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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

Committee members present:

1-*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 5-Amy Zidell 6-Marianne Davis

Committee Members Absent:

3-*Maury Geller 4-Katie Bull

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. **The meeting was called to order at 4:33PM**
2. The [Minutes](#) of the November 14, 2021 meeting Were approved (Bates/Davis, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

3. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action:** Regarding care and maintenance of our [oak trees](#) (and ultimately other trees) *There was an extensive discussion of this, considering an information guide for oak trees, that White Oak Boulevard should contain Oak Trees, and possibly that an information guide be made available and be required in real estate closing documents. Glenn clarified that the tree inventory is just the public right of way tree inventory, not all trees. Marianne noted there needs to be a simple pamphlet that is a bifold. Glenn noted there are publications available at all comprehension levels, Marianne will look. Consider a campaign - "Bring the Oaks Back", put extensive information on our web sites. Glenn pointed out that medians need to be of certain width to plant trees. glenn noted that only naturally occurring oaks are protected. Attendee Alex Garay noted that quite a few oaks were planted along White Oak and City has committed to maintain for 3 years.*
- B. Discussion and possible action** Bureau of Streets Services (StreetsLA) [Tree Inventory](#) in Encino is complete; report is [linked here](#). Arrangements will be made for a presentation at a future ENC Board meeting. *Glenn did a presentation on the Tree Inventory, explained data that is available on the tree inventory schedule, including how to explore the inventory and drill down to specific locations. Amy noted there are lots of opportunities for raising awareness about trees. Glenn noted the city's priority is underserved areas. Amy noted that more wealthy*

communities could adopt an underserved area. Alex noted that replanting stumps is a great idea. Now that tree inventory is done will it be added to MyLA311 so a fallen tree can be noted. Glenn noted that when trees come and go the inventory has been turned over to the city and they are supposed to update.

- C. **Discussion and possible action:** [CF 20-1205-S1](#) , filed 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" The ENC filed a Community Impact Statement on [CF 20-1205](#) 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. *Pat Noted at the meeting that there is a major concern about what areas are being looked at, and will the wildlife areas be respected, and further that work has apparently been progressing with no community input. Glenn noted that there is a concern that the City is trying to cause major modifications to the Army Corps master plan which would add facilities which were previously rejected. Glenn does not feel that State funds should be used for the city Master Plan and would oppose the plan due to the lack of any transparency. We discussed re-filing the same CIS under CF 20-1205-S1, Pat will file the CIS under the new CF. Pat will also email Jonah Glickman at CD 6 to get an indication of what is being planned.*
- D. **Discussion and possible action** The Balboa Sports Center has requested the purchase of following items that would benefit park patrons (one or more of these items may be included on a subsequent Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application). Glenn explained the purchase is easiest done with an NPG, a §501(c)(3) or Parks Foundation (which has a 15% fee). 1 and 2 are top priorities. Marianne questioned why the City would not pay for these, ans is they need to raise money for extra things. Alex mentioned asking LBNC to also fund something.
- D.1. Portable PA system and wireless handheld microphone (quote \$1447.58 including tax but not including shipping)
 - D.2. Five heavy-duty 8' folding tables (quote \$2,764.90 not including tax and shipping)
These are our preference, the community Center will be advised to present an NPG.
 - D.3. Lesser priority: Two-door enclosed bulletin board display case (quote \$400.99 not including tax and shipping)
- E. **Discussion and possible action** [CF 15-0989](#): LA28 and the City of Los Angeles: The Games agreement has been passed by the City Council. *We discussed the idea of a town hall presentation on the Basin portion of the 2028 Olympics. We will work on getting them to come to a meeting to describe plans for 2028.*
- F. **Discussion and possible action:** City of Los Angeles proposed Budget for 2022-2023 for Recreation and Parks and City Planning departments (will be CF 22-0600) *Regarding request for more Rangers - Glenn noted budgets have been submitted to the Mayor. We can weigh in there, can also find out what RAP requested regarding more rangers and dedicated for Basin. We can try to get the budget through the mayor's office. We want City Planning because of their persistence in defunding environmental programs.*
- G. **Discussion and possible action** [CF 21-1462](#) 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."

Glenn explained that this measure will be a revenue source for parks capital improvement projects since Prop K is running out.

H. 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:

- H.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) - \$3000000
- H.2.** \$1,000,000 available Hjelte Field: construct new athletic fields, lighting and parking -
- H.3.** Los Angeles Riverfront Park - Phase III Design (Balboa to LA River Orange Line Crossing)

Carried forward to the next meeting pending possible city council actions

4. Old Business Announcements:

- A.** [Council File 21-1286](#) 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.** 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!
- C.** LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located within the ENC. [Website](#)
- D.** 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: *Pat noted research on dead trees. Ideas is to plant around the logs, turn into a toyon/other native grove as a mini wildlife area. Amy suggested I do an outline to Amy and she will get it to the appropriate state people to see if the idea is feasible. Pat Will take some pictures, put a brief outline together. Amy noted 3rd Sunday the Blacksmith is there working in the shop. Amy was not sure he would be there Sunday. We discussed putting it on the NC website. Attendee Alex Garay asked about the Easter Egg hunt, they are not sure if it is happening. Amy proposed the committee look into a request that automatic sprinkler controllers be required to default to no more than 5 min/1 per day. The current default will over-water if messed up. Consider a motion to require controllers in LA to default. We should add this to the next agenda. Also Amy will get an NPG ready for the Shakespeare production which will be slated for July or August.*
- 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.
- F.** [Website](#) 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 - [Executive Summary](#); Full report - [12 chapters](#)

H. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File [15-0499](#) - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021

Adjournment at:4:30PM

Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 2/2/2022 @4:30