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**PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING**  
**Wednesday November 2, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

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**Committee members PRESENT:**

1-\*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-\*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-Katie Bull (16: ) 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis (16:00) 6-\*Daniel Glaser (ABSENT)

**Alternate Committee Members:**

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

1. *Meeting was called to order and recording started at 16:27 (took a while to track down some of the folks)*
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the [September 7, 2022](#) Meeting. **Pat moved, Marianne seconded, approved unanimously.**
3. **Report/Presentation from any Agencies/Organizations present: none**
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction – Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public calling in, please press \*9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak. Public comment on agenda items will be heard when the item is up for discussion. **None**
5. **Old & New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
  1. **Discussion and possible action: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and related issues:-** A code amendment to Sections 12.03, 12.04, 12.32, 13.21, 13.22, and 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to create a new "Wildlife District," or "WLD," Supplemental Use District and a zone change to apply the Wildlife District and its regulations to properties within the district. Here is the recommendation our committee made to the ENC board at our September 2022 meeting: **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)** Subsequently, the Department of City Planning revised the proposed ordinance and announced that the proposed Wildlife Ordinance is expected to be heard by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on **November 17, 2022**. An official CPC agenda will be released one week prior to the meeting date. In advance of this meeting, City Planning prepared materials for public review:

A revised version of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance

The Staff Recommendation Report to CPC

A Summary of the Ordinance and Revisions

At this meeting, we will consider revisions to our earlier recommendation pursuant to changes in the proposed ordinance.

*The following motion was considered, discussed and approved:*

*The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends the ENC support implementation of the Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance, but requests that modifications be made to the ordinance. Specifically, the requirement should be revised to 90% of the glazed surface (exterior windows/glass surfaces) to prevent bird strikes: <https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/existing-ordinances/>. The ordinance lot coverage standards should apply to all properties without exempting R1 and R2 zones. The overall height restriction should remain at 35 feet. The ENC further recommends that the Ordinance be implemented without delay and expanded city-wide (see [C22-0483](#) which ENC has already commented on). Further it recommends the city set aside significant financial resources for acquisition of property or conservation easements 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 passed 4 yes/0 no/1 abstention)*

2. **Discussion and possible action: Consider signing on to the resolution supporting the re-envisioning of the Sepulveda Basin. Here is a link to the resolution and to sign on:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KR4DvOCWA6maQWxh4h36QTy8q8Lwbs7w8I5855iSfqM/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KR4DvOCWA6maQWxh4h36QTy8q8Lwbs7w8I5855iSfqM/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Here is a link to the River Project Study and summary:

<https://www.riverproject.org/sepulveda-basin-es> *The resolution was read and discussed. The conclusion was to postpone the consideration to a later meeting to solidify what the NC would actually be considering. Some of the response may depend on results from #3 below.*

3. **Discussion and possible action:**[For background, see article: “Olympic Land Grab Exposed by Councilmembers’ Racist Tirade: How Proposition SP, the 2028 Olympics, and the Fed Tapes are connected” [linked here.](#)] A separate motion regarding interference with the redistricting process will be referred to the ENC Executive Committee.

*Motion: In view of the resignation of councilmember Martinez from CD 6, and in view of the obvious interference with the redistricting process, and in view of the consistent secrecy and disregard for constituents with which she administered operations and plans for the Sepulveda Basin, re-evaluate the following items which we have had on our agenda for several months, and also consider plans for the 2028 Olympics (LA28)*

Sepulveda Basin venues. This motion requests a report back from the caretaker (currently Sharon Tso) of CD 6 on details on each of these plans as well as plans for LA28 Sepulveda Basin venues. If information is inadequate, the ENC will encourage Public Record Act Requests for any and all communications between CM Martinez, the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, the LA28 Committee, the Los Angeles City Bureau of Engineering, the Los Angeles Mayor's office, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the LA Rams organization, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and any other parties deemed necessary to determine what was being negotiated, contracted and executed or in process regarding the Sepulveda Basin. This motion further requests that the Los Angeles City Controller investigate any and all transactions among and between former Councilpresident Martinez and any of the above-cited parties.

The specific issues include, but are not limited to:

- a) 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 was 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 9/3/2022 been informed of anything regarding what is clearly going on.**
- b) 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.**
- c) 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. (Pat/Marianne 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions)

***In addition to the above motion, a motion will be drafted specifically addressing the interference with the redistricting process and referred to the ENC Executive Committee.***

- B. 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. Construction of 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 a 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.

*This was briefly discussed, Glenn will get up to speed and report back next meeting, we were all also wondering where the greatly touted different \$3,000,000 from the Federal govt has gone or is being used.*

- C.** Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns - Can we revisit this request? Alternatively, consider the use of goats for fuel reduction. *We should circle back to this to try to get LAFD support, Glenn will find a contact, Pat will also contact Trevor Richmond (Valley chief)*
- D.** LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#)
- E.** LA City 2021 Draft [List of Tree Species](#) for Public Right of Way. [City Plants](#) list with planting guide. TreePeople [list](#) and ratings. *Pat thinks the link is not draft, Glenn will check*

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

- A.** Los Encinos State Historic Park update - *[Amy Zidell Amy notes the blacksmith is there every 3rd Sunday 1-3 pm. publicity would help Amy also wants updates on HPAI \(Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza\)](#)*
- 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](#) *Pat advised to check website - there is a change in scheduled meetings*
- 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 noted we have approval through 6/30/2023*

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

Adjournment at:       18:03            **Next Parks and Environment Meeting: 12/7/2022 #@1600**

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