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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 @ 2pm

A ZOOM WEBINAR

Voting Members – ENC Members: Pat Bates* (Chair), present, Glenn Bailey*present, Walter Almora*present, Anni Keusseyan absent*

Voting Members – Stakeholders: Al Mass present

Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate, no more than 5 Encino Neighborhood Council Board-Members or Alternates may be seated at a time to vote during a committee meeting

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 2:09 Rollcall was taken and a quorum was determined
- 2) **Public Comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subjectmatter jurisdiction. There were no public comments. Meeting was also attended by ENC members Alex Garay and Victoria Miller, and Sharon Brewer from Reseda NC.
- 3) **New Business**
 - a. Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) to approve an NPG request from the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for \$5,000, to cover part of the cost of new landscaping and plantings for Station 83, with the condition that none of the Encino Neighborhood Council funds be used to pay for artificial turf. Following discussion motion passed 4 Yes 0 No
 - b. Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to approve an NPG request from the Lanai Road Elementary School for \$2,500 to cover part of the cost of installing a student garden. Following discussion including questions from Glenn Bailey and clarification of whether there were any issues with use of any funds raised from school farmer’s market, motion passed 4 yes 0 no
 - c. Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) to approve an NPG request from the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) in the amount of \$1,500 to support a series of clean-ups in the Los Angeles River Watershed in our region. Following discussion passed 4 yes 0 no
 - d. Motion (Bates/2nd Mass) to approve an NPG request from Imagine LA in the amount of \$1,000, to help cover costs of mentoring and other services for families transitioning from or avoiding homelessness, providing response to question 7 is clarified, and that services to Encino Residents

be better described. Motion was supported by comment from Alex Garay. Following extensive discussion motion passed 4 yes 0 no.

- e. Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to support the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$600, and to recommend the Executive Committee increase the funding to \$1,000. Motion passed 4 yes 0 no
 - f. Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to approve a pilot sidewalk repair program Community Improvement Project, costing up to \$2,100 (payable to the Los Angeles Department of Street Services or other agency providing services), and to request that the funds be matched from Council District 5 discretionary funds, and further, that data be collected and evaluated as to effectiveness in remediating sidewalk defects. In addition, it is recommended that potential conflict of interest issues, which may depend on the location of work, be investigated and resolved. Motion and related issues were discussed extensively. Motion passed 3 yes, 1 abstain (Bailey)
 - g. Motion (Bates, 2nd Mass) to approve a Community Improvement Project of \$1,500 for 30 Neighborhood Watch signs from MySafetySign, JC Gury, or similar. Passed 4 yes, 0 no. Public comment was made by Victoria Miller re: placement of signs and that some should be kept for future use.
 - h. Motion (Bates/2nd Almora) to revise current 2020-2021 budget as follows: Operations \$6,130, Outreach \$3,700, Community Improvement Programs \$12,805, Neighborhood Purpose Grants \$14,000, Elections \$5,567, Unallocated \$9,003. Passed 4 yes, 0 No
 - i. Motion (Bates/2nd Bailey) preliminary 2021-2022 budget to be placed on May meeting Agenda in the event a quorum is not reached at the June meeting: Operations \$7,750, Outreach \$5,600, Community Improvement Projects \$9,650, Neighborhood Purposes Grants \$9,000, totaling \$32,000. Passed 4 yes, 0 no.
- 4) **Committee Business** - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Considered possibility of a fall festival, other activities to increase awareness.
- 5) **Schedule next meeting – Probably August 2021**
- 6) **Adjournment 4:15**