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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 1, 2015 @7:00pm

**Balboa Sports Center
17015 Burbank Blvd. Room 1
Encino, CA 91316**

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

Voting Members – ENC Members:

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

Voting Members – Stakeholders:

Diana Crews, Steven DeVore (Vice-Chair), Sue Wilschke, Amy Zidell

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Approval of August 31st and November 9th Park Committee meeting minutes.
- 3) Old Business:
 - Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society NPG approved for \$2,000
 - Homeless issues update
 - AngelFest - Festival to be held in Woodley Park October 2016

4) New Business:

- **Motion in support of LAPD enforcement of LAMC §63.44.B.8 which prohibits aircraft or powered models to be flown in park and recreation areas not specifically set aside for such activity. The presence of ‘drones’ in local parks and the Sepulveda Basin Recreation and Wildlife Areas present a danger to users of the parks as well as wildlife. Escalating tensions between individuals using park and recreation facilities and the drone operators have been noted as has destruction of signage prohibiting drone flying by drone operators.**
- **Motion requesting amendment to LAMC §63.44.B.8 to include prohibiting kites. The presence of kite fighting activity in local parks has led to hundreds of yards of thick string, including glass embedded string being entangled in trees and spread across bike paths and roads.**

- Proposed changes to the Encino Neighborhood Council Bylaws:

Current - One (1) Park Advocate/Environment Representative, such as, but not limited to, San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, Balboa Sports Center Park Advisory Board, Encino Community Center Park Advisory Board, Friends of Encino Park, the Japanese Garden Advisory Board, Friends of Lake Balboa, Los Encinos State Historic Park, Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park PAB, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, and the Sepulveda Garden Center Gardeners.

Proposed - One (1) Park Advocate/Environment Representative, such as, but not limited to, San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, Balboa Sports Center Park Advisory Board, **California Native Plant Society LA/SMM Chapter**, Encino Community Center Park Advisory Board, ~~Friends of Encino Park~~, the Japanese Garden ~~Docents Advisory Board~~, ~~Friends of Lake Balboa~~, **Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society**, Los Encinos State Historic Park **Docent Association**, **Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park PAB**, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, Sepulveda Garden Center Gardeners, **the Southern California Garden Club and other park and environmental groups that work or meet regularly within the boundaries of the ENC.**

- Upcoming Encino Neighborhood Council election in April. Candidate and voter information. <http://empowerla.org/elections/>

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) Southern CA Garden Club General Membership Meeting March 15th 9:30 - Noon at the Sepulveda Garden Center. Program will feature “YOU Too Can Design with Flowers”
<http://socialgardenclub.org/Meetings.htm>

Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society will meet Thursday Feb 4th at 7PM. Sepulveda Garden Center. Program will present Succulent Propagation by Ernesto Sandoval.
<http://www.lacss-show.com/index.html>

SFV Audubon Society Beginners and Family Bird Walk on Sunday Feb 7th at 8am in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. Binoculars available for loan.
<http://www.sfvaudubon.com/events-calendar/>

- 8) Public Forum – comment on non-agenda items. Up to two minutes per speaker; no discussion.
- 9) Next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th @ 7:00pm.
- Adjournment by 9:00pm

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

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