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## MINUTES

### ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

### Wednesday September 7, 2022 @ 4:00 PM

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**Committee members PRESENT:**

1-\*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-\*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 4-Amy Zidell (arrived at 5 pm)\_5-Marianne Davis  
6-\*Daniel Glaser  
Absent member Katie Bull

1. *The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm, a quorum was determined*
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** *Minutes of the August 3, 2022 Meeting were approved unanimously (Pat/Marianne 4 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions)*
3. **Report/Presentation from any Agencies/Organizations present:** *None*
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction – *None*
5. **Old & New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
  - A. **Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and related issues:-**This was discussed, Glenn noted that he understands concerns of some of the homeowners in the affected area. He also noted this could have been done years ago and the city should have been buying land for preservation, but instead it has been permitting building. Pat noted that the development of the ordinance has been delayed many years while building has been going on non-stop. It may be beyond the tipping point, and this may offer the bare minimum of help, but if the city is at all interested in supporting its biodiversity designation, it should get moving on this right away.

***MOTION: The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends that the Encino NC support implementation of the Draft Wildlife Ordinance forthwith, and expand it city-wide with all urgency. Further, it recommends the city set aside significant financial resources for acquisition of property in all identifiable wildlife areas for preservation in perpetuity as habitat and open space. Said opinion would be in the form of a Community Impact Statement filed to CF 14-0518 and referencing planning cases City Planning Case: CPC-2022-3413-CA, CPC-2022-3712-ZC Environmental Case: ENV-2022-3414-CE (Pat/Marianne, 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions)***

2. **Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Implementation Guidance ([MSPSPIG](#)):** This was discussed briefly and the conclusion was to present the motion approximately as written with detail added to the ENC board: ***MOTION: The ENC Parks/Environment Committee recommends that the ENC Board file a supplemental Community Impact Statement affirming it's original CIS which requested that the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Implementation Guidance (MSCSPIG) which was issued by director of Planning Vincent Bertoni be rescinded, and noting that the***

*court has ordered that the MSPSPIG be rescinded ( Los Angeles Superior Court case 21STCP02043, Federation of Hillside & Canyon Associations Inc. v. City of Los angeles et al, Order Granting Petition for Writ of Mandate dated August 12, 2022). The CIS would also request that the court’s ruling not be appealed, and further, that any developments approved as a result of adherence to the MSPSPIG be identified. To be filed to [CF21-1286](#), City Planning Commission, Office of the Mayor and Office of the City Attorney. (Pat/Glenn, 5 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions)*

3. **Composting/Food Waste:** *Heard at special meeting.*

*The meeting was recessed at 4:59 PM to consider the Special Meeting. The meeting re-convened at 5:38 PM.*

4. **[Ordinance 186294](#):** Consider recommendation to the board to consider a CIS recommending that City Council amend the ordinance to expand application to areas with extreme fire potential that are not in Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zones (e.g. Sepulveda Basin and west side of Hansen Dam Area), and further institute an immediate “zero tolerance” policy for any encampments or noticed trespassing in such areas, subject to criminal trespassing sanctions and immediate removal of persons and any materials deposited in the area by appropriate outreach and sanitation personnel. Any action would reference the ordinance and CF 19-0050. *This was discussed by Pat and Glenn, the conclusion was to do more research and come back with a firm proposal. In addition the role of CalFire would be clarified.*

5. **Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park:** Discuss ongoing issues regarding lack of watering, use of reclaimed water, and other maintenance issues. What can ENC do to help? *Decision was made to move this to the Informational items for the next meeting.*

6. **LA River Bridge Painting:** The gentleman who paints over the graffiti and makes checkerboard patterns on the gunite riprap near the river is asking for assistance. *Discussed, add to list of non-ENC groups doing volunteer work in the area.*

*A decision was made to condense and summarize items 5 B., C., D., and E. for the next meeting, and move G and H to informational.*

- 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, 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 on the fact that **the Encino Neighborhood Council has not yet as of 9/3/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**

- C. 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](#). **Do we have an update on what is happening with this?**
- D. 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. **Is Support for this plan in the State Budget?**
- E. 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.
- F.** Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns - Clearly these will not happen anytime soon. They were not allowed due to potential burrowing owl presence.
- G.** LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#)
- H.** LA City 2021 Draft [List of Tree Species](#) for Public Right of Way. [City Plants](#) list with planting guide. TreePeople [list](#) and ratings.

## 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. 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](#)
- H. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File [15-0499](#) - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021
- I. Weed & Clean Update - *Pat gave a brief update*

## 7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda *Glenn noted that the RAP director will be at the board of Rap Commissioners on 9/15 addressing maintenance issues.*

Adjournment at:       1801            Next Parks and Environment Meeting:       TBD      

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