,1)

7-B2. MOTION – Revised Budget: Final revision of the ENC budget. (done at May meeting)

7-B3. MOTION – Approve the 2019/2020 ENC Budget (P Bates/A Garay 17,0,0,1)

7-B4. MOTION – Approve the Alex Garay as the 2nd Credit Card Holder. (P Bates/H Eshelman 17,0,0,1)

Glenn Bailey to be alternate

7-B5. MOTION – Appointment of two ENC Budget Representatives

Karie Purcell and Patricia Bates to be Budget Reps (P Bates motioned, H Eshelman 2nd) (18,0,0)

7-C. Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the ENC General Board May 2019 minutes.

K Purcell motion to accept / A Garay 2nd (16,0,2)

7-D. Vice President's Report – (10 Minutes): Current Committees and Membership Information – Committee Chair Selections: Airport, By Laws, Education, Finance, Homelessness, Outreach, Parks & Environment, Planning & Land Use, Public Safety, Government Affairs & Traffic & Transportation

Airport – Jim Esterle and Victoria Miller

Bylaws – Karie Purcell and Lee Blumenfeld

Education – Vacant

Finance – Patricia Bates

Government – Vacant

Homeless – Patricia Bates

OutReach – Alex Garay

Parks – Shelley Billik and Glenn Bailey

Planning – Eliot Cohen

Public Safety – Samuel Apikayn

Traffic – Laurie Kelson

A Keusseyan motion to accept / G Silver 2nd (18,0,0)

7-E. Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes): Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct – training required of members

Everyone signed Code of Conduct /mentioned if you are interested in board position to contact Lee Blumenfeld



8. Funding Requests - NPGs & Funding (Consent – 10 min):

8-A. NPG – Valley Arts Cultural Center: The ENC has received an NPG request for a PopUp Art Event at Genesta Park. The tentative date is September 21st 2019. The amount requested from the ENC is \$4000. Additional contributions have been made by Councilmember Koretz for the event. **MOTION; EXE-19-06-0059:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends allocating \$4,000, from the 2019/2020 approved budget and requests approval from the Encino Neighborhood Council. **Passed 5-0-0**

A Garay / V Majarian 2nd (13,1,2,1)

8-B. Congress of Neighborhoods: Discussion and possible action. The ENC has available funds from the 2018/2019 budget. **MOTION; EXE-19-06-0060:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council approve allocating \$750, from the 2019/2020 approved budget to the Congress of Neighborhoods. **Passed: 5-0-0**

(17,0,0,1) A Keusseyan motion to accept O Rodriquez 2nd

8-C. Budget Advocates: Discussion and possible action. The budget advocates are a non-paid group that service neighborhood councils. **MOTION; EXE-19-06-0061:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council approve allocating \$500 from the 2019/2020 approved budget to the Budget Advocates. **Passed: 5-0-0**

(Voted with 8B – 17,0,0,1)

8-D. Encino Family Festival – The ENC participates in Encino’s largest fair each year, the Encino Family Festival. This year the festival will be on October 10th. We have been granted a discount, the breakdown of costs are: \$175 for the booth, \$100 for Electricity, & \$184 for the Health Permit. The Chamber is waiving the corner booth fee for the 2019 festival. **MOTION; EXE-19-06-0064:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the ENC attend the Encino Family Festival and requests that the Encino Neighborhood Council approve up to \$650 for the Festival. **Passed: 5-0-0**

L Kelson motion / A Keusseyan 2nd (16,0,0,1,1) (Karie Purcell recused herself)

9. New Business – Consent Items (Non-Funding – 10 min):

Executive Committee (Consent Items):

9-A. Cleanup of Burbank Blvd. & Haskell Creek: 5 min presentation. Two areas have been identified as potential environmental risk sites. The areas are: South on Burbank Blvd., from Hayvenhurst Ave. to the 405 Freeway and Haskell Creek from the Cricket Fields to the Orange Line. Both areas have large encampments with approximately 150 – 175 people living in the two areas. Both areas contain sensitive native plants and wildlife. Haskell Creek flows to the LA River and into the Wildlife Preserve. Schools frequently bring children to the Wildlife Area and often touch the water. The tons of waste in Haskell Creek flows into the Wildlife Area. These areas require heavy equipment and Hazmat Teams to remove the waste. A coordinated effort to clean up the area will consist of: CD 5 & CD6 Councilmembers, LA City Sanitation, LA County Officials and other City and State organizations.

MOTION; EXE-19-06-0062: The ENC’s Executive Committee seeks support from the Encino Neighborhood Council to take the lead in the coordinated effort to clean the following areas; South of Burbank Blvd., from Hayvenhurst Ave to the 405 Freeway & Haskell Creek from the Cricket Fields to the Orange Line due to the humanitarian and environmental impacts to the sensitive/native wildlife, plants, LA River and residents. These areas require heavy equipment and Hazmat Teams to remove the waste. A coordinated effort to clean up the area will consist of: CD 5 & CD6 Councilmembers, LA City Sanitation, LA County Officials and other City and State organizations. , there is no cost to the ENC. **Passed: 5-0-0** K Purcell motion / A Garay 2nd (18,0,0)



9-B. Homelessness Crisis in Los Angeles: Request that the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Garcetti respond to the humanitarian, environmental, and sanitation crisis in all areas of the city including the San Fernando Valley and our local community, with the degree of urgency warranted. This would include deployment all possible resources, including logistical support and engagement of community leaders, to mitigate the rising health and safety issues resulting from people living in our streets and encampments.

MOTION; EXE-19-06-0063: The ENC's Executive Committee requests that the Encino Neighborhood Council support requesting LA City Councilmembers and Mayor to immediately respond to the humanitarian, public health, and environmental consequences of the homelessness crisis, including but not limited to requesting any state, federal, or other mutual aid assistance. **Passed: 5-0-0**

V Miller / J Esterle 2nd (18,0,0)

Airport Committee (Consent Items):

9-C. MOTION; AIR-19-06-0001: The Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee fully supports a voluntary late night/early morning curfew at Van Nuys Airport from the hours of 10:00pm-7:00am Monday-Friday, and 10:00pm-9:00am on Saturday-Sunday and holidays. Since it is voluntary, there is no downside to businesses, but it has the potential to raise the consciousness of operators and/or customers to at least take into account their responsibility to be a good neighbor. This voluntary curfew excludes emergency services. Moved by: Victoria Miller, 2nd: Jim Esterle, **Passed: 6-0-0.**

V Miller / J Esterle 2nd (18,0,0)

PLU Committee (Consent Items):

9-D. AESTHETICS. Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099 (See supporting document, PLU AESTHETICS).

MOTION:

A – Committee has concerns about 2006 zoning changes which have changed the closeness of side yards – housing proximity to within 5' of the property line, which has the effect of closing off vistas and open space. Committee expressed concern about allowing anymore height to buildings as they will block vista and line of sight.

B – Include streetscape plan to preserve urban forest. Coordinate with Urban Forestry Division of the City of Los Angeles to preserve as many trees as possible and replace trees that have been cut down in the building process.

D – Committee believes we need to study the effects of Digital (LED) Billboards as they will add substantial light, glare and make our roads less safe as they compete for driver's attention.

G Bailey motioned to postpone until case number and address have been added (K Purcell 2nd) (17,0,0)

9-E. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES – Refer to supporting document, PLU Agriculture & Forestry Resources.

MOTION: Committee has concerns about the potential loss of our 1 urban farm (Tapia Brothers) due and our 1 Vineyard (Wexler Encino Estate Vineyard) to zoning changes and the desire for more density on the part of planners. The ENC-PLU urges planners to keep favorable zoning (preserve and protect) for all agricultural endeavors in the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan update. As limiting food sources and locally grown produce would have a obvious detrimental environmental effect.

CASE# ZA2018-1411-F G Bailey motion / A Garay 2nd (15,0,2)



New Business (Non-Consent – 10 min):

9-D: MOTION: The ENC PLU approves the CUP for the Jinya Ramen Bar subject to these amended conditions for the subject property: The hours of operation shall conform to LAPD suggested guidelines, which are from 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday, and patio service from 11:00AM to 12:00 AM, seven days a week. Additionally, ambient music on patios should have volume not exceeding 70db measured 25 feet away from either the front or rear patio. Lee Blumenfeld proposed the motion; Henry Eshelman seconded it. **Passed: 4-2-0**

Address: 17237 Ventura Blvd – pushed back. Need revised LAPD report, Case number and address. (Case number is ZA2018-1411-F)

9-E: MOTION: The ENC PLU approves applicant request for a fence variance for the residence located at 3925 Archdale Avenue Encino. The request allows pilasters, fence and gates at a height of 6 feet at distances less than 25 feet within the front yard setback.

Eliot Cohen moved to approve the motion to approve the fence variance; Henry Eshelman seconded it. **Passed: 5-1-0**

Executive Committee (Non-Consent):

9-F: MOTION: Appointment of an ENC Representative to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee. The ENC can appoint a representative and alternate.

Reps: Patricia Bates and Shelley Billik (17,0,0)

10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes) Limited to Two MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 10 minutes

11. Committee Reports (10 minutes):

1. ByLaws -
2. Homelessness –
3. Government Affairs –
4. Outreach -
5. Parks/Environment –
6. Planning & Land Use -
7. Public Safety –
8. Traffic & Transportation –
9. Airport Committee –

Adjournment at 9:40pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019



Community Events:

* July 18th – Movie at the Park – Mary Poppins Returns:

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfULvzzzToKibs3jrvzxPtgcVyQrr_WA3ehK9ZgZ2Vn-mAxYA/viewform

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