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

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Committee members present:

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

Committee members absent: * Maury Geller

Alternate Committee Members:

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. **Meeting was called to Order** at 4:39 PM Pat volunteered to take minutes
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.
3. **New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action** [CF 15-0989](#): 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. **There was extensive discussion of the planned venues and how that might impact the Sepulveda Basin, especially the canoe slalom venue which will obviously be permanent. The following motion was made by Bailey seconded by Davis, passed 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions: The ENC Parks & Environment Committee recommends to the entire ENC board that it invite representatives from the LA28 organizing committee and any involved City of Los Angeles Departments/Offices to a Town Hall hosted by the ENC, with the objective of informing the community of what the 2028 Olympics plans are for the Sepulveda Basin including venues, construction, impact on the public's use of the parks, traffic & transportation, security, permanence of any facilities, environmental impact and restoration, and other factors of concern to the community.**

- B. **Discussion and possible action:** Consider a Community Impact Statement (CIS) directed to future [CF 22-0600](#) 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 [4/29/2014](#), [5/29/2014](#) (which resulted in ordinance [184021](#)), and by requests of the Budget Advocates and City Council on [4/2/2019](#) 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. ***Motion to file a Community Impact Statement describing the situation and again requesting a Ranger Station, deployment and enforcement, said CIS to be presented to the Board of the ENC for approval, and if approved to be filed with the Los Angeles city Council, CF 22-0600, the Board of Recreation & Parks. Motion made by Bates, Seconded by Zidell, passed 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions.***
- C. **Discussion and possible action** [CF 21-1470](#): 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 Mountains Conservancy (AMMC) to acquire such lands. Motion to issue Community Impact Statement "For if Amended" to include the following desired amendments. Motion made by Bates seconded by Bailey, vote 4 yes/0 no/0 Abstentions. board member Davis had left prior to the vote. Proposed CIS will be as follows: The ENC supports CF 21-1470 if amended to include the provision that any such properties acquired by the SMMC be held in perpetuity for public open space parklands. There should be notification to the Neighborhood Council in whose district the property exists and robust outreach to the surrounding community before any other uses are considered such as (but not limited to) disposition, a change in use, or collateralization of the property. It would also be beneficial for the Neighborhood council to be informed of how and when***

the City acquired the property. (note - the only one I find in Encino is the overlook on Mulholland across from LAFD station 109)

- 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. We discussed getting the landscaping plans (based on historical research and interpretive elements) for the park to see what is and isn't allowable, and see if the State Park Natural Resources staff are amenable to discussing a planting project to add some diversity while protecting the oaks.
- E. **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." **this was deferred to the next meeting but Glenn briefly discussed its importance in possibly getting desired line item allocations for our area included.**
- 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. ***Motion Bailey seconded by Bates, passed 4 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions to recommend the ENC send a letter to Los Angeles City Council District 4 and the Mayor's Office noting that the street tree inventory for Encino indicates 474 stumps and 4,532 vacant sites, with the request that stumps be removed (unless containing nests for birds or mammals) and that a vigorous tree planting project commence, and further that the ENC be advised on such activities.***
- G. **Discussion and possible action:** [Council File 21-1469](#) 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? ***Important but deferred to the Next meeting.***

4. Old Business Action/discussion Items: Votes may be taken on all action items: All deferred

- 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. **Discussion and possible action:** [CF 20-1205-S1](#) , 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 [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. ***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. [Website](#)
- 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. [Website](#)
- 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 - [Executive Summary](#); Full report - [12 chapters](#)
- H. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File [15-0499](#) - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021

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7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

Katie noted that someone on the Committee should attend the Fire Commission meetings

Adjournment at: 6:18 Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 3/2/2022 @4PM

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