

PROPOSED MINUTES  
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 26, 2005  
Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino

1. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Barbara Hand at 7:10 p.m.

Representatives present: Area 1, G. Bailey; Area 2, P. Kater; Area 3, M. Hamilton; Area 4, G. Martayan; Area 5, B. Hand; Area 6, L. Kelson; At Large 1, R. Glushon; At Large 2, J. Woods; Business 1, M. Powers; Condo/Apt, S. Gamson; Park/Environment, S. Brewer; Planning, M. Berman; Public Safety, M. Grossman; Religious, G. Bedigian; HOME, G. Silver.

Representatives absent: Area 7, R. Leonard (excused); Business 2, R. Paley (excused); Educational, L. Goldstein (excused); Volunteer, S. Lambert (excused); Chamber, J. Simon (excused); EPOA, M. Baar (excused).

Alternates present: Area 2, L. Permaul ; Area 3, J. Strauber; Area 4, R. Flam; Area 5, Abbey Faranesh; Area 7, P. Noce (voting); Planning, L. Ambers; Chamber, R. Leyner (voting); EPOA, D. Rosen (voting).

Alternates absent: Area 1, M. Rosen;; Area 6, M. Ingles; At Large 1, G. Gammon; At Large 2, L. Klein; Volunteer, H. Belasco (excused); HOME, N. Landau (excused).

Vacancies: Alternates: Business 1; Business 2; Condo/Apt, Educational, Park/Environment, and Religious.

A quorum was present (18 voting members).

2. September 28, 2005 meeting minutes: Approved as corrected (P. Noce was present).

June 16, 2005 meeting minutes: Approved as submitted.

3. Report from City Officials: David Rahimian, West Valley Representative for the Mayor's Office, introduced himself. Shirin Buckman, Council District 5, reported approval for permit for Encino Community Center roof repair in process; video conferencing in Van Nuys for City Council meetings pilot project will begin November 22; Tree People are donating fruit trees; project meetings for Prop. O (clean water bond) will be held in November.

LAPD SLO Mark Ro announced October 29 Neighborhood Watch meeting at West Valley Police Station and November 15 officer appreciation day.

DONE PC Tom Soong reported on Mayor's October 1 budget day; Budget Survey forms to be completed by Board members only, due December 15; need two budget representatives by November 15; emergency preparedness session, which will target public safety committees, will be held December 5 at a location to be determined.

4. Report from Treasurer: Financial report as of October 26, 2005 showing current balances was distributed. The audit for the July-September quarter has been submitted, copies will be distributed after DONE approval.

5. Presentation regarding Sherman Oaks Little League proposed field at southeast corner of Victory Blvd. and Louise Ave. (representative not present at this time, item considered later in meeting)

6. Presentation regarding proposed addition to Holy Martyrs School, 5300 White Oak Avenue.

Peter Brown, representing Holy Martyrs School, said the additional classrooms are to reduce the student-teacher ratio, the school has been in existence for 40 years, and they agreed to postpone previous hearing to November 4. Last night they met with some neighbors who had concerns about parking, traffic in neighborhood, public safety; the school proposes 25 conditions that address these issues. Victor Martin, Afriat Consulting Group, gave an overview of the application which would expand the current administration building (two floors) to 22,380 square feet. The conditional use permit/zone variance is for 206 parking spaces instead of the required 221. The existing permits allow 650 students.

Wayne Avrashow (con) stated there are problems with both the proposal and the notification process, which he described in detail, and requested the hearing be delayed to early 2006. Board members asked questions regarding rescheduling the hearing. Ten speaker cards were submitted for public comment which included the following concerns: community only learned about project in mid-September; height of two-story, 37-foot-high building excessive; 15 new classrooms but no commitment of no new students; traffic and parking plan; students leave trash from meals; drag racing occurs during lunch and after school; cars exit out of no exit driveway; U-turns; kids running across White Oak Avenue; corner house bought and its adjacent lot wanted for parking; there are no sidewalks.

Additional Board comments included limiting the number of students to 650, a traffic study, meetings with neighbors, and mitigation.

Motion (D. Rosen), seconded (G. Silver), to recommend that the applicant request the November 4 hearing be postponed to pursue necessary discussions with community. Discussion followed. Vote 16-0-1 (G. Bedigian reclused himself from the vote). Motion passed

Presentation regarding Sherman Oaks Little League proposed field at southeast corner of Victory Blvd. and Louise Ave. (Agenda Item 5)

Rogg Collins stated his organization currently operates five fields and this location would be for a junior program, ages 13-14, partnered with Encino Little League. The site is presently used as a MTA construction yard; they hope to open field by spring. Parking would be paved, located on the western border of the property. The intent is to have 300 feet to all outfield fences, an eight-foot perimeter fence, and 25 foot netting on Victory Blvd. There would be no lights (daytime play only). Second phase would include snack bar and bathroom. Trees taken out would be replaced. Discussion followed.

Motion (R Glushon), seconded (G. Martayan), to support project with the following conditions: annual permit to be issued by Recreation and Parks; comply with their requirements; provide opportunity for other girls and boys to utilize site; maximum age restriction of 15 years old; ingress and egress approval; and further details on design shared with the ENC. Following discussion, passed unanimously.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. Finance: Community Projects

1) Encino Elementary School: Five classroom rugs (9' x 12') item #LA952 @ \$379 each plus tax not to exceed \$2,000. Motion (M. Powers), seconded (G Martayan) to approve.

Following discussion, vote 10-3-5. Motion passed.

2) LA City Fire Dept. for new Fire Station: Eight Lazy Boy recliners total \$ 4,665.10 including tax & delivery. One Kenmore extra large washer \$ 1,349 plus tax; One Kenmore dryer \$ 980.00 plus tax. . Motion (M. Powers), seconded (G Martayan) to approve. Vote 16-1-1. Motion passed.

3) Encino Velodrome: Tractor lawn mower Sears \$1,300 without tax or delivery; two bin lawn bagger \$320.00. One public comment in support

4) Caution Lawn Signs: 50 @ \$3.50 each = \$ 175.00

5) Officer Appreciation Day: \$200 for November 15, 2005

Motion (M. Powers), seconded (G. Martayan) to approve items 3, 4, and 5 (above). Vote 17-1-0. Motion passed.

(John Bwarie, Council District 12, introduced himself. He plans to attend every three months.)

### b. Planning and Land Use:

1) 4949 Balboa Blvd. (83 apartment units) : Committee could not vote due to lack of quorum. There is concern about parking. A neighborhood meeting will be held November 1 and the public hearing is November 7.

### c. Parks, Open Space, and Recreation:

1) Bull Creek Channel Ecosystem Restoration Project: not reported on; the update that was given erroneously covered the proposed Sepulveda Sports Complex.

2) Appointment of person as Director of Animal Welfare to represent Encino:

S. Brewer was appointed without objection.

3) Letter to Department of Recreation and Parks requesting ENC be informed of special events: approval was given to send such letter.

### d. Bylaws:

1) Proposed Additional Standing Rules (see Attachment A): S. Gamson gave overview; Committee will consider additional items for consideration at next meeting.

e. Public Safety:

1) Signage: available for pick up.

2) Presentation on sidewalk repair by Mark Simon of the Division of Street Services: The program is a 50-50 match, cost is \$10 per square foot with no extra fees. 196 have signed up to date citywide and enrollment closes December 31. While sidewalk maintenance is the legal responsibility of the homeowner, injury claims are filed against the city.

8. Selection of Two Budget Representatives: Marcia Powers and Jesse Woods volunteered and were appointed to serve.

9. Agenda Items for November 30, 2005 Council Meetings: Include proposed developments at 5101 Balboa Blvd., Noeline Ave., 4949 Balboa Blvd., and 4741 Libbet Ave.

10. Board Member Comment: Order of items on agenda; Orange Line busway opening October 29; 405 HOV lane comments due October 31.

11. Public Comments: One speaker.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey, Secretary  
Encino Neighborhood Council