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NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 7 pm
MINUTES

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The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of one minute per item and five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment. Please be aware that time accumulates for any agenda items commented on.

Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

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Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Vacant Area 2 Rep	Alex Ventura Area 3 Rep	Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep	Michael Silva Area 5 Rep
Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep	Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Andrew Zucker Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep	Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep
Eliot Cohen HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep	Darin Spillman PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 2 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
Vacant Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	Daniel Glaser At-Large Rep Alt 2	Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt
Vacant Business Rep Alt 1	Vacant Business Rep Alt 2	Vacant Education Rep Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep Alt	Vacant EPOA Rep Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Rep Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt	Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt	Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt	Vacant Religious Rep Alt
Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt				

- Names highlighted in YELLOW were in attendance, names in RED were absent

1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.
- Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to:

2. LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634
 - Officer Walia was not in attendance, a brief report was provided by the ENC President
 - Councilmember Nithya Raman: Itzel Sanchez-Morales, itzel.sanchez@lacity.org
 - Itzel provided an update from the Council Office
 - Mayor Bass: Erin Seinfeld: erin.seinfeld@lacity.org – Not in Attendance
 - Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: (818) 346-4521: Not in Attendance

LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416

- **Blake Clayton provided an update and mentioned that this was his last meeting as the rep for the Supervisor's office. Several ENC Board Members commented and offered support and appreciation for all of his hard work and dedication to the community.**
 - West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org – **Not in attendance**
 - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews Dina.Andrews@lacity.org
 - **Dina was not in attendance, Ann Marie Holman (Director of Communications) provided the DONE update as well as provided NC election updates.**
 - Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey
 - **Glenn provided an update from the Budget Advocates**
3. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This comment period includes comment on all numbered agenda items including public officials' reports.
- **No one from the public spoke during the multiple agenda items comment period**
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC's subject matter jurisdiction 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 who are using the Zoom application, please use the Raise Hand feature to speak.
- **Multiple members of the public spoke during public comment on non-agenda items.**
5. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): "If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. **The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible.**"
- **Alex G. nominated Danny G. to fill the Public Safety position and Lissa M. to fill the Education Rep seat**
 - **Without objection the alternates were seated.**
6. **Officer's Reports:**
- A. President's Report – **Alex G. provided updates, including touching on the upcoming meetings regarding the Amestoy pedestrian bridge as well as a community meeting regarding the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan on Feb 8**
 - B. Vice-President's Report – **The VP yielded her time**
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Motion to approve the [November & December 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)
- **Pat made a motion to approve the MER, Anni K. 2nds.**
 - **Following board and public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**
 - **Lee B. was absent for the vote.**
 - D. Secretary's Report: **All past due minutes completed: [July 2022](#), [August 2022](#), [October 2022](#) & [November 2022](#)**
- Glenn B. provided an update, Glenn B. moved to approve, Alex G. 2nds.

- Following no objections, the minutes were approved 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)
- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting
- Lee B. questioned if the Secretary or SAA completed his request regarding absences.
- Alex G. responded to the request
 - E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report – The SAA provided a report
- Glenn B. commented that there might be a new training required before our next meeting and to keep an eye out for communications from the City or President of the NC
- Alex G. confirmed the training is up in Cornerstone

7. NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:

Executive Committee:

- A. West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair** - On February 25, 2023 the West Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair at Pierce College. The ENC is able to have a table at the event with outreach items. The cost to have a table at the event is \$500. Additionally we would need to purchase ENC logo items to handout that relate to the event from Marco Promos or 4Imprint. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the ENC approve \$500 for a table at the West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair being held at Pierce College on February 25, 2023 and further authorize an additional amount, up to \$500, for ENC logo items from Marco Promos, 4 Imprint or similar. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- Alex G. introduced the item and made a motion to approve, Pat B. 2nds
 - A member of the public spoke in support of the item.
 - Following public and board member comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)
 - * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting
- B. Election Outreach** - Approval of funds, from the election budget, for future ENC election outreach at upcoming community events. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board authorize up to \$350 for Encino NC election information/outreach handouts at upcoming community events. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- Alex G. introduced the item, Glenn B. 2nds.
 - Following public and board member comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)
 - * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting
8. **NEW BUSINESS CONSENT ITEMS: *Items 8A. thru 8F. all passed their respective committees with full consent, following discussion by committee members and the public. Public comment was taken on all of the following consent items in committee. Unless a board member pulls an item, items 8A. thru 8F. will be deemed approved unanimously by the Encino Neighborhood Council. If an item is pulled, the remaining consent items will pass by consent and the pulled items will be discussed in the order on the agenda.***

Traffic and Transportation Committee (CONSENT ITEMS):

- A. Fire Road Repairs** - **MOTION: The ENC asks the LA City and the MRCA to repair the fire road because of safety concerns and create no parking zone at Encino Hills Dr entrance at the gate for access. Kelson/Hand 8/0/0**

B. Erosion Control at Calneva and Mulholland - MOTION: The ENC requests CD4, BOE to conduct erosion control study at Calneva/Mulholland for the constructions of a storm drain network (with velocity dissipaters) for safety of motorists and residents.

KELSON/STEVENS 8/0/0

Homelessness Committee:

C. [CF 12-1690-S18](#): Motion by Blumenfield/Hernandez relative to directing the City Administrative Officer to identify funding to increase support for LAHSA's Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter Program, instructing the Emergency Management Department to review the Adverse Weather Annex, and requesting LAHSA report on increasing bed capacity and expanding Winter Shelter sites. **Motion: The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the ENC make a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 12-1690-S18 which requests that more Winter Shelters be opened quickly, and further make changes to Emergency Management Department and LAHSA operations to ensure the current situation with no Winter Shelters in Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 does not reoccur. Unsheltered people are at risk of developing and dying from hypothermia in even our Southern California area, especially with the current wet and chilly weather. We certainly hope action is being taken now on this situation, as this City Council Motion has not even been heard by committee yet. Consideration of the motion is worthwhile to ensure the availability of cold- or hot-weather shelters in the future. We support a report back from LAHSA regarding the failure to implement the Winter Shelter program in SPA 2.**

Pat/Rochelle Passed 5y/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions

Parks and Environment Committee

D. Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan - This includes the scope of the [February 2022 Task Order Solicitation](#) (pages 24-25 describes projects and locations) requesting bids on master planning and design consulting services, resulting in a contract which was awarded on [November 18, 2022](#). Besides the specific projects, consider commenting on the lack of notification of affected Neighborhood Councils that the Task Order Solicitation (TOS) had been issued. **MOTION: The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends the ENC board support the following Motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that any “Vision Plan” projects proposed for the Sepulveda Basin be subject to timely Encino Neighborhood Council notification (90 days advance notice) as well as including Encino Neighborhood Council and Encino community participation. The Encino Neighborhood Council supports in principle the proposed motion from Councilwoman Nithya Raman regarding the Vision Plan based on the current draft of the motion. The Encino Neighborhood Council, as well as Los Angeles City Council District 4 must be notified of all actions under the Vision Plan and invited to participate and engage in all phases of the development of the Vision Plan and projects. (Pat/Glenn 5 yes/ 0 no /0 abstentions)**

Executive Committee: At the time of this posting, both council files were adopted by City Council

E. [CF 23-0002-S16](#) - Resolution (Soto-Martinez - Raman for Lee - Yaroslavsky) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program, sponsorship or support for legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to permit the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system to choose to operate remote meetings indefinitely. Additionally, [CF 23-0002-S17](#) - Resolution (Blumenfield - Krekorian - McOsker) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State legislative Program its position on legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to meet virtually. **MOTION: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends the board support filing a CIS in support of CF 23-0003-S16 and CF 23-0002-S17 as written. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

F. 2023 ENC Regular Meeting Schedule - For most of the year our regularly scheduled meetings, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, do not conflict with major holidays. The ENC elections will not be certified until July 3rd, we could hold a Special meeting on July 5th to introduce the new board and elect officers. November

has 5 Wednesdays, we could schedule the last meeting on Nov. 29, 2023. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support keeping the ENC regular schedule for the 2023 term, tentatively schedule a Special meeting on July 5, 2023, cancel the regular meeting in November & December, and hold the last meeting of the year on November 29, 2023. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- **Alex G introduced the consent items, mentioning they passed in committee with public comment, no items were pulled.**
- **Michael S. asked about item 8E and Glenn B. provided an update on the items.**
- **Following comments, items 8A – 8F were passed unanimously 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

9. New Business:

Executive Committee:

- A. Drone for West Valley LAPD** - Several cities, including Los Angeles, have started using drones to assist law enforcement officers on calls. Beverly Hills PD is currently using a drone called "Hawkeye" and reported a decrease in crime since the real-time monitoring started between January and October 2022. During that time, there were 2,384 flights, including responding to 1,283 calls from the police radio. About 674 times during that period, the drone arrived on scene before police officers. The drone was also used 317 times to keep an eye above traffic stops initiated across the city ([LA Times, Dec. 29, 2022](#)). While other divisions can launch the drone from the patrol vehicle. Currently the LAPD is severely understaffed, the use of a drone for the West Valley LAPD station would greatly assist our officers. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends the following:**
- **Have our Councilmember introduce a motion requesting a report on the Police Commission expanding the drone program to assist West Valley LAPD officers**
 - **Request that the Budget Advocates recommend to add at least \$500,000 to the LAPD Budget for the use of Hawkeye or similar drones for the West Valley LAPDa**
 - **Submit a community impact statement to the Police Commission recommending the use of drones at the West Valley LAPD station and expand the program to include assistance to officers for any call in which utilizing a drone will aid officers.**

The motion passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)

- **Alex G. introduced the item.**
- **Several board members commented on the item.**
- **The item was opened to the public. Following public comment, board members had additional comments.**
- **Following much discussion, it was decided to make a request to the Budget Advocates to recommend adding additional funds to the LAPD budget to expand the existing drone program into the West Valley LAPD station.**
- **Alex G to request the current guidelines for the use of LAPD drones for their existing drone program.**
- **Alex G. introduced the item, Danny G. 2nds**
- **Following comments, the item was voted on and passed: 10 (Y), 3 (N), 4 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

Added at the discretion of the President (Time Sensitive):

B. Encino Ballot Voting Model - The election clerk has sent over the Ballot Voting Model (BVM) for approval. After review, all requirements are consistent with our current Bylaws. However, it does not mention that 18 alternates are elected and should be added to the BVM. **Possible MOTION: The ENC has reviewed and supports the requirements noted in the BVM and requests to add, under Board Seats, “Alternate Seats - 18 are elected.”**

- **Alex G. introduced the item and read the motion. Victoria M. 2nds.**
- **Several board members commented on the item and it was decided to make it a little easier to understand**
- **The changes recommended by Victoria M. and Glenn B. were incorporated**
- **Following board member and public comment, the item was approved: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City’s Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

10. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

- **All agenda items were completed by 8:34pm, allowing for ample time for board members to make comments.**
- **Glenn B. thanked Alex G. for paying attention to what comes from the City regarding the official tree of Los Angeles, commenting that Alex helped jump start the process about the motion. The official tree is the Coast Live Oak.**
- **Laurie K. commented that the left hand mail box is back at the center, a big win for the community**
- **Alex G. commented that we’re still advocating that membership to alliances and organizations should be community based rather than by council district**
- **Lee B. provided an update from Area 1**
- **Darin S. provided an update from the PLU**
- **Daniel F. plugged the 311 app., a great tool for the community**
- **Lissa M. commented on the lack of permits being requested for housing and asked about notices about cell towers being installed.**
- **Michael S. commented on the housing model from the State**
- **Victoria M. commented what could be done about attracting more businesses to the community**
- **Eliot C. provided an update from the VNY CAC.**
- **Pat B. commented about all upcoming events noted on the NC site.**

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023