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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING**  
**Wednesday July 6, 2022 @ 2 PM**

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**Committee members:**

1-\*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-\*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-Katie Bull 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis 6-\*Daniel Glaser Marianne joined meeting around 3:30

**Alternate Committee Members:**

1. **Call to Order**, at 2:05 PM, Pat will take notes.
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the [3/14/2022](#), [4/6/2022](#), and [5/4/2022](#) Meetings. **Motion to approve minutes Pat/Katie 5/0/0**
3. **Report/Presentation from Agencies/Organizations: Expanded to include public comment for anything not on the agenda. Called for hands to be raised. None were raised. Noted this must have been for a special meeting.**
4. **Old & New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
  - A. **Discussion and possible action:**
    1. **Tree well and street weed cleanup:** 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](#).to Lindley - it is a mess. Compare study to [LA Street Tree Inventory](#). At the May 4, 2022 meeting we passed motions to allocate up to \$10,000 for tree planting, and also to support a project cleaning/opening and mulching tree wells. ENC will probably not have a lot of excess cash this fiscal year due to elections and possibly resuming in-person meetings.However the summer would be a good time to do the project to clean up and weed tree wells and the street, in preparation for some fall planting. Consider possible dates and refer to outreach with a request for up to \$250 for supplies and snacks. Consider collaboration with Volunteers Cleaning Communities - for some reason they don't cut weeds but perhaps they will help bag stuff we get cut. **Motion to recommend to the board to schedule weed and trash cleanups along Ventura Blvd. and side streets within a block on either side. Sunday 8/14/2022, 8/21/2022, 8/28/2022, 9/4/2022, 9/11/2022, 9/18/2022. Further, authorize up to \$250 for supplies, equipment, and snacks. Pat/Amy 5/0/0**

Glenn and Pat and other volunteers will take the green waste home.Send in event approval right after today's meeting which would allow us to do it earlier. We discussed using the pull up banners and having the exec committee schedule \$ for cones. Amy was concerned about traffic. Katie brought up possibly painting over graffiti, Glenn noted that better to report it to 311.
    2. 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 - deferred from prior meeting. **Deferred**

- B. [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 12/3/2021. CISs have been filed previously regarding issues contained in this CF. Evaluate whether further action including a CIS is warranted based on any information regarding the Mulholland Scenic Corridor Design Review Board. Planning Department was supposed to report back within 90 days on how the Specific Plan-particularly provisions C, G, H, I, K, and L-is in substantial conformance with the intent to manage development in environmentally sensitive areas in the absence of DRB review for all projects, visible and non-visible. Motion passed 12/3/2021. It has been over 200 days **where's the report?????** Consider an updated CIS to request the report be submitted forthwith and further that Planning provide an explanation for the delay. In the meantime, how many projects have been rammed through that otherwise would have been subject to review. **Glenn - maybe we can expedite this. We can also ask the city council, also check with our Planning Rep Ariel Jones. [Ariel.Jones@lacity.org](mailto:Ariel.Jones@lacity.org). Pat would be fine with a letter to Mashael at CD 4 and to Ariel at City Planning. We discussed that there is some organized opposition to this from developers.**
- C. 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). Discuss and consider filing CIS regarding the combination. CISs have been filed previously for both. There is a [public hearing](#) on the draft ordinance on July 13, 2022, 5-7 PM. **We discussed that there is some organized opposition to this from developers.**
- D. Possible CIS supporting [CF 22-0483](#): (Raman - et al. - Martinez) relative to instructing the Bureau of Sanitation, in partnership with the Biodiversity Expert Council and the Department of City Planning, to participate in convenings with local and regional jurisdictions, and conservation and environmental stakeholders regarding developing a Regionwide Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Plan. The motion already passed City council 6/29/2022. **Motion to recommend a Community Impact Statement strongly supporting CF 22-0483 and to recommend that Neighborhood Councils are included in all convenings. Pat/Glenn 5/0/0**
- E. Consider motion to file CIS supporting [CF 22-0600-S20](#): Instruct the Fire Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps for brush clearance efforts and other outside entities that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush. (Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2022-23 Budget on May 18, 2022) **Motion to file CIS supporting and include recommend collaboration and possible partnership with additional environmental and community groups including but not limited to the California Native Plant Society and impacted Neighborhood Council(s) Pat/Katie .5/0/0**
- F. Consider motion to file CIS supporting [CF 22-0600-S61](#): Instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee on the feasibility of using wildlife, specifically goats, to support brush clearance activities in parks. (Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2022-23 Budget on May 18, 2022) **Recommend CIS supporting CF 22-0600-S61 collaboration and possible partnership with additional environmental and community groups including but not limited to the California Native Plant**

Society and impacted Neighborhood Council(s). Note that in 2021 RAP had an offer from the CNPS to do a 30 acre pilot goat grazing project in the Sepulveda Basin at no cost to the City. Unfortunately RAP refused without explanation to respond to the proposal. That area is now filled with 6' high dense tinder-dry brush. Pat/Daniel 5/0/0

There was some discussion of this and possibly recommending sheep, Pat noted that sheep are generally not used for this.

- G. 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 7/02/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**
- H. 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 7/02/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**
- I. 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 7/02/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on**

**Discussed G, H, and I, will watch for any activity. There is not enough information to file any update on the CISs already filed.**

- J. 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](#) there has been no update on the status of this project.
  2. Hjelte Field: construct new athletic fields, lighting and parking - \$1,000,000 **Katie noted that this would not cover much. There was a question about if this would impact Tapia, answer is probably.**
  3. Los Angeles Riverfront Park - Phase III Design (Balboa to LA River Orange Line Crossing **Add in for next meeting listing of extension of riverway project, Glenn will get a description**
  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. **There is no update on the status of this parproject.**

**In connection with the above, we also discussed the press conference where Congressman Brad Sherman presented \$3000000 for the project west of Balboa which will include the meeting room, ranger station and some other amenities. That will be a separate item on the next meeting agenda, with updated information if available.**

- K.** Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns - Clearly these will not happen anytime soon. They were not allowed due to potential burrowing owl presence.
- L.** LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#)
- M.** LA City 2021 Draft [List of Tree Species](#) for Public Right of Way. [City Plants](#) list with planting guide. TreePeople [list](#) and ratings.

**We discussed moving L and M off the agenda and to the website**

## **5. Informational Items/Reports/Updates**

- A.** Los Encinos State Historic Park update - Amy Zidell **Pat will try to find out how many will be attending and let Amy know so she can reserve. It would be good to ask for extra police patrol.**
- 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.) **Glenn wants off leash dog park added as an additional item. Glenn is trying to get update on purple pipe.**
- D.** Water: LADWP rebates, drought, water use restrictions [www.lancc.org](http://www.lancc.org) **June 4 meeting.**
- 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](#). Pat will look for a recording, may be discontinued.**

- 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

**6. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda We will meet at 4 pm on 1st Wednesdays**

Adjournment at: 4:03 PM                      **Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 8/3/2022 @4 PM**

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