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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**Encino Community Center Crafts Room**  
**4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino, CA, 91316**

**Members present:**

**Voting Members– ENC Members:**

**Pat Bates\* (Chair), Samantha Greitzer\*,**

**Voting Members – Stakeholders:**

**Jodie Francisco, Eve Greitzer**

**Alternate Committee Members:**

**Nick Greitzer**

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. It was determined there was a quorum (5 members required).**
- 2. Opening comments from chairperson:** Issues with CD 6 starting Phase 3 without informing ENC. Noted help has been requested from DONE to inform CD 6 we jointly represent the basin. Described half done cleanup at Bull Creek. Noted that we had meeting at Henry Stearn's office – Pat needs to follow up with Kathy Litteri regarding getting a 'steering committee' organized to cover all basin issues.
- 3. Reports from Public Officials:** Tessa Charnofsky: Described meeting with SD3, CD 6, MRCA, LAHSA, LAFH, ACOE, Mayor's Office, RAP. ENC was specifically excluded and was supposed to be brought into next meetings. She noted Kuehl's office has not been up to date. I noted that there are areas park users may be aware of that all the above agencies are not aware of. Discussed County public works projects. Tessa noted SD3 has been working closely with CD 3 developing the bridge housing facility in Canoga Park. Jody mentioned property that would make good PSH facility, Tessa recommended working with City councilperson for area. Discussed artwork at SFVACC for shelters.
- 4. Approve minutes of October 2, 2019 Meeting (5/0/0)**
- 5. Safe Parking:** Potential Safe Parking sites in our territory? Jody noted that a new funding cycle will begin in December. Safe Park LA is a non-profit that oversees the facilities. Looking for parking lots

where people will park overnight – they provide security, sanitation. Only one in west valley is at Blumenfield's office. Cars do not need to be insured, they have a co that will do it. They need to be registered. Discussed lot at Oxnard and the 405.

6. **Jody Francisco** described fundraiser at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron on 12/7/19
7. **January 2019 PIT count:** The plan is to get on board with this especially with respect to basin encampment areas before it gets done wrong yet again. We realize the extent of the encampment areas will depend on the results and sustainability of the clean out program. Discussed participation in 2020 count, described meeting with Rabbi Farkas (LAHSA Commissioner) and discovery that the basin was simply not counted. MOTION HOM 19 11 001: The Encino Neighborhood Homelessness Committee wishes to be recognized as a participant in the 2020 Point-in-Time Homeless count at the end of January 2020. The committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council appropriate up to \$200 to be used for promotion, copying, supplies in addition to refreshments (bottled water/packaged snacks) for participants in the count. (Motion approved 5/0/0)
8. **Motion HOM 19-11 0002:** MOTION HOM 19-11-002: The Encino Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council issue a Community Impact Statement in favor of Los Angeles City Council File 19-1119, addressing the impact of homelessness in and adjacent to our public parks, with minor modification: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 19-1119 (with modifications), which recommends that “the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) be instructed to conduct community stakeholder meetings in each Council District with all park users in order to solicit feedback relative to ensuring that City parks are safe, clean, manageable and accessible to everyone, and that the Department report to Council with the results of these public meetings and offer recommendations on how to manage the impacts of homelessness at all City parks.”

The Encino Neighborhood Council recommends that the frequency and notice period for the meetings be clarified, and that “with all park users” be replaced with “available to all park users”. There have been significant impacts of homelessness on Encino's parks, and especially on the Sepulveda Basin areas, resulting in ecological damage and lack of public use of at least one area (Bull Creek Restoration Area). The Sepulveda Basin encompasses a very large area, and it is not possible for RAP employees, including rangers, to monitor all the goings on in the area. Further, there has been a tendency for actions being taken in the park without regard to any constituent input. The opportunity for the park users to offer recommendations to RAP on managing impacts of homelessness in the parks should be a benefit to both RAP and the community.

Passed (5/0/0)

9. Future Homelessness Projects/Events were described:
  - (a) Canoga Park Bridge Housing Open House 11/21/2019 6pm-7:30 PM Rose Goldwater community Center, Flyer will be on [www.encinonc.org](http://www.encinonc.org) website
  - (b) The West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness will be conducting a Jobs Fair in early 2020.
10. Date of next Homelessness Committee Meeting is December 11 , 2019