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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING Wednesday February 2, 2022 @ 4:30 PM

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Committee members:

1-*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-*Maury Geller 4-Katie Bull 5-Amy Zidell 6-Marianne Davis

Alternate Committee Members:

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

- 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. *NOTE: Per the ENC Bylaws, all Representatives and Alternates must be current on all required trainings in order to vote or make or second motions.*
- 2. **Approval of Committee minutes**. Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee <u>Minutes</u> of the December 14, 2021 meeting.

3. New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.

- A. Discussion and possible action <u>CF 15-0989</u>: LA28 and the City of Los Angeles: Review the Games agreement; consider requesting a presentation on proposed Sepulveda Basin venues; consider Community Impact Statement requesting that Neighborhood Councils including or adjoining venue areas be consulted as a first step in community outreach, rather than as an afterthought. Consider proposed Sepulveda Basin venues and rendering based on information received.
- B. Discussion and possible action:: Consider a Community Impact Statement (CIS) directed to future <u>CF 22-0600</u> as well as the Department of Recreation & Parks and the Recreation and Parks Commission, again requesting City of Los Angeles increase the presence and enforcement activity of Recreation & Parks Department Rangers in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve areas. This has been requested previously, see CIS filed <u>4/29/2014</u>, <u>5/29/2014</u> (which resulted in ordinance <u>184021</u>), and by requests of the Budget Advocates and City Council on <u>4/2/2019</u> and subsequently. If the Department of Recreation & Parks is not up to this task it should be contracted out to an agency such as the Army Corps of Engineers, Mountains Recreation Conservancy Association or similar. This is in response to unabated instances of illegal fishing, shooting or otherwise deliberately injuring wildlife, destruction of facilities, and perceived and actual threats to park patrons. The ongoing situation is intolerable.
- C. Discussion and possible action <u>CF 21-1470</u>: Motion (Koretz Raman Blumenfield) relative to requesting the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance amending certain sections in the Los Angeles Administrative Code, to implement the "Own a Piece of LA" initiative and instructing the General Services Department to identify City-owned surplus property in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. This will assist in preserving connected ecosystems within the Santa Monica Mountains. The measure further gives a right of first refusal to the Santa Monica Monica Monica Conservancy to acquire such lands.
- D. **Discussion and possible action:** Possible funding for installation of a native plant area in Los Encinos State Historic Park in an area adjacent to decomposing oak tree branches. Such area would be designed to attract a variety of birds and insects.

- E. **Discussion and possible action** <u>CF 21-1462</u> Consider CIS supporting Motion (Buscaino -Lee - et al.) relative to directing the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and any other departments, as needed, to hire a consultant to assist in the development of a ballot measure, to provide funding for the purposes identified in the "Parks Condition Assessment Report" and Executive Directive 31, "Achieving Park Equity."
- F. **Discussion and possible action:** The City recently posted its Tree Inventory for Encino and it reports in the public right of way (parkways) there are 11,792 trees (70% stocking), 474 stumps, and 4,532 vacant sites. What can ENC do to protect existing trees and encourage the planting of up to 5,006 trees where there are currently stumps and vacant sites? Possible recommendation to Council District 4 and the Office of the Mayor.
- G. **Discussion and possible action:** <u>Council File 21-1469</u> relative to instructing the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Department on Disability, and other relevant departments, to report with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs. How can repair of the City's sidewalks minimize impact on existing parkway trees?
- 4. Old Business Action/discussion Items: Votes may be taken on all action items:
 - A. <u>Council File 21-1286</u> requesting reports from the City Planning Department on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, Design Review Board and interpreting other environmental matters was passed unanimously by the City Council on 12/6/2021, reports are due in 90 days so early March 2022 be on the lookout.
 - B. Discussion and possible action: <u>CF 20-1205-S1</u>, motion introduced 12/08/2021, notes that: "The Bureau of Engineering is developing the Master Plan for the Sepulveda Basin, called the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project (Project), and is slated to start work on the Feasibility/Conceptual Study Phase in early 2022. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has stated that the Project is eligible for a grant related to the Upper Los Angeles Rivers and Tributaries. In order to fund the Feasibility/Conceptual Phase of the Project, the Bureau of Engineering would like to apply for \$950,000 in grant funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy" That grant has been approved by the SMMC on , but has not yet been heard by the Los angeles City Council. The ENC filed a Community Impact Statement on <u>CF 20-1205</u> noting, among other things, that it supports a new master plan for the Sepulveda Basin on the condition that it includes provision for informing and consulting with community groups including the Encino and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils. We have refiled the same CIS under CF 20-1205-S1, but we should discuss filing a supplemental based of the fact that the Encino Neighborhood Council has not been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.
 - C. **Discussion and possible action** The Balboa Sports Center has requested the purchase of the following item that would benefit park patrons (this item may be invoiced or included on a subsequent Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application):
 - 1. Five folding tables (quote \$2,764.90 not including tax and shipping) up to \$3,500.

- D. **Discussion and possible motion regarding Proposition K**: L.A. For Kids Program projects within the boundaries of the Encino NC proposed for partial funding during Fiscal Year 2022-23:
 - 1. Construct new aquatic facility (swimming pool); location has been reported as being just east of the Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Regional Headquarters (the overflow parking area) \$3,000,000 available.
 - 2. Hjelte Field: construct new athletic fields, lighting and parking \$1,000,000
 - 3. Los Angeles Riverfront Park Phase III Design (Balboa to LA River Orange Line Crossing
 - 4. Sepulveda Basin Lake Balboa Park (Proposition K Project ID #R31) to include complete design and engineering of a new irrigation system for the entire 67-acre site, and complete construction to install new irrigation system for an area of up to 11 acres, based on a total Proposition K funding authority of \$2,506,534. Approved by L.A. for Kids Steering Committee on 1/27/22.
- E. 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). Currently postponed to May/June 2022 due to possible burrowing owl presence!
- **F.** LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. <u>Website</u>
- G. LA City 2021 Draft List of Tree Species for Public Right of Way

5. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

- A. Los Encinos State Historic Park update Amy Zidell
- B. Encino Park update
- **C.** Sepulveda Basin update (NOTE: Those portions of the Sepulveda Basin located south of Victory Boulevard, west of the 405 Freeway and east of White Oak Avenue are located within the certified boundaries of the Encino NC.)
- D. Water: LADWP rebates, drought, water use restrictions
- E. NC Sustainability Alliance currently meets virtually second Sundays, 6:30 pm and has four active committees. <u>Website</u>
- F. Cool Blocks LA leaders are now being recruited and trained. Webpage
- **G.** Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study (LA100) issued by the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory <u>Executive Summary</u>; Full report <u>12 chapters</u>
- H. 2020 Biodiversity Report Council File <u>15-0499</u> report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021
- 6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak. Public comment on agenda items will be heard when the item is up for discussion.

7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

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