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Wednesday, December 9th, 2020
7:00pm Meeting

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Call to Order at 7:00pm. – Meeting called to order at 7:05pm



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Seating of Alternates

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

- **Erik Yoo was seated for Anni K that was not in attendance.**

1. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (30 min):

***Lanee Basulto** – Election Coordinator for NC Elections. **Lanee introduced herself as our election coordinator and updates regarding the 2021 NC elections. Questions about registration forms, fraud and homeless votes were brought up. All concerns were addressed.**

* Councilmember Paul Koretz: **Chris Givens**, christopher.givens@lacity.org (818) 971-3088 – **Chris was not in attendance.**

* Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: **Jeremy Saraie**, Field Representative, Jeremy.Saraie@asm.ca.gov (818) 346-4521 – **updates were provided from the State Assembly**

* LA County Supervisor Kuehl: **Blake Clayton**, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416 – **updates were provided from the County.**

* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – **Gibson Nyambura**, Gibson.nyambura@lacity.org (213) 978-1551 – **touched on upcoming elections. Questions about bylaws were brought up and addressed.**

* Budget Advocate: **Lee Blumenfeld**, encleeb@gmail.com – **suggested that the ENC should take a position on which programs we would like safeguarded from cuts and make suggestions on which could be cut. Additional information on the City budget was provided.**

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

Open Positions Include: Education Rep (1) & Alt (1), At-Large Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep (1), Business Rep Alt (2), 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), Area 4 (Alt) & Area 7 Alt (1), Youth Rep (1).

- **No applications were received**

3. Update on Chick Fil-A – Tina Choi, Chick Fil-A Representative (10min).

- **Updates were placed on the ENC's website**

Officer's Reports:

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A. President's Report (2 min) – last meeting of 2020 – a quick overview for the new term was provided.

B. Vice President's Report (2 min) – reminded that all are appreciated and to run in the new term and to be respectful to each other.

C. Treasure's Report – (5 Minutes): - haven't received bill for signs, after we do the ENC will have about \$38K left in the budget.

C1. MOTION – Approval of the October & November 2020 MER – Question regarding neighborhood watch signs was brought up. Pat made a motion to approve, Karie 2nds, passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)



D. Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes): All ENC Board Member trainings are up to date.

E. Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the October General Board Meeting minutes.

* minutes passed: 15 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A).

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

5. OLD BUSINESS:

5A. Reconsideration of PLU Motion from 9/23/20 General Board Meeting, item 5C, . Motion 20-09-115 RE: Council File 20-1011 Title: The Sherman Hotel possible Eminent Domain Acquisition of for Homeless Housing at 15485 Ventura Boulevard:

The ENC (PLU) urges the Los Angeles City Council and the City Attorney to use all legal means to oppose U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter injunction ordering Los Angeles City Officials to create immediate shelters for the Homeless in many inappropriate venues. Passed 5-0-0

A board member that original voted to support the motion is requesting a motion for reconsideration as it was not properly agendized on the PLU Committee agenda or requesting to have the PLU Committee properly agendize the item so it can be considered by the board.

- Item was questioned due to timing and that the last time we could listen to this was in October but the item was tabled from the last meeting to this meeting. A decision was made to remove the item.**

6. NEW BUSINESS: Consent Items (10 min)

6A. 1st Ad for the Encino Enterprise – Please refer to supporting document: [1st Ad for the Encino Enterprise](#). MOTION; OUT-20-10-0050: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support using the Outreach Committee ad for the 1st ad in the Encino Enterprise's December 17th edition. Alex G. moves, Carol L. 2nds. Passed: 4-0-0

6B. Council File 20-1425: Relative to P-I-T data collection of unaccompanied homeless women in the city of Los Angeles: This file was passed by the Homelessness and poverty committee meeting on November 12, 2020 and is referred to the entire city council. There has been a significant increase in homeless women. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 02: The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS): The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council File 20-1425, and concurs with the recommendation that “unaccompanied women” be added as a category for the 2021 Point in Time Homeless Count. (Pat, Alyssa 6/0/0)**

6C. Council File 20-1406: Description of Paxton/Bradley Pilot Project model for taking an entire encampment community from outreach intake through housing placement, including assistance with identifying and storing



personal property, sanitation, trash collection and mobile showers while waiting for available housing. The motion requests LAHSA report on the protocol including recommendations for appropriate signage, documentation and personal property storage. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 03: The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS): The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council File 20-1406, and recommends that this apparently successful program be expanded to existing encampment areas and possible designated safe camping areas in the future. (Pat, Jodie, 6/0/0)**

6D. Chick-fil-A, ZA-2017-4754-CU_SPPA_SPP_PA1

Motion: The ENC (PLU) supports Homeowners of Encino and Encino Property Owners Association Appeals Letters to the Zoning Administrator regarding the problems Chick-fil-A Restaurant has caused to the neighborhood.

Desired Action: Letter to be sent to the Zoning Administrator overseeing the appeal upon receipt of appeal hearing notice. Motion: Cohen, 2nd Mass Approved: 7-0-0

6E. Support for the Wildlife Steering Committee – Murial Kotin from the Wildlife Steering Committee has drafted a letter regarding the proposed removal of trees in the Sepulveda Basin, please see supporting document: [Forestry Letter](#). **MOTION; EXE 20-12-0130: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support the inquiries of RAP regarding the cutting more trees in the Sepulveda Basin due to the fires by supporting the Forestry Letter from the Wildlife Steering Committee. Passed: 4-0-0.**

6F. CFAC Amendment to add Mexican Elderberry & Toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance (CF 13-1339). Previously the ENC supported to add these to the list, see supporting document: [CFAC Letter](#). **MOTION; EXE-20-12-0131: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support the amendment to add the Mexican Elderberry & Toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance (CF-13-1339). Passed: 4-0-0.**

- **Glenn disclosed that he is part of the Steering Committee for full disclosure. Pat B. also mentioned she is on the committee.**
- **A request that item 6F be ajoined with previous motion for enforecemnet on trees including the NCs that sent letters of support to the ENC.**
- **Items 6A thru 6F passed as consent: 16-0-0**

7. NEW BUSINESS: Non-Consent (60min)

7A. Council File 19-1576: Unhoused People / Acuity Levels / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Programs. The report from LAHSA addressing the relationship of acuity of homeless people to programs designed to provide housing, and how well the program is serving homeless people. The council file, the report from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee and the Report from LAHSA are accessed using the link provided. This file was on the agenda for the Homelessness and Poverty Committee meeting on November 12, 2020 it passed and is referred to the entire City Council with recommendation to ensure people of all acuity levels are helped. It appears from the report that the bulk of housing efforts are aimed at the more vulnerable (higher acuity) population and not



much is being done for everyone else on the street. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 01: The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS):** With respect to findings in the report from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), which was requested by Los Angeles City Council (Council File 19-1576): The Encino Neighborhood Council endorses action aimed at providing real solutions to helping all our homeless neighbors. This would include evaluation of the recently-introduced Problem-solving program, and its expansion if deemed effective. The report seems to indicate that for SPA 2 (our area) the rate of exits to housing of people in the system is less than 30% (FY 2018-2019). Further, the number of people in the system that year is less than half of the unsheltered homeless from the 2019 SPA 2 homeless count. Unhoused people deserve at the very least, accessibility to safe sleeping locations, sanitation and services such as storage, computer access, cellphone charging, mailboxes, and contact with outreach workers. (Pat, Jodie, 6/0/0)

- **Pat B. introduced the motion with detailed information.**
- **Lee B., commented that perhaps the County should do this rather than the City. Also requested to have the last line removed regarding the cell phones, charges and mail boxes.**
- **Pat clarified that the City would assist with Sanitation and that they do not provide mental health services.**
- **Evan O., agrees with the motion**
- **Erik Y., questioned why one can select who has rights, all are equal. Commented that the City is not providing enough intervention for dealing with addictions.**
- **Eliot C., commented that there are no incentives to get better and can not support the motion as written.**
- **Henry E., supports the motion and commented that the City's efforts in dealing with homeless has not yielded results. Commented on a emerging criminality in the Basin and we should advocate for supervision of the basin.**
- **Pat B., commented that she is working on getting increased supervision in the basin.**
- **Pat B., called the question, no objections. Pat made a motion to approve the item. The item had been requested to amend the item. The motion to amend failed: 5 (Y), 9 (N), 2 (A). Pat moved to approve the original motion as written, Henry E. 2nds. Motion passed: 13 (Y), 1 (N), 2 (A)**

7B. CF 20-1205 – Introduced by Councilmember Martinez, this file introduced on 9/22/20 requests that the department of Recreation and Parks in coordination with the Army Corp of Engineers and LA County report back in **30 days** on developing a master plan for the Sepulveda Basin, including a budget, and potential funding sources. The file mentions; 1) that the basin provides critical habitat for plants and wildlife, 2) that the plan is created with robust community engagement in addition to other stipulations. It does not offer critical protection for the native wildlife and habitat nor does it outline how the basin will recover post fires nor offer ongoing enforcement for the basin. It is critical that the wildlife area become a Federally Protected or State Protected area. Should the ENC file a CIS on CF-20-1205 requesting additional protections for the basin, outlining a master plan for the wildlife and other sensitive areas and recommend that the Encino Neighborhood Council be involved in all discussions regarding the basin by appointing a dedicated rep to be involved? See supporting document: [CIS for 20-1205](#). **MOTION; EXE-20-12-0132: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support filing a CIS in support of IF AMENDED to include the recommendations from the Encino Neighborhood Council. Passed: 4-0-0.**



- Pat introduced the item and opened it for questions/comments.
- Glenn commented that without documents in hand, the clear cutting of the South reserve (2012) was due to CD6. Believes Army Corps caved in to the request. Would like the language changed to the ENC opposes unless amended to include points.
- Pat B., clarified the request to amend the motion.
- Eliot C., commented on Pat's article on City Watch. Commented that an additional issue is the homeless that are starting fires in the basin. Supports the motion but would like to see stricter enforcement mentioned.
- Lee B., 2nds Glenn's motion, praised the work Pat does in the Basin.
- Henry E., supports protection of the basin but unclear on understanding the motion and requested additional clarification.
- Evan O., supports the motion but would like to see the motion stricter.
- Pat B. called the question to amend the motion to opposed unless amended, and added a sentence in the 2nd paragraph that there must be increased enforcement of all applicable laws in the area. No opposition to the amendment, no abstentions. Motion to amend passes: 16-0-0. The question was asked if anyone would change their vote and the item passed as amended: 16-0-0.

7C. Reliable Electrical Power, Council File: 20-1463

RE: Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee of the City Council moved that the Department of Water and Power "report back with a plan and timeline for decommissioning the Valley Generating Station," a natural gas-fired 567-megawatt facility located in Sun Valley that serves 460,000 Angelenos.

Motion: The ENC (PLU) urges the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee of the City Council to fix and modernize the Valley Generating Station (Valley Steam Plant) in Sun Valley. The Power Plant must remain fully operational to meet critical base load demands. The ENC (PLU) opposes any decommissioning of any Natural Gas-fired Power Plants until other electrical power can be provided locally and reliably by other means.

Desired Action: CIS and Letters to Councilpersons – Nury Martinez, Paul Krekorian, Mitch O'Farrell, Monica Rodriguez, and Paul Koretz (CD5), *Motion: Cohen, 2nd Blumenfeld: Approved: 7-0-0*

- Eliot C., introduced the motion. Commented that the methane leak has been fixed and commented on the amount of people the plant serves and was critical in keeping the energy on during the heat waves. The call to close without having a solution is not acceptable. If it closes there will be a shortage of power. Opened to comments.
- Alex G., is there a time frame for decommission of the facility.
- Eliot C., no time frame has been provided
- Erik Y., agrees that it would be disruptive if the plan is closed. Stated that's not what Council wants and that they have a plan and added that the plant had been leaking methane for 2 years. The plant needs to be decommissioned but an alternate needs to be found. Urged not to vote on this since the City has a plan to decommission. Better energy sources are needed.
- Lee B., this is the 1st step in removing. The plant should not be closed at this time. Emphasis should be on get power first then turn off the plant. Alternative is to close and say there's no money.



- **Evan O., agrees with Eliot and we need to have an alternative before turning off the lights. We should support the motion.**
- **Alex G., motion asks to fix and modernize, are the funds going to be to upgrade the facility and not close it once an alternative is found? Does not believe that it should not be closed until an alternative source is found.**
- **Eliot C., leak is down to 2% or less and the modernization will yield to completely fixing the leak. CA should be promoting for energy density.**
- **Eliot called for the vote, Alex 2nds. Motion passed: 10 (Y), 4 (N), 2 (A)**

7D. The following item was suggested for discussion from Board Members: LA County recently prohibited people from gathering with people outside one’s home. The language used has caused alarm. Should the ENC take a position on being “prohibited” from gathering with people from outside our household? **Discussion and possible action.**

- **Motion made to postpone item. Motion passed to postpone.**

8. Public Comment on “Non-Agenda” Items (10 min): Public calling in can press *9 on your phone to speak on non-agenda items. Those that are using the video feature can use the “raise your hand” feature to request to speak on non-agenda items. **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.

- **No public comment – comment closed.**

9. Committee Reports Items:

9A. Outreach Committee (5min): Alex Garay – (5min) – Election Promos to be decided at the 12/9/20 General Board meeting.

9B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

9C. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

9D. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

9E. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

9F. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik

9G. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

9H: Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

9I: Executive Committee – Alex Garay



10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items (5 min).

- Lee B., request that the Exec Committee agendaize 20-1536 for discussion request that Adel provide power point presentation given to Tarzana NC re: digital bus shelters.
- Evan O., would like to agendaize new LA District Attorney's new policy re misdemeanors and how to handle 1000+ LAPD layoffs. Request someone from his office at our meeting.
- Glenn B., Reminded that there are two sessions for PLU Committee members to take it, deadline is 12/16 and Plan Check NC meeting this Saturday – big change to planning process and would be good to attend the meeting.
- Laurie K., mentioned that Ken Firroozmand retired from LADOT.
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Adjournment at 9:00pm – Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 27th, 2020**

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