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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2014 @7:00pm

**Balboa Sports Center
17015 Burbank Blvd. Room 1
Encino, CA**

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on items: 2, 3, and 4

Voting Members – ENC Members:

Debra George (Chair), Jason Ackerman, Glenn Bailey, Victoria Miller

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

Pat Bates, Diana Crews, Steven DeVore (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Weichelt, Sue Wilschke

Alternates – Sharon Brewer (ENC), Eliot Cohen (ENC), Stacy M. deArmas, Marly Temple

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Approval of March 3rd Park Committee meeting minutes.
- 3) Old Business (10 minutes):
 - Barn Owl Boxes – status report
 - New soccer field at Hjelte Sports Center – status report
 - Replacement of an oak tree in the 5300 block of Aldea – report
 - Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and the Los Encinos Docents Association. – status report
 - Funding of up to \$350 for the purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. -- status report

4) New Business:

- Motion to support CF 14-0356 directing the City Attorney to prepare and present the necessary Ordinances needed to prohibit certain behaviors in the City's wildlife areas. Members of the Encino community have long observed illegal fishing, harming and killing of migratory birds, taking of bird eggs from nests, bike riding through sensitive areas, allowing off-leash dogs to roam at will and chase birds, and other destructive behaviors. Community Impact Statement to be sent to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee.
- Motion to support CF 13-1603, which instructs Recreation and Parks to include drought tolerant landscaping in City landscaping projects. We urge the Council to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to utilize California native plants in landscaping projects. California native plants provide the sought-after drought tolerance while also providing support to native insects, birds, and other wildlife. Community Impact Statement to be sent to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee.
- Motion to support CF 14-0354, which instructs the Department of Recreation and Parks to include energy and water-saving strategies in the construction and maintenance of RAP facilities, including parking lots. Such strategies must include methods and materials to retain storm water run-off and assist in recharging our groundwater. Effort should also be made to shade parking lots or use other means to minimize heat island effects. Community Impact Statement to be sent to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee.
- Motion to support CF 13-1236, which instructs the Recreation and Parks Department to report recommendations for signage or other appropriate location markers in order to address emergency response concerns and further instructs the Bureau of Engineering to work with the Recreation and Parks department to identify locations where Emergency Call boxes may be appropriate. Location markers should be included on signage within large regional parks or other means of identifying location should be developed. Current calls to LAPD dispatch from within the parks are difficult as callers are unable to give a physical street address. Currently only recourse is to request an airship if emergency assistance is needed. Community Impact Statement to be sent to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee.
- Motion to support CF 14-0335, which instructs the Department of General Services to report on current efforts in identifying alternative paving materials capable of reducing the Urban Heat Island effect and to provide recommendations for next possible steps. The number of "extreme heat" days is projected to quadruple in the San Fernando Valley by 2050; this issue must be addressed with respect to sidewalks, roads, and parking lots. We also urge that permeable paving materials be considered where feasible. <http://heatisland.lbl.gov/coolscience/cool-science-cool-pavements> Community Impact Statement to be sent to Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee
- Motion to support CF 14-0518, which instructs the Planning Department to prepare and present an ordinance to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance zone). Community Impact Statement to be sent to Planning and Land Use Management Committee

- Motion to support 14-0465, which instructs the Planning Department to prepare and process an Interim Control Ordinance. This Ordinance will prohibit the issuance of any permit for properties fronting or abutting Sepulveda Blvd, from Oxnard Street to Rayen Street, preventing any future adult entertainment or adult oriented uses. Spillover from the topless bars, massage parlors, liquor stores, etc. affects the public's safety and enjoyment of Encino parks and the Sepulveda Basin. Community Impact Statement to be sent to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.
 - Motion to support guided and unguided non-motorized boating access from Memorial Day to mid September within the Los Angeles River in Encino as outlined in the Public Notice of Proposed Activity and Preparation of Environmental Assessment. Further support is given to the issuance of a five-year lease to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to operate and manage any part of the LA River within Encino and the Sepulveda Basin for passive activities. Notice of support to be sent to Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Lisa Sandoval
 - Committee member assignments - Discussion
 - Big Draw LA – Proposal report, discussion <http://thebigdrawla.org>
 - Shakespeare in the Park – Proposal Report, discussion
 - LA River Cooperation Committee – Meeting Report
 - Agencies responsible for clearing homeless camps and other trash within the Sepulveda Basin – Report
 - LA River Clean Up – Event Report
- 5) Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: Council Districts 5 and 6, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, other City departments.
- 6) Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: SFV Audubon, CA Native Plant Society, Friends of the LA River, Friends of Los Encinos, etc.

SFV Audubon will host a young birders walk on Saturday, May 31st. For time and location please email Rose at sfvaudubon@gmail.com

The California Native Plant Society presents Basics of California Indian Healing on Tuesday, May 13th from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center; 16633 Magnolia Blvd. The presenter James Adams is a Professor in the USC School of Pharmacy. He will present the basics of CA Indian healing including the use of several common California native plants.

Living History program at Los Encino State Historic Park on May 18th. Park will be open from 10am – 5pm.

Victorian Day in the Park at Los Encino State Historic Park will be on June 22nd beginning at Noon. Participants are encouraged to wear authentic 1870s-80s costume and bring Victorian style picnic food and equipment. Genteel lawn games will be enjoyed.

- 7) Public Forum – comment on non-agenda items. Up to two minutes per speaker; no discussion.
- 8) Next committee meeting will be Monday, July 7th @ 7:00pm. Adjournment by 9:00pm

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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

The agenda is posted for public review at the Encino Chamber of Commerce (outside display case viewable all hours), Encino Community Center, Balboa Sports Center, Encino-Tarzana Branch Library, and The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf store (17301 Ventura Bl.). Report(s) related to an agenda item will be available for review at www.EncinoNC.org.

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