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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Adjourned Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

7:00pm Meeting

MINUTES

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Call to Order at 7:00pm. Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

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

- 1. 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.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS: Funding Items (10min)

5H. Funding for Congress of Neighborhoods: Discussion and possible action – should the Encino Neighborhood Council support allocating funds for the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$750?

After discussion the following motion was created: MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports funding \$750 for the Congress of Neighborhoods. Passed: 13-0-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS: NON-FUNDING ITEMS (60min):

6A. White Paper – CF 20-0600, MOTION; EXE-20-05-108: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the support CF 20-0600, however there is a concern that a previous request was omitted from the White Paper. The Encino Neighborhood Council hereby commends the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2020 White Paper and supports filing a CIS in support of CF 20-0600 with concerns. We know the Budget Advocates spend hundreds of hours with Los Angeles City Departments discussing budgets, strategic plans, and operational matters to produce the 2020-2021 White Paper and recommendations. That said, the Encino Neighborhood council is very disappointed to find that The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was not addressed at all in the report. Our area includes the 2031 acre Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area (Basin) which is substantially operated by RAP. There are ongoing issues in the Basin which need to be addressed by either more funding or different resource allocation. The Encino Neighborhood Council has been requesting a dedicated ranger presence to counteract illegal and unsafe activity in the Basin wildlife areas, including a request that it be addressed during preparation of the report. In 2019 there were two substantial and dangerous brush fires in the Basin related to illegal encampments; the burned areas are again overgrown and will be very dry and ready to burn in a couple months or less.

After discussion the above motion was amended to include the following: Furthermore funding for the irrigation system on the medians along White Oak was not included yet requested by the ENC to have funding for Streets LA to complete the irrigation system. Passed: 13-0-0



6B. Chick Fil A – Too much time has passed and the ZA has not set a date for the hearing. In addition the ENC has not been invited to meetings with DOT & Chick Fil A. According to the CD5 staff, Greg M., the Councilmember’s Public Safety Deputy is the perfect person to represent Encino. Residents do not agree with this. Should the ENC request that Councilmember Koretz request support from all City Council members to have the ZA hold an immediate hearing, even if conducted virtually. This is potentially an issue for other communities...currently a Chick Fil A is under construction at Ventura and Winnetka which may face the same or worse backups. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-110:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that Councilmember Koretz immediately introduce a motion from City Council to have the Zoning Administrator hold an emergency virtual public hearing to review the conditional use permit for the Chick Fil A, located at 17660 Ventura Blvd., due to the public safety concerns caused by the backup of traffic and illegal use of cones to mitigate traffic and hear from the community. In addition City Council should be able to request future public hearings from the ZA when public safety is a concern. **Passed:4-0-1**

The discussion pertained to why City Council could not request to move the date of the hearing to an earlier date. City Council Members should be able to request from the Zoning Administrator to move a public hearing to an earlier date if the establishment is causing a public safety concern in the community. The above motion was passed by the General Board: 12-0-1(A).

6C. Open Streets for Safety in Encino: the NCSA Transportation Committee is working with Streets For All, which has an exciting proposal to open up streets to people during the pandemic so that folks have more space to walk, run, or bike while staying six feet away from each other. You can visit <http://streetsforall.org/covid19> to learn more. Many other cities are doing this—including San Francisco, which announced their plan Tuesday.

The City of LA would prefer that each neighborhood contribute to the selection of the streets to be opened in their area. So, we are asking the Encino NC to 1) support the effort by passing a motion and 2) identify which streets in Encino you would like to be opened. This would be two to four miles within your borders that you would like to designate as “slow streets”—where cars and emergency vehicles can still pass, but where there would be a treatment to calm traffic.

When selecting and identifying the streets, please consider these guidelines:

NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS:

- 1 - 2-4 miles total, ideally a loop
- 2 - If crossing major streets, try and do it at a light
- 3 - If any part of the NC district is park-poor, consider prioritizing that area
- 4 - Use green color to indicate the lines (use the draw tool and “add a line or shape”)

MAJOR STREETS (optional):

- 1 - Use purple color to indicate the lines
- 2 - These would be probably cone-ing off a parking lane to “extend” the sidewalk
- 3 - While it is much more likely that the City will slow neighborhood streets than major streets, we don’t think there is harm in mapping both

The ENC’s Executive Committee believes that making recommendations about the flow of traffic on our streets is something that should require community involvement. If the board agrees that this is a good idea, we would need to engage the community for recommendations on streets, then have public comment before arbitrarily selecting streets. Discussion and possible motion.



There were several public comments regarding this agenda item. There were groups from two streets requesting that the ENC support their streets for this project. Safety concerns were discussed; lack of enforcement and a false sense of security as no one will ensure that non-residents do not drive on the streets. After much debate, the General Board decided to support the program but not to support specific streets, rather to leave it to the residents of the streets to decide if they would like to have their streets proposed for this project. A few ENC Board Members opposed the project due to lack of enforcement and the potential that this would be used to trim streets in the future.

The motion to support the project passed: 9 (Y), 3 (N), 1 (A)

6D. 2021 NC Voting: The ENC has requested in the past to include (in addition to vote in person) voting by mail. Given that the new elections are about a year away this is a good time to begin requesting to addition of vote by mail. This items does not replace in person voting but to add vote by mail for those that cannot vote in person or rather vote by mail. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-112:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support requesting from DONE, the City Clerk and City Council to add vote by mail for the May 16th 2021 NC elections. This does not replace vote in person rather to add vote by mail for residents that may not be able to vote on the 16th or unable to make it to the polling site. **The ENC strenuously requests that DONE, the City Clerk & City Council add vote by mail, in addition to the existing vote in person, to all NCs, including those that require verification/documentation in order to vote, such as the Encino Neighborhood Council.**

There was a comment from the public regarding this agenda item. The comment/question was that vote by mail can cause voter fraud and they wanted to know how this would be mitigated. Several Board Members replied to the comment suggesting that it would be up to the City to ensure only those registered voters in Encino would receive ballots. In addition this does not replace “in-person” voting, it is in addition to. The City will determine how verification will be applied to those that wish to mail in ballots. The above motion passed: 12-0-1

6E. ENC Budget Reps: It’s time for the ENC to select two people to be the budget representatives for the ENC. Our current representatives are Pat Bates and Walter Almora. **Discussion and selection of two board members to act as budget representatives for the ENC.**

6F. CF 20-0190: A request to have Park Rangers armed while on duty, refer to supporting document CF 20-0190. **MOTION; EXE-20-05-117:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support CF 20-0190 so our Park Rangers will be armed while on duty. **Passed: 5-0-0. – Item was pulled by the person requesting support due to the sensitivity of the request. This will be listened to at a future meeting.**

6G: Neighborhood Council Scope of Statutory Authority: NCs are being asked to not communicate NC positions with non-LA City organizations as we are advisors to LA City only. This does not mean we cannot communicate with non-LA City organizations, such as but not limited to; State Assembly, County Supervisors, State Senators, State Congress leaders, rather the request is that NCs do not send positions that NCs voted on. The Eagle Rock NC has drafted a document (refer to supporting document: Scope of Statutory Authority). The supporting document reads that we are being asked not to communicate with non-LA City organizations however we are asked not to submit our positions to non-LA City organizations. The ENC’s Executive Committee would like the board to discuss before a possible motion is decided on. **Item was pushed to a future meeting.**



7. Committee Reports Items: 50min.

7A. Bylaws Committee: Victoria Miller/Lee Blumenfeld

- 1) **First reading of the proposed Bylaws revisions/changes**
- 2) **ENC Map:** Discussion and possible action – there are a few different versions of the areas covered by the ENC; 1 – on the ENC’s About Us page, in the ENC’s Bylaws and on the EmpowerLA site under the Encino Neighborhood Council. All the maps are different and the same map should be used on all three locations. Areas of concern are: some maps indicated the NC as “CC” and needs to be changed. The ENC has 7 different AREAS however on the maps they are listed as districts and that needs to be changed to Areas. One map indicates that we are part of a different City Council District. Upon review, the best map to use would be the one that’s in the EmpowerLA site for the ENC, as long as the current text of “District” is changed to “Area”, that the NC is listed as NC not “CC” as in certain parts of the map and that the proper City Council Districts are listed for the ENC. **Possible motion: The ENC requests from DONE to use the map on the EmpowerLA site, under the Encino Neighborhood Council coverage area, and incorporate that map into the ENC’s Bylaws after the following corrections are made: Change all text listing the areas as DISTRICT to AREA, that the NC is properly referred to as NC and not CC and to ensure that the proper City Council Districts are noted under the ENC’s coverage area.**

After the first reading a board member requested that the Bylaws Committee revisit the appointed seats stating that it’s not fair to the other home owners groups in Encino. Another Board Member commented that if the change would require a change in the structure of Board that there may not be enough time. The Chairs of the Bylaws Committee agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss the change and whether or not it would constitute a change in the structure of the Board. The 2nd reading will be heard at the next Regular Board meeting.

7B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

7D. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

7E. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

7F. Outreach Committee: Alex Garay

7G. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik

7H. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

1. First reading of the proposed Bylaws changes

7I. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

7J. Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

7K. Executive Committee – Alex Garay



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

Adjournment at 9:00pm – Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

Community Events:

- **ENC Executive Committee Selections; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Sergeant at Arms**
- **Scheduled to speak at the June ENC General Board meeting: LA City Controller, Ron Galperin**

