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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2015 @7:00pm

**Encino Community Center
4935 Balboa Blvd
(Craft Room behind the stage. Enter from parking lot.)
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, Pat Bates

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

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

Alternates – Sharon Brewer (ENC), Eliot Cohen (ENC), Amy Zidell

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Approval of Nov 3rd Park Committee meeting minutes.
- 3) Old Business (30 minutes):
 - Neighborhood Purposes Grant requests from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and the Los Encinos Docents Association. – status report
 - Purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. – status report
 - Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park – status update
 - Encino Community Center and Woman’s Club buildings – next steps

4) New Business:

- Pat Bates elected to ENC position of Parks Advocate/Environment Rep Alternate
- Owls found dead in Sepulveda Basin – report from Pat Bates
- Urban Wildlife Program – recent transfer of Officer Randall; need for a highly qualified and trained wildlife expert due to the proximity of the community to the Sepulveda Basin and the LA River.
- Pierce College Farm Center – need for an extension of the lease so that the Farm Center can find a suitable location in the San Fernando Valley

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.

7) Community Events/News

The Wizard of Oz Daddy Daughter Prom will be held at the Encino Community Center on Friday, February 20 @6:30pm. Event is for girls age 5 -10 years and their fathers (uncles or friend) to enjoy a formal evening of dinner, dancing, and more. \$80 per couple, \$40 each additional girl. Tickets always sell out fast! (818) 995-1690

Encino Community Center Winter Classes begin January 11th. Art, dance, music, karate, etc for children and adults. <http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/pdf/encino/brochure.pdf>

Introduction to Birding/New Birders Group Meeting - Thursday January 15 @ 7pm.
Wild Wings Backyard Nature Store, 4337 Woodman Ave, Sherman Oaks. Parking in the back

Audubon and Global Warming/SFV Audubon General Meeting – Thursday January 22 @7pm
Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd. All are welcome

Young Birders Group Bird Walk – Sat, January 31 @ 9am - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area
Email Rose Leibowitz for more information: roselbirds@gmail.com

Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk – Sun, February 1 @ 8am - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area
Email Kris Ohlenkamp for more information: kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org

Families and Beginners Bird Walk – Sat, February 14 @ 9am - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area
Call Diana Keeney for more information: (818) 998-3216

Garden plots are available at the Sepulveda Garden Center - \$120 per year per plot
Call (818) 784-5180 for more information.

8) Public Comment – comment on non-agenda items. Up to two minutes per speaker; no discussion.

9) Next committee meeting will be Monday, March 2nd @ 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 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 Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles that ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials, and the Community on issues or concerns that affect the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of VOLUNTEERS who are elected by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the ENC General Board.

PUBLIC INPUT AT ENC PARKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public or other Board members not on The ENC Parks Committee to address the Committee will be provided during “**Public Comment section**”. **The ENC Parks Committee may or may not take any action or discuss matters addressed in “Public Comments.”** Members of the public (or ENC Board members or Alternates) who wish to be recognized on any item will have time during public comment section of this Meeting. However, the Parks Committee may refer such matters to the appropriate Council Committees for further consideration.

*** Public comments are limited to TWO (2) minutes per speaker.**

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