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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 2 PM

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Committee members present:

1-*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-Katie Bull 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis absent with notice

Alternate Committee Members:

1-*Maury Geller absent

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. **Call to Order @2:07PM**
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the [12/14/2021](#) and [2/2/2022](#) Meetings. Pat/Katie, 4/0/0
3. **Report/Presentation from Agencies:**

- A. Los Angeles City Mayor's Office - Erin Seinfeld:** Erin reported on the Mayor's Green New Deal Program. There are several parts Encino NC is really equipped to work on - Trees and Sustainable Landscaping. We agreed to put an event on the agenda, and will wait to get more detailed information on when the LA Trees or Tree People might be able to participate. We all noted there is just a boatload of events coming up - clean ups, Big Sunday etc

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

- A. Discussion and possible action:** Possible Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Los Encinos Docent Association for summer (July/August 2022) Shakespeare in the Park event for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. **A draft NPG was reviewed and discussed, recommendation was to correct some information and submit a signed application for review by the ENC Finance Committee**
- B. Discussion and possible action:** Participate with the Mayor's office in an event promoting LA's Green New Deal City Sustainability Plan during April 2022. Suggest we consider getting some of our vacant tree sites planted. See: [Green New Deal Main Website](#) [LA's Green New Deal Sustainability City Plan](#) (full plan pdf) [Green New Deal Neighborhood Council Toolkit](#) (includes full list of action guides) [Plant Free Trees in Your Neighborhood Action Guide](#) [Grow Your Own Food Action Guide](#) **Some resources for residents! This was discussed, pat will follow up with Erin on availability of the tree providers, etc. We can publicise and promote an event. glenn/Katie 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain**
- C. Discussion and possible action:** Participate in Ventura Boulevard Cleanup with Volunteers Cleaning Communities on 4/23/2022, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. See description. Encino volunteers [register here](#). **Motion: The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends that the Encino NC encourage participation of stakeholders in this event, and further allow use of its logo in promotion for the event. We also discussed suggesting to VCC that they submit a NPG request for some funding to help with cleanups in the Encino area. Glenn/Katie 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain**
- D. Discussion and possible action:** Possible funding not to exceed \$5,000 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. **Pat volunteered to do a plot map and plant information sheet for consideration by the State Parks**

Agenda Items 4 E, 4 F and 5A and 5B were briefly discussed, they will be brought up at the SBWAS Committee meeting.

- E. Discussion and possible action:** [Council File 22-0002-S9](#): **Introduced 2/2/2022, waived out of committee, adopted 2/9/2022** the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan and the approval of a state budget request for \$3,000,000 in one-time funding for expanding open access and recreational amenities within the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. **The Encino Neighborhood Council has not yet as of 3/11/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**

- F. **Discussion and possible action:** [Council File 22-0002-S18](#), introduced 2/22/2022, waived out of committee, passed 3/4/2022. The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its state legislative program support and/or sponsorship for legislation that would provide at least \$197 million in funding necessary to complete design and construction of the Valley LA Riverway before the 2028 Olympics; and be it also resolved, with the concurrence of the mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles also includes in its state legislative program support and/or sponsorship for legislation that would provide at least \$15 million to complete feasibility, planning and design of ULART active transportation projects in disadvantaged communities in Los Angeles. **See also CF 21-0535. The Encino Neighborhood Council has not yet as of 3/11/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**

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

- 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. As of 3/11/2022 there are no reports in the file, however we have heard that City Planning is proposing to make changes such as combining the Wildlife Pilot Study and the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance into one program. **These studies have already been delayed and keep being threatened with defunding. Pat noted the report should be forthcoming.**
- 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, and was **approved by the Los Angeles City council on 2/23/2022.** 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 yet as of 3/11/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**
- C. **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. **Motion: Recommend to the Encino NC board that the ENC present or co-present a Town Hall related to the proposed 2028 Olympic venues in the Sepulveda Basin. Pat/Amy, 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstain**

- D. 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 motion passed City council on 3/9/2022.**
- E. 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. **This was addressed last month**
- F. 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? **Deferred**
- G. 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. [See also CF 19-0205-S1 report dated 3/3/2022](#)
 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.
- H. 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!
- I. LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition** - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#)
- J. LA City 2021 Draft** [List of Tree Species](#) for Public Right of Way

6. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

- A. Los Encinos State Historic Park update - Amy Zidell
- B. Encino Park and Encino Community Center 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. Climate Equity LA, A Three Part Series (March, April and May): will focus on the building decarbonization the next two Thursdays this month. For those who missed the launch of the series on March 3, the recording may be viewed [here](#). The next session is this Thursday, March 17, from 6 to 8 pm. Learn more about the series and register [here](#).
- H. 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](#)
- I. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File [15-0499](#) - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021

7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

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