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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING**  
**Wednesday May 4, 2022 @ 2 PM**

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**IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION**

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**AB 361 Updates:** Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

**Committee members ALL PRESENT:**

1-\*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-\*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-Katie Bull 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis  
**Alternate Committee Members:**

\*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. **Call to Order, AT 2:00 pm**

2.

3. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the 3/14/2022 and 4/6/2022 Meetings **DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

4. **Report/Presentation from Agencies/Organizations:**

A. **Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park update** - *Miriam Preisel attended and spoke at some length regarding issues at the dog park. She is not receiving sufficient support from RAP maintenance. She was asking if there are plans or meetings scheduled regarding bike path extension. Also she is concerned that purple pipe (reclaimed water from Tillman Reclamation Plant) has not been run in, and it was supposed to be. Just a note if purple pipe was run through the dog park it should be available for the White Oak medians.*

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

A. **Discussion and possible action:** Review findings of tree well survey done by member Katie Bull with assistance from Vice-President Victoria Miller covering the area on Ventura Blvd. from [White Oak west](#). Compare study to [LA Street Tree Inventory](#). Consider the following:

1. Motion to recommend the ENC fund up to \$10,000 for new street trees at vacant or stump sites. Participate with the Mayor's office in an event promoting LA's Green New Deal City Sustainability Plan. 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!](#) *There was some discussion of possible extension of a BID to this area. Pat/Marianne 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions, motion forwarded to the Finance Committee for review*
2. Motion to support a project clearing weeds and trash from existing tree wells and adding wood chip mulch. Project would be anticipated to use volunteers organized by CD 4 in cooperation with ENC. *Glenn/Pat 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions*
3. Motion to take any action including Community Impact Statement (CIS) directed to Mayor, City Council and any departments to support increasing our tree canopy and sustainability practices *Held over*

6. **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. At this point Planning has decided to combine the Wildlife Corridor and Ridgeline Protection plans and is working on draft revisions. Discuss and consider filing CIS regarding the combination. CISs have been filed previously for both. Evaluate whether further action including a CIS is warranted based on any

information regarding the Mulholland Scenic Corridor Design Review Board. The [Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance](#) has been released for public review and feedback. Visit the project website [planning4la.org/wildlife](http://planning4la.org/wildlife) to view the Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance, interactive maps, and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Learn more about the Wildlife Ordinance and sign up for updates or provide feedback by emailing [OurLA2040@lacity.org](mailto:OurLA2040@lacity.org). *Held over*

- B. Discussion and possible action:** Defer to next fiscal year 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 will work on this with an eye to possible fall 2022 installation if it works with the State park guidelines . may also be considered for SFV Audubon consideration.*
- C. 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, final 3/11/22.** 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.**
- D. 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.**
- 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 5/1/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on**

- 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?
- 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 *Questioned whether finalized*

## **7. 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): 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

**8. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda**

Adjournment at:4:29    **Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 6/1/2022 @2PM**