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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday November 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino, CA 91316

Committee members present:

*Pat Bates: Chair, *Joshua Sautter *Roy Nwaissar *Kelvin Tolbert Varant Majarian

Members absent: Robert Wenger

Alternate committee Members absent::

*Samuel Apikayan * Athena Novak

* Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate, no more than 5 Encino Neighborhood Council Board-Members or Alternates may be seated at a time to vote during a committee meeting

1. Quorum was determined and meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – none
3. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:
 - A. **SLO Terrazas and SLO Walia Addressed Area 1 and Sepulveda Basin concerns. They will be glad to work with Neighborhood Watch Groups forming. There was a discussion of removing unhoused people living in the basin and sepulveda Garden Center.**
4. New Business – Motion, Discussion and Votes may be taken on all items:
 - A. **Neighborhood Watch Sign Allocation procedure. There was a general discussion of this, and the consensus was it does not have to be a hard and fast system but preferences will be given, and the following procedure will be tried out. The reason is deploying signs does little without community engagement to keep an eye on the community.**



- a. Signs will be deployed only on public property and existing square City sign posts.
 - b. Preference will be given to areas with active or in-organization Neighborhood Watch groups.
 - c. Next preference will be to areas with no current signage.
 - d. Area representatives will also be asked to submit to the ENC Treasurer by email requests specifying exact locations. Signage will be allocated based on factors including local crime rate, presence, absence, and condition of existing signage, and Neighborhood Watch organization activity. Any disputes will be resolved by the Public Safety committee
- B. Neighborhood Watch sign Survey: Area representatives will be asked to screen their neighborhoods for existing sign locations and to obtain location-stamped photos if possible for mapping. Photos should be sent to treasurer@encinonc.org. **This was discussed, the committee was agreeable.**
- C. Announcement: Upcoming [RYLAN \(Ready Your LA Neighborhood\)](#) programs - neighborhood, multi-tenant, commercial, house of worship. Announcements will be forthcoming. There will be an emphasis on coordinating RYLAN with establishing Neighborhood Watch groups. RYLAN was explained.
- D. City of Los Angeles 2023 [Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) Update: Possible update on progress. **No news at current date.**
- E. [CF 20-0190](#) Arming RAP Rangers. Sadly, this City Council motion to arm our Park Rangers has expired without consideration. A possible reason for Recreation & Parks Ranter attrition is that they can not be armed on duty. The ENC supported this provision, and many NCs also supported it. **Motion: Request that the City Council re-introduce CF 20-0190 regarding arming Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Park Rangers and take any other necessary actions to recruit and retain these highly-trained and qualified Park Rangers. Pat/Varant 5 yes 0 abstentions 0 no**
- F. The 2024 Annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for Encino will be the evening of Tuesday January 23, 2024. Thanks to the Sherman Oaks/Encino Chamber of Commerce for allowing staging in their Encino office. I will be recruiting volunteers to assist with the count in the upcoming weeks. **Motion: In connection with the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, provide up to \$300 for refreshments, printing and signage for the event. Pat/Josh 5 yes 0 abstentions 0 no**

5. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

6. Adjournment at 7:34 PM _____ Next meeting **December 11, 2023**