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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 28th, 2021
 7:00pm Meeting**

Meeting was conducted on Zoom

Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

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| Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep | Jodie Francisco Area 2 Rep | Miriam Davis Area 3 Rep | Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep | Michael Silva Area 5 Rep |
| Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep | Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep | Heather Michaels At-Large Rep | Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep | Vacant Apt/Condo Rep |
| Victoria Miller Business Rep | Andrew Zucker Business Rep | Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep | David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep | TBD EPOA Rep |
| Eliot Cohen HOME Rep | Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep | Darin Spillman PLU Rep | Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep | Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep |
| Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep | Vacant Youth Rep | | | |

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

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| Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt | Walter Almora Area 2 Rep Alt | Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt | Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt | Jonathan Gabri Area 5 Rep A |
| Daniel Kashani Area 6 Rep Alt | Lenny Beckerman Area 7 Rep Alt | Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1 | Vacant At-Large Rep Alt 2 | Vacant Apt/Condo Rep |
| Todd Bloomfield Business Rep Alt 1 | Vacant Business Rep Alt 2 | Vacant Education Rep Alt | Karie Purcell Encino Chamber Rep Alt | TBD EPOA Rep AL |
| TBD HOME Rep Alt | Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt | Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt | Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt | Kevin Ford Religious Rep A |
| Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt | | | | |

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm – Roll Call – Start Zoom Recording

President Pat Bates called the meeting to order at 7:03PM a quorum was established. Members in attendance, Blumenfeld, Francisco, Davis, Whitehill, Silva, Kelson, Esterle, Michaels,

Eshelman, Miller, Zucker, Goldstein, Krygier, Cohen, Bailey, Spilman, Apikiyan, Keusseyan (late), and Bates

Sargent at Arms Henry Eshelman made a statement to the board and to the attendees to be respectful and use decorum.

2. **Determine compliance** with all required trainings (Ethics, Funding and Code of Conduct) by Representatives and Alternates, noting any ineligible to vote.

It was determined that all board members and alternates were eligible to vote.

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

Open Positions Were announced: Apartment/Condo Rep (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), At-Large Alt (1) Business Rep Alt (1), Education Rep Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Youth Rep (1).

3.A. **Motion** to approve the application of Alex Garay for Apartment/Condo Rep.

Bates made the motion, Blumenfeld 2nd, motion passed 18-0-0

4. **Seating of Alternates**

MOTION: To approve President Bates's Recommendations for the seating of alternates

Eshelman made the motion, Francisco 2nd, motion passed to Seat Lissa Morrow Christian 19-0-0

5. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (20 min):**

* LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634

* Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: **Jeremy Saraie**, Field Representative, Jeremy.Saraie@asm.ca.gov (818) 346-4521

* Valley Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org

* Budget Advocate: **Lee Blumenfeld**, encleeb@gmail.com Budget Day will be held virtually Saturday, August 21, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm; registration will open in early August.

Website: www.BudgetAdvocates.org

Officer's Reports:

6. **Officer's Reports:**

A. **President's Report (4 min) –**

B. **Vice President's Report (10min) –**

B.1. **Motion** to approve Creation of Ad Hoc Animal Welfare Committee

Eshelman moved, Miller 2nd motion passed 19-0-1

B.2. **Motion** to confirm appointment of Committee Chairpersons

Vice President Victoria Miller listed her appointments as chairpersons.

Blumenfield made a motion to separate the PLU chair from all of the other appointments, Cohen 2nd, extensive discussion was had and motion failed 2-16-2

Motion was made to approve all committee chairs, and passed 17-0-3

C. Treasurer's Report – (4 Minutes):

C.1. Motion to approve the [June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER), emailed to board 7/7/2021 and posted to ENC Financials webpage

Motion to approve passed 20-0-0

C.2. Announcement: Uploading Purchasing Card receipts to NC Funding Portal: President Pat Bates as pCard holder uploads receipts within 10 days of the charge being posted.

C.3. Neighborhood Purposes Grants – update on previous NPGs

D. Sergeant at Arms Report (2 minutes):

E. Secretary's Report (2 min): MOTION: Approval of the July 1, 2021 special [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve 7/1/2021 minutes passed 20-0-0

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

7. New Business – Funding - None

8. New Business-Non-Funding

8.1 Discussion and possible action: Regarding [Agenda Item 13](#) of the July 19, 2021 Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting, relating to [Proposed Amendments](#) to the Code of Conduct Policy presented by Raquel Beltran, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. **In particular Item 6 of POLICY NUMBER: 2021-(1):** *If a Board Member or Committee Member is alleged to have violated either the City's Workplace Equity Policy or the Commission's Code of Conduct, the Department, with written approval from the General Manager, may immediately suspend the Board Member or Committee Member for a period of up to 90 days. Said Board Member or Committee Member shall not be eligible to act on any matter that comes before their Neighborhood Council Board or Committee and shall not be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum of the Neighborhood Council Board or Committee. The Department will notify the Board Member or Committee Member of their suspension by sending a letter to their last known email address and/or mailing*

a. The Department will also notify the Board by email and/or First Class U.S. mail regarding the suspension of the Board Member and that the Board Member's position shall not be deemed vacant during the suspension period

b. The Department shall be the sole decision-maker with respect to a suspension. The Board Member or Committee Member may not appeal the suspension decision.

c. The Neighborhood Council shall retain its authority to remove Committee Members for failure to affirm this policy or for failure to adhere to its provisions.

This was the last item addressed during the meeting. After extensive discussion a motion was made to prepare a Community Impact Statement to the Board of Neighborhood commissioners opposed to the proposed Amendments to the Code of Conduct, noting that it would be referred to the Encino Neighborhood Council Executive Committee for further study and further that the Board of Neighborhood commissioners extend the period for comment to at least 90 days. Motion passed 18 Yes/0/0/2 Absent

8A. Executive Committee:

8A1 Discussion and possible action: Motion: The Encino Neighborhood council will file a Community Impact Statement in favor of [CF 20-1376-S1](#) which replaces § 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal code with an ordinance that specifies the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie or sleep or to store, use, maintain or place personal property in the public right of way, if amended and if accompanied by a humane Street Engagement Strategy described in [Amendment 55A](#) to CF 20-1376. Said motion will be accompanied by a letter of explanation. BATES/MILLER 5/0/0

This item was postponed to a future date after consideration by the Homelessness Committee

8A2 Discussion & possible action: Motion to appoint Board Members as specified to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021

Tabled until August meeting

8A3 Discussion and possible action: regarding the Encino Neighborhood Council Nextdoor account, which allows 3 users: President, Outreach Chair and Election Chair. Motion: ask DONE to treat Vice-President as Election Chair in non-election years for purposes of the Encino Neighborhood Council Nextdoor account.. BAILEY/FRANCISCO 5/0/0

8A4 Discussion and possible action: Motion to designate Glenn Bailey as the designated individual to pick up from the City Clerk Election Records including Stakeholder Registration Forms, Candidate Filing Records, and Ballots.

8A5 Discussion and possible action: Motion to ratify board member Lee Blumenfeld's affirmative vote at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils on a [resolution](#) supporting local control of school policing

Francisco made motion to make items 8a3,4 &5 consent items, Eshelman 2nd motion passed 20-0-0

8B. Transportation Committee:

8B1 MOTION - TRA 21-06-0032 The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests the parking meters on Paso Robles Ave adjacent to Encino Park be changed to 10AM -6 PM. BAILEY/ROSEN 6/0/0

8B2 MOTION -TRA 21-06-0033 The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests LADOT to reconsider a left hand arrow (protected permissive- operates when multiple cars are queued up) @ N Petit Ave to W Ventura Blvd . The LADOT needs to view this intersection in the AM commute hours. JARVIS/ROSEN 6/0/0

8B3 MOTION - TRA- 21-06-0034 The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests LADOT to reconsider a left hand arrow (protected permissive-operates when multiple cars are queued up) @ S White Oak to E Burbank Blvd. BAILEY/KELSON 7/0/0

8B4 MOTION - TRA 21-06-0035 The Traffic/Transportation Committee supports alternative 5: Heavy Rail that is underground inline with Van Nuys Blvd carrying the maximum number of riders that would be a straight line from the East Valley Transit Center in Sylmar riding light rail down Van Nuys Blvd, which is already approved, then traveling heavy rail under the Santa Monica Mountains to the Westwood Station already being built. KELSON/BAILEY 7/0/0

8B5 MOTION: - TRA 21-06-0036 The Traffic/Transportation Committee does not support Fast Pass lanes on the 405 between the 10 and 101 freeways. METRO plans for the 405 carpool lanes changing them to Fast Pass like on the 110 downtown LA. KELSON/JARVIS 7/0/0 The committee requests METRO to come to an ENC meeting and make a presentation.

8B6 MOTION TRA- 06-21-0037 The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests LADOT Parking Enforcement on Ventura Blvd during the Anti-Gridlock hours AM and PM. Parking on Ventura Blvd - Tiger Team enforcement The committee requests METRO to come to an ENC meeting and make a presentation. Kelson/Rosen 7/0/0

Motion made to make items 8B1-6 consent items, they were taken out of order, motion passed 20-0-0

9. 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.

10. Committee Reports Items: These were skipped due to time constraints, the following appeared in the agenda:

A. Airport Committee:

B. Bylaws Committee

The next meeting is Scheduled for August 20, 2021 at 4pm. DONE is now accepting Bylaws amendments and the submittal deadline is April 15, 2022.

C. Education Committee

D. Finance Committee

E. Homelessness Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021 at 7pm

F. Outreach Committee

G. Parks & Environment Committee: The City's Tree Inventory has started in Encino this month and it included counting the 400,000th tree in the City. See <https://streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory> for more information about City trees.

H: Planning and Land Use Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021 at 7pm

I: Public Safety Committee

J: Traffic & Transportation Committee

K: Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee:

The first meeting of the Encino Neighborhood Council ad-hoc Redistricting Committee will be August 9, 2021 at 4 pm. The second meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on August 24, 2021 and will feature Commissioner Rocky Delgadillo from the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Committee.

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

12. Adjournment

Adjournment at 10:23

- **Next Encino Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting: August 25, 2021.**
- **Community Events:** Congress of Neighborhoods, Saturday, September 25, 2021 New website: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>