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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

Committee members present:

1-*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-*Katie Bull 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis (3:35)

Attendee: 1-Paula Orlovich

- 1. Call to Order, Start recording. Roll call, determination of quorum, selection of voting Parks and Environment committee Members, Selection of Secretary for the meeting, Katie Bull.**
- 2. Approval of Committee minutes.** Approval of October 2019 Minutes was tabled until the next meeting on 10/6. If they exist, we need to send them out before the 10/6/21 meeting.
- 3. New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**

a. Sepulveda Basin Master Plan - Council File 20-1205 Update - Motion (Martinez - O'Farrell) relative to instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks, in coordination with the Army Corp of Engineers and the County of Los Angeles, to report on developing a master plan for the Sepulveda Basin. ENC thought it would be before the ENC Board meeting. It was waived out of committee and then approved by City Council on 11/10/2020 and opportunity for public engagement was greatly reduced. Two public comments were made during that short window.

ENC Parks and Environment Committee recommends that ENC Board support CF 20-1205, a motion to consider a new master Plan for the Sepulveda Basin, if amended

Pat Bates made motion that ENC File a CIS on Council File 20-1205, supports if amended. Katie Bull 2nd. Following Public Comment from Paula Orlovich supporting committee recommendation and comment from Amy Zidell inquiring if there was a violation of the Brown Act by City Council. Motion passed 4-0-0 and this will go to the ENC Board at its next meeting.

b. Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns - The LA Fire Department is working with Stakeholder groups to initiate ongoing controlled burns of brush west of Woodley Avenue and north of Burbank Boulevard (approximately 70 acres) as soon after September 15, 2021 as weather conditions permit (wind, temperature and humidity).

ENC Parks and Environment committee recommends that illumination signs be placed on the 101 and 405 announcing that a controlled burn is going on. Glenn suggests we put it on the ENC Board Agenda. Committee recommends we get word out to our constituency with illuminated signs on 101/405, through Tweets

#SepulvedaBasinControlledBurn and other social media.

c. Bureau of Streets Services (StreetsLA) Tree Inventory in Encino is underway. Upon completion, the report should be distributed to ENC Board members, a link should be posted on the ENC website, and arrangements should be made for a presentation at the next available ENC Board meeting. Tree Inventory [webpage](#) Glenn took us through the Tree Inventory webpage. Katie recommended per LA Tree's Committee recommendation, that we designate a tree person. Glenn suggested we add a tree person as a liason. Katie and Maureen volunteered to be alternates.

d. Encino Community of Interest statement regarding inclusion of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area bounded by Victory Boulevard to the north, the 405 Freeway to the east, and White Oak Avenue to the west. [COI statement link](#)

After much discussion amongst committee members about the history of the Sepulveda Basin's boundaries and redistricting. The reason we would want to include ENC/Encino in our district is because we would function as better stewards. Pat made a motion that the ENC adopt the COI statement and further recommends we file a CIS to 20-0668. See attached CIS. Marianne Davis seconded. Comments: This will be added to the ENC Board agenda. Amy Zidell suggested outreach utilize yard signs down the line to get the message out. Vote passed unanimously 5-0-0.

e. Federal Funding for Projects in Sepulveda Basin - Congressman Sherman announced during last week's ENC Board meeting that \$3 million has been allocated for projects in the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, 6201 Balboa Blvd. (located on the west side of Balboa, north of the Los Angeles River). - recommendation that expansion of the Complex ought to be limited to passive recreation such as open space, trees, picnic tables and walk paths and further that there be representatives from the ENC be included on any Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) for this project.

Glenn Bailey made a motion

- (1) ENC Parks & Environment recommends that expansion be limited to passive recreation as stated above.
- (2) There be ENC representation on LVNOC.

Pat Bates 2nd motion; no comments; Vote approved 5-0-0.

f. LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#) . Announcement basis.

g. LA City 2021 Draft List of Tree Species for Public Right of Way - [submit comments](#) by 9/15/21

4. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

a. Los Encinos State Historic Park Update - Amy Zidell gave us an update on the Park. Staff is currently giving tours on a virtual basis.

b. NC Sustainability Alliance - currently meets virtually second Sundays, 6:30 pm and has six committees. ENC Representatives are Glenn Bailey and Heather Michaels with one vacancy. [Website](#)

- i. Cool Blocks LA leaders are now being recruited and trained. [Webpage](#) Marianne Davis has signed up.

4 c, d, & e will be discussed at a future meeting:

c. Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study (LA100) issued by the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory - [Executive Summary](#); Full report - [12 chapters](#)

d. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File 15-0499 - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021

e. "Climate Change 2021 - The Physical Science Basis" report issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction (10 minutes)
No public comments at this time.

6. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

7. Adjournment 4:28 PM

Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 10/6/2021