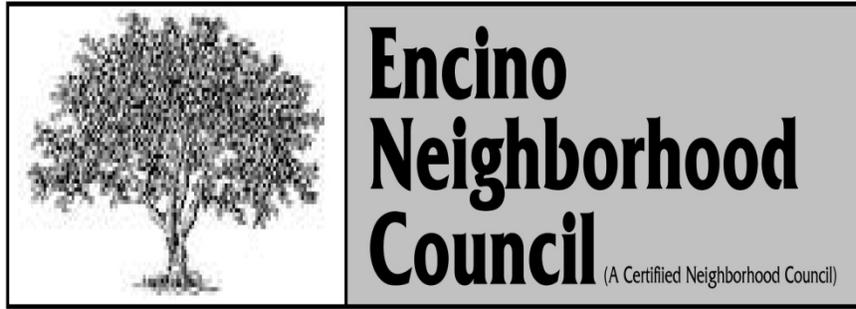


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Encino Neighborhood Council
Parks Committee Minutes
January 7, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Debra George at 7:14 p.m. Other voting members present: Glenn Bailey, Steven DeVore, Cynthia Weichelt, and Diana Crews (arrived approximately 7:30 p.m.). A quorum was present.

2. The proposed minutes of the last Parks Committee meeting held on April 11, 2011 were received and filed.

3. Reports from Los Angeles City Officials and Departments: none noted.

4. Reports from Federal or State Government or Agencies: none noted.

5. Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: Karin Flores of the Friends of the LA River announced a river clean-up on May 18th and a new 38 foot mobile LA River visitor center.

6. New Business:

a. The California Traditional Music Society no longer occupies the building at Encino Park on Ventura Blvd. No further information is available at this time.

b. The removal of native vegetation from most of the 48 acres south of Burbank Blvd. by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was the subject of a lengthy presentation by Kris Ohlenkamp, conservation chair of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, following by questions and discussion. A public walk will be held on Sunday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m. The following motions were made, discussed, and voted on:

(1) MOTION (Glenn Bailey/Debra George) that the ENC Parks Committee recommends that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide adequate advance email notice at least 60 days prior to any action to both Neighborhood Councils in the Sepulveda Basin, the Encino and Lake Balboa NCs, of any and all proposed projects and actions, whether or not an environmental impact is anticipated.
Passed 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

(2) MOTION (Glenn Bailey/Debra George) that the ENC Parks Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council supports the Sepulveda Basin wildlife habitat motion by Councilmember Jan Perry (Council File 13-0024) and recommends that the motion also be referred to the Ad Hoc River Committee and that a Community Impact Statement be filed by the ENC.
Passed 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

(3) MOTION (Cynthia Weichelt/Diana Crews) that the ENC Parks Committee recommends that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers make a clear determination

that the 48 acre Wildlife Area south of Burbank Boulevard is an open public space and a wildlife reserve that will not be closed to the public.

Passed 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

(4) MOTION (Cynthia Weichelt/Diana Crews) that the ENC Parks Committee recommends that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bear all costs related to repair and mitigating damage to hardscape and vegetation originally paid for with local and federal funds as the result of recent USACE damage to sensitive habitats in the 48 acre Wildlife Area south of Burbank Boulevard.

Passed 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

c. Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study: Alternatives C and D were discussed for the purpose of making a recommendation to the National Parks Service.

MOTION: (Debra George/Steven DeVore) that the ENC Parks Committee recommends that the ENC support Alternative C of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study as prepared by the National Park Service as it includes the Sepulveda Basin, Los Angeles River, and Los Encinos State Historic Park and all of Encino and that the ENC also encourage the additional inclusion of Alternate D for maximum connectivity of natural habitats.

Passed 5-0-0 CONSENT ITEM

d. Proposed two-story 18,000 square foot multi-use facility to be built at the Tillman Plant/Japanese Garden within the Sepulveda Garden was discussed, including the possible impacts outside the Tillman berm. Committee members were supportive of extending the public comment period until February 15.

7. Public Forum: no additional comments made.

8. Next Parks Committee meeting will be held Monday, February 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Balboa Sports Center.

The meeting was adjourning at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Bailey