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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING **MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 @ 7 pm

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**Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members**

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Walter Almora Area 2 Rep	<b>Vacant</b> 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	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Andrew Zucker Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep	Vacant 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	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

**Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates**

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Area 2 Rep Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
<b>Vacant</b> Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	<b>Vacant</b> At-Large Rep Alt 2	<b>Vacant</b> Apt/Condo Rep Alt
<b>Vacant</b> Business Rep Alt 1	<b>Vacant</b> Business Rep Alt 2	<b>Vacant</b> Education Rep Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep Alt	Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Rep Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt	Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Public Safety Rep Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Religious Rep Alt
<b>Vacant</b> Volunteer Rep Alt				

- 1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**
  - **Meeting called to order at 7pm**
  - **The President read the new rules regarding public comment on agenda items as well as on non-agenda items.**
- 2. President’s Report:** Including issues with DONE, City Attorney, required training and sanctions, and meeting conduct.
  - **The ENC hosted the Point in Time Council on Tuesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. For next year’s count there should be more volunteers and organizations.**
  - **There is an ongoing issue with board members who are not completing required training. There are some that are not in compliance, and we have been threatened with a law suit from a board member.**

3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies.**

LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, [34024@lapd.online](mailto:34024@lapd.online) (818) 374-7634

- **Officer Walia provided an update regarding crime in Encino**

Councilmember Nithya Raman: Kevin Sanchez-Morales [Kevin.Sanchez-Morales@lacity.org](mailto:Kevin.Sanchez-Morales@lacity.org)  
213-473-7004

- **Kevin provided an update on City Services and how grateful their office that the ENC had a Leadership role with the homelessness count and that the Councilmember was impressed with the ENC.**

Mayor Garcetti - West Valley Area Rep. Erin Seinfeld [erin.seinfeld@lacity.org](mailto:erin.seinfeld@lacity.org)  
(213)422-0815

- **Erin provided an update from the Mayor's Office including; applications for the LA City Youth Council are open and close on Monday, 2/28/22, touched on RAMPLA.org, and highlighted free tax prep 2022, [freetaxprepla.com](http://freetaxprepla.com).**

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Sarah Martin ([Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov))(818) 346-4521

- **Sarah provided updates, the Assemblymember is working on his legislation package, there will be a Day of Service on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and they are introducing their internship program, resumes are being accepted.**

LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, [BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov) (818) 880-9416

- **Blake provided an update from the County, including a new health officer order, businesses and venues will may no longer require the use of masks for fully vaccinated people.**
- **A few board members had questions for Blake, including Laurie K, Eliot C, Heather M, and Lee B.**

West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, [Michael.liu@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.liu@lacity.org) –

- **Not in attendance.**

Los Angeles City Planning: Courtney Schoenwald, [Courtney.Schoenwald@lacity.org](mailto:Courtney.Schoenwald@lacity.org)

- **Courtney provided and update, requested to complete a survey and what we want to see as priority projects in the area, safer streets, etc..., the surveys are on the ENC's website.**

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Julien Antelin, [julien.antelin@lacity.org](mailto:julien.antelin@lacity.org)

- **Not in attendance.**

Budget Advocates: Lee Blumenfeld, [enleeb@gmail.com](mailto:enleeb@gmail.com)

- **Lee B provided an update regarding the Budget Advocates.**
- **Glenn B provided additional information regarding the Budget Advocates, including a Town Hall with all the candidates for City Controller (4/10/22 @ 3pm) and one on thoughts on the City Budget on 4//30/22 at 10am.**
- **2 members of the public had comments for the officials.**

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC's subject matter jurisdiction 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 who are using the Zoom application, please use the Raise Hand feature to speak.

- **A few members of the public spoke during the session.**

5. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of three (3) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments.
- **No one decided to speak during the multiple agenda items comment period.**
6. **Open Board positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council.** Open Positions Include: Area 2 Atl (1), Area 3 Representative (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Area 6 Alt (1), At Large Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Appointed position Encino Chamber of Commerce Alt (1). Encino Property Owners Association Rep. (1).

**Discussion and possible action on any applications or appointments received. Consider application received for open board seat:**

- **The list of open positions was read**

7. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): “If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. **The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible.**”

- **The following alternates were seated: Dana C for Walter A, Lissa M for the Area 3 position, & Robert W for Jess W.**
- **Pat B commented that we had received an application, but the position was filled. A new application may be submitted for n open position.**
- **Glenn B commented that Robert W automatically fills the seat as he is the elected alternate.**

8. **Additional Officer's Reports:**

**A. Vice-President's Report**

- **The time was yielded**

**B. Treasurer's Report**

1. Motion to approve the [January 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)

- **Glenn B moved and Pat B. 2nds**
- **A member of the pubic asked if it was Henry that chastised another board member**
- **The MER was approved: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld & Samuel Apikyan voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
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**C. Secretary's Report: Possible approval of January 26, 2022 minutes**

- **The minutes are complete however there is an issue with some board members who voted and, per the ENC's Bylaws are ineligible to vote and the Secretary is not comfortable presenting minutes that violate the boards Bylaws and will be on hold for the time being.**

**D. Sergeant-at-Arms Report.**

- **The SAA provided an update on who has completed the required trainings and thanked those that have completed them. He further stated that we are in an uncomfortable position since one board member has threatened legal action against the board.**

- Glenn B. asked if there are any inaccuracies on the DONE site regarding completed trainings.
- The SAA stated it seems up to date with the exception of one board member that completed training today.
- Lee B asked for clarification from the SAA on two items
- The SAA responded.
- Lee B commented on an item that is not relevant to the SAAs report about a comment made during the government officials update and wanted to know if it was allowable.
- Although the question was not relevant to the item the SAA responded.
- Eliot C made a comment regarding a training that may be considered critical race theory and advised caution when discussing anything about the training.

**9. New Business - Funding - Motion, Discussion and Vote may be taken on all items:**

**A. Finance committee:**

- 1. Discussion and possible motion:** To approve the [NPG application](#) of the LAFD Foundation for \$3,500 to expand the existing pollinator garden providing a community resource of sustainable, pollinator-friendly drought resistant low-maintenance landscaping. Eshelman, Second Mass approved 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions.

- The item was introduced by Pat B. in detail and moved the motion, Victoria M. 2nds.
- The item was opened to board member discussion
- Eliot C. commented that he will vote no because we should not fund things the city should be paying for.
- Lee B. asked for clarification on where the landscaping would take place and will the drip irrigation going into mulch or something else.
- Pat B. commented it is going into mulch.
- Victoria M. commented that anyone who has not seen the new landscaping suggested that people go by and see it and applauded Pat for taking time to water the plants weekly. In the past the ENC has purchased items for LAFD because they do not have a budget for many things and this is exactly what we are tasked to do.
- Glenn B. commented that many of the things we do to support the LAFD and LAPD are not visible to the public, but this is and is a community improvement.
- Dana C. commented that she is associated with a school that has a garden that would be happy to donate plants and asked what plants they are in need of.
- Pat B commented that they are trying to keep the plants native or near native and appreciated the offer.
- Darin S. asked about the protocol for city agencies requesting funding from NCs
- Pat B. commented that there are many things they do not get a budget for, landscaping is one and it is up to the firefighters to maintain the landscaping.
- Henry E. commented that the way he sees it, we have 3 jobs, to spend funds for improvement projects, give our constituents a voice to city government and to weigh in on legislation and urged his fellow members to support the project.
- Total time spent to this point on this item: 12 minutes
- The item was opened for public comment, 3 members of the public spoke.
- Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)
- \* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training

requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.

**2. Discussion and possible motion:** Motion: the ENC Finance Committee recommends that the ENC approve the [revised 2021-2022 budget](#) as amended. (Eshelman./Mass 4 yes 0 no 0 abstentions)

- **Pat B. introduced the item and shared the screen.**
- **Glenn B. commented that this item was vetted by the Finance Committee and had a thorough line by line review.**
- **Pat B. further commented on the item and moved the motion. Glenn B. 2nds**
- **No board member comment**
- **Two members of the public spoke.**
- **Lee B. decided to make a comment, post board member comment, requesting a change in the budget including, commenting on losing many trees and there should be amendment to keep the CIP fully staffed at the original level and earmarked for tree planning in Encino.**
- **Glenn B. commented that this should have been discussed at the Finance Committee and that the budget can be modified at any time and in the interest of time, we should move on.**
- **Pat B. requested to take a vote on the motion**
- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

**3. Discussion and possible motion:** Motion: The ENC Finance committee recommends the ENC Board authorization purchase of an outdoor display case from Office Depot (or similar vendor) measuring 48" X 36", to be installed on the fence around the tennis courts at the Balboa Sports Center, for an amount not exceeding \$500. Display case will be the property of ENC. Expenditure will be recorded as a Community Improvement Project. Bailey/Eshelman, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- **Glenn B. introduced the agenda item and made the motion. Pat B. 2nds and called for discussion.**
- **A comment was made that 2 members of the public have used their 3 minutes as of this item.**
- **No further comments received**
- **Following the vote, the item passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
- **Pat B. requested to extend the meeting to 10pm**
- **Eliot C. objected and Victoria M commented that she may not be able to stay**
- **The time was extended to 9:30pm**
- **Glenn B. commented that there is a representative for a PLU agenda item and requested to move change the order of the agenda.**
- **Pat B. agreed to discuss the PLU item next.**

**10. Old Business - Non-funding: Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items - Board members please inform the Chair prior to the meeting of consent items (if any) to be pulled for discussion.**

**A. Outreach Committee:**

1. **Digital Media Policy** - Should the ENC file a community impact statement regarding the proposed Digital Communications Policy? Please see supporting Document, Digital Communications Policy for the current version. Although a recommendation from the Outreach Committee has been received, there are portions of the policy that should be decided at the Executive level. Please refer to the supporting document: [CIS Recommendation](#) regarding the Digital Media Policy. DONE has created a [Digital Media Policy](#) for social media communications. Several NCs have weighed in on this policy. On December 7th, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners briefly discussed the policy but did not take action. However, it was determined that by January there would be a final version, with discussion in January/February/March and a final vote expected on March 21, 2022. Using social media to promote the NC is one of the responsibilities of the Outreach Committee. We need to be aware of the policy and how it pertains to using the NC accounts and how it may affect board members using their personal social media. The ENC should consider opposing the policy as written due to overreach on personal social media accounts. **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board support the creation of a Digital Media Policy but does not support the policy as written, especially section 9 in its entirety. Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- **Alex G. introduced the item and made the motion, Lee B. 2nds.**
- **Henry E. commented that he had not read the entire policy and asked for a summary.**
- **Alex G. discussed some of the restrictions of the policy.**
- **Glenn B. commented on the item.**
- **Lee B. commented on the item.**
- **Victoria M. commented on the item. DONE should be supportive and we cannot get assistance on critical issues and that this is overreach.**
- **Eliot C. commented that DONE declared us employees of the city and this is a law suit waiting to happen.**
- **Following board member comment and no public comment (no raised hands) a vote took place.**
- **The item passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

2. **Pyrotechnic show notifications** – Currently when firework shows occur no notification is provided to the residents near the show. This may cause unnecessary fear, an onset of PTSD, trauma to animals and calls regarding gun shots to the LAPD. There is a requirement in place to notify residents when filming will occur or when there will be a hearing regarding a development. However, no such requirement exists for pyrotechnic shows. Given that all pyrotechnic shows require permits, the ENC should consider supporting a notification system for pyrotechnic shows. To read the entire motion click: [Fireworks Notification Motion](#). **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support the Fireworks Motion and direct it to; LA City Council, the Los Angeles City Attorney and the Los Angeles Board of Fire Commissioners.**

- **Item moved to next meeting**

**B. Parks and Environment Committee:**

1. **Motion:** The Parks & Environment Committee recommends the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) Council file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in favor of Council File [21-0890](#) (Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian - Price)) relative to creating a strategic long term citywide Electric Vehicle (EV) Master Plan that includes provisions to maximize federal and state funding for the equitable placement of Electric Vehicle infrastructure citywide. Said approval is contingent on adequate provisions being made for the range of EV models in use and adaptable to future use, without bias as to model. Further, that placement of locations for such facilities be subject to consultation with the respective local Neighborhood Councils.(Davis moved/Bates Motion passed 2nd 5 yes/0 no/0 abstention).

- **Item moved to next meeting.**

**11. New Business - Non-funding: Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items - Board members please inform the Chair prior to the meeting of consent items to be pulled for discussion.**

**A. Planning & Land Use: Planning and Land Use committee (consent): Motion to approve of renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for the continued sale of alcoholic beverages at 7-Eleven located at 15445 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 (Case ZA-2015-3679-CUB-PA1) . The approval is based in part on recommendation of the Police Commission. (Blumenfeld/Spillman, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)**

- **The item was listened to out of order, following the final funding item.**
- **The item was introduced by a representative for the applicant.**
- **No board members commented**
- **Lee B. moved and Victoria M. 2nds**
- **No members of the public commented.**
- **Pat B. commented that this should be a consent item and asked if the item could pass as a consent item. The item passed as consent: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
- **Henry E. requested to have items 11 B and 11 C discussed before concluding the meeting.**
- **Pat B. commented she has no objection**
- **Lee B. objected and called for the orders of the day to be posted.**
- **Glenn B. asked for a motion**
- **Henry E. introduced a motion to take items 11B and 11C out of order and received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darin S.**
- **Eliot C. requested to have the items announced for the public.**
- **Henry E. summarized the items.**
- **Pat B. asked Victoria M. to handle the speakers.**
- **After some silence, Alex G. asked board members to speak**
- **Victoria M. apologized, she had just stepped away.**
- **Lee B. commented that the standing rules should be heard and the special item is moot because it's a standing rule item and not a Bylaws item**
- **Eliot C. commented that this could come under litigation and we discussed that DONE already and urged to vote against the training part of the motion. Does not understand why we need a training on equity.**
- **Alex G. asked, for the record, we are voting on going out of order and asked for clarification for the motion in front of the board.**

- **Following board member comment, a vote took place and the motion passed: 14 (Y), 2 (N), 0 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
- **Items 11B and 11C will be discussed.**

**B. Bylaws Committee:** Motion to approve of the [revised Standing Rules](#) with the exception of changes forthcoming to Article V, §3 Subsection B. (Miller/Bates 5 yes/0 no/ 0 abstention)

- **Pat B. asked Victoria M. to introduced the item.**
- **Victoria M. commented that she us under the weather and asked if someone else could introduce the item.**
- **Glenn B. introduced the item. The main change is the order and some changes in the wording. It is a work in progress since Standing Rules can be changed at any time.**
- **Victoria moved to support the motion to approve the changes, Henry E. 2nds**
- **Seeing no further discussion a vote took place. Rather than voting, Lee B. elected to praise Karie P's work on this. A request for his vote was made, it was not heard.**
- **The item passed: 12 (Y), 1 (N), 1 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**
- **Laurie K. and Eliot C. signed off from the meeting.**

**C. Executive Committee:**

**1. Discussion and Motion: The ENC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive and Bylaws Committees to adopt the proposed Standing Rule: Standing Rules Article XIV §2 Training. Neighborhood Council Board Members, whether elected, selected or appointed, are required to complete and keep current all mandatory trainings in order to be seated at meetings (board, committee, and/or any alliance where the member represents the Board), make or second motions, or vote on issues that come before the Board. Trainings available to Board Members are created to ensure success during their period of service. This includes all mandatory trainings as may be promulgated by the Board as well as all local, county, state and federal laws, including, without limitation, the policies approved by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's rules and regulations, the City Governmental Ethics Ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1), the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and all laws and governmental policies pertaining to Conflicts of Interest. Newly seated Members must complete their required trainings within forty-five (45) days of being seated or the above conditions apply, and further, they must have completed Funding, Ethics, and Code of Conduct training prior to voting on any Funding matters. For continuing Board Members there is no grace period upon the expiration of any of their mandatory trainings. Executive Committee (Miller/Garay 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions) Bylaws Committee (Baters/Miller 4 yes, 1 no (Blumenfeld), 0 abstentions)**

- **The item was introduced by Pat B. and made a motion to approve the item. Alex G. 2nds**
- **Lee B. said state supersedes city/county and that federal over state. Is there a ruling that states which department within the City is over another. This should be amended or suspended.**
- **Glenn B. commented that this NC has been good at having board members complete the required trainings. He further commented that he is disappointed that we are not continuing the tradition of**

completing the training. This is a good step forward.

- Henry E. commented that we are frozen and elaborated on specific trainings and asked to have this motion approved.
- Alex G. commented that the order Lee B. stated is reversed. Comments made have been on specific trainings rather than on the agenda item. This is not against any training, this motion is a way for the NC to follow it's rules.
- Heather M. stated that the training was great and enjoyed taking it.
- Lissa M. commented that we are overregulated but asked about the no grace period, what happens if training is no taken?
- Michael S. commented that we're supposed to have discussions and when he saw a letter threatening him, that the board member should be suspended and has a huge problem with the acts of a specific board member.
- Victoria M. commented that we are required to take many trainings and this is not a good look for the ENC. The training is normal and not sure what the hang up is and that our time is being wasted by one board member.
- Glenn B. commented that he 2nds Victoria's comment and clarified Lissa's questions.
- Lee B. commented that he needs to address the big issue (not the agenda item) and wants to explain why he had a letter stating that he will sue the board and continued to explain even when the President commented that this is went on long enough. Lee B. raised his voice stating that this is very important to him and continued to speak out of turn and not on topic. He continued speaking about introducing an amendment and he only had 2 choices, 1 to file a grievance and halt all NC business or threaten to sue. He continued to say we are undermining elections and not standing up for the little people. He continued to speak over the President when she attempted to state this was out of line.
- Pat B. called the question
- Henry E. started to address Lee directly
- Lee B said he make a motion to amend
- Alex G. commented that we have not heard the proposed amendment.
- Lee B. introduced an amendment,
- The amendment received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mike S.
- Victoria commented that since Lee has not taken the training he does not know the details, there is no data mining, no questions, it to discover about yourself, it's not a survey, no info is taken and that required trainings are part of serving on the board.
- Alex G. commented that enough is enough, all this discussion has nothing to do with the motion at hand. We are attempting to vote on motion to allow us to follow a rule, it has nothing to do with a specific training. Agreed that amendment should be in the Bylaws and that policies coming out of the department should be vetted. This is about us being able to follow our own rules that may have not been clear enough.
- Darin S. asked for clarification on the standing rules and the purpose of them
- Glenn B. clarified Darin's question and agreed with Alex that this amendment is out of order an should be a stand along motion on a separate agenda.
- Pat B. commented that she would like to take a vote on this, this is ridiculous, let's just take a vote.
- Lee B. commented that he did not have an opportunity to speak on the amendmet
- Pat B. commented that he made the amendment
- Lee B. continued to speak out of turn stating he can produce evidence but did not have any prepared.
- A vote took place on the proposed amendment. The amendment failed: 2 (Y), 10 (N), 2 (A)
- A vote took place on the original motion and passed: 12 (Y), 2 (N), 0 (A)
- \* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.

2. **Creation of an independent oversight committee** for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Currently BONC has no oversight authority over DONE and with recent investigations regarding NC election funds, the creation of new policies, and other several other instances, including the failure to have NCs thrive, there should be an oversight committee that has the authority to step in, investigate, take corrective measure and oversee DONE.

**Motion:** The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) requests that City Council and the City Attorney's Office investigate and report back on the creation of an oversight committee for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) consisting of neighborhood council members. The oversight committee shall contain an Executive Board and have representation from the 13 recognized alliances in Los Angeles: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), Emergency Preparedness Alliance, South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC), Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC), Alliance of River Communities (ARC), DWP Advocacy & Oversight (DWPADVOCACY) (DWPMOU), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA), Hollywood Coalition (HC), Plan Check Neighborhood Councils (PLANCHECKNC), Congress of Neighborhoods (NCCONGRESSLA), Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and the LGBTQ+ Alliance of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. Members of the Executive Board shall consist of neighborhood council board members, in good standing, nominated by the neighborhood council and appointed by the Los Angeles City Council. Each Regional Alliance shall appoint a representative and alternate to vote at each committee meeting.

- **Alex G. commented that we should address the item.**
- **Heather M. commented that this is critical.**
- **Victoria M. commented that she did not see the motion and is not sure if there's enough time to vet this.**
- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the item. Heather M. 2nds.**
- **The item passed: 14 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **\* Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting.**

#### **D. Parks and Environment Committee (Consent):**

1. **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.**

- **The item was moved to the next meeting**

2. **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)

- **The item was moved to the next meeting.**

3. **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.**

- **The item was moved to the next meeting.**

## 12. Committee Reports

## 13. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

## 14. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 10:07pm

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

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