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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 4:30 pm

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**Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members**

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Walter Almora Area 2 Rep	Vacant 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	Vacant Area 2 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
Vacant Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	Vacant At-Large Rep Alt 2	Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt
Vacant Business Rep Alt 1	Vacant Business Rep Alt 2	Vacant 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	Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt	Vacant Religious Rep Alt
Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt				

- **Highlighted Board Members were in attendance.**

1. **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**

- **Meeting called to order at 4:36pm**

2. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to three (3) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, one minute per item up to a total of three (3) minutes.

- 2 members of the public spoke, it was determined that all 3 were not on topic and their comments were paused.
- Glenn B, reminded that our NEA is in attendance and to ask each speaker to identify which agenda items and also one person was not called on and we do not know if it is the same person calling from a different number.
- A caller asked if this was general public comment and decided to speak on agenda items.

3. **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.”**
  
4. **New Business - Not previously considered by committee(s):**
  - A. **Discussion and possible motion:** To file an updated Community Impact Statement regarding the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners 3/1/2022 “[\[proposed\] Board of Neighborhood Commissioners’ Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils](#)”
    - Alex G. introduced the item explaining that even though the updated policy is much better, section 9 specifies that any committee member would need to adhere to the policy. However, our committees are Stakeholder driven. A motion to file a CIS against, unless amended, was introduced by Alex G.. Glenn B. 2nds. Mike S. agrees.
    - Two members of the public had hands up. The first was called on and did not speak after multiple requests to speak were made. Another member of the public had their hand up who had spoken before. The caller was not on topic and the comments were paused. Another member of the public attempted to speak, they were not on topic and their comments were paused.
    - Following all comments, the item was voted on and passed: 13 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).
  
5. **New Business - Funding - Discussion and Vote may be taken: Welcome to Encino Sign: Motion: That the board support purchasing a Welcome to Encino sign if the Councilmember agrees to share in the cost. Design would be forthcoming if approved and supported by the ENC and our new Councilmember. The cost of the sign is approximately \$13,500 for a similar sign to the Tarzana sign. (1/3/2022 meeting: Alex/2nd from Jenny B. The motion passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (N))**
  - **The item was pulled by Alex as it was previously discussed and we are awaiting a formal quote for a sign.**
  - **Glenn B. suggested to include the Councilmember.**
  
6. **Old and 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 (if any) to be pulled for discussion.**
  - A. **Bylaws Committee (Consent): Motion authorizing the Encino Neighborhood Council Board to request a 30 day extension of time to submit its application for amendments to bylaws to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. (2/4/2022 meeting Glenn/Alex, motion passed 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions)**
    - **Pat B. introduced the item and moved. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received by Mike S.**
    - **Glenn B. shared additional unforeseen circumstances that should be included in the extension request.**
    - **A member of the public spoke regarding the agenda item.**
    - **Another member of the public spoke regarding the agenda item**
    - **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 13 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

**B. Outreach Committee (Consent):**

1. **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. (Outreach 1/3/2022 Garay/Michaels, motion passed 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)**
  
2. **Neighborhood Council Awareness Campaign: Motion that the board support starting an NC awareness campaign to help boost attendance & participation at NC meetings. The ENC, along with, other NC’s in CD4, DONE & City Departments will coordinate the efforts. (1/3/2022 Meeting: Alex/Mike S. 2nds the motion. The motion passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).)**
  
3. **Coffee with your Area Rep: Motion: The board support hosting a Coffee with your Area Rep campaign at a local coffee shop or other Encino location. (1/3/2022 Meeting: Alex/ Heather M. 2nds The motion passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A))**

- **The following items were voted as consent items, 6B1 & 6B3. Henry moved and Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Glenn B requested an amendment to include items C1-C3.**
- **It was identified who, from the public, had already spoken for 3 minutes.**
- **Following comment, the items were voted on and passed: 13 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**
- **Item 6B2 was introduced. Henry E. moved and Pat B. 2nds.**
- **Following comment, the item was voted on and passed: 12 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A)**

**C. 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.** (2/2/2022 meeting; Motion made by Bates, Seconded by Zidell, passed 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions.)
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. (2/2/2022 Meeting: Motion made by Bates seconded by Bailey, vote 4 yes/0 no/0 Abstentions). 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)
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.** (2/2/2022 meeting: **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.
4. **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.(11/16/2021 meeting: Davis moved/Bates Motion passed 2nd 5 yes/0 no/0 abstention).**

- **Pat B. introduced the item. Glenn B. added some clarification regarding the language in the description and motion. The City Council committee last week did approve it and will go to the full council. Pat. B moved to approve the item, Henry E. 2nds.**
- **Following discussion the item passed: 12 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A).**
- **Pat B. thanked everyone for their attendance and commented that April will be rather busy with events and activities.**
- **Henry E. commented that since the meeting finished early, to entertain any public comment on non-agenda items in the event that any attendees felt as if they were not able to make any comments.**
- **Glenn B. commented that our NEA should have spoken up at the beginning of the meeting regarding public comment.**
- **The floor was opened to public comment on non-agenda items. A member of the public spoke.**

## **7. Adjournment**

- **The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm**

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

**Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of events**

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