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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
[DRAFT] MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 27th, 2019
6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments
7:00pm Meeting**

**Encino Women's Club
4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316**

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

The Encino Neighborhood Council may be live streamed to the Encino Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/>

City of Los Angeles Harassment and Diversity Policy: All City volunteers have a right to work in an environment free from all forms of discrimination and conduct which can be considered harassing, coercive, or disruptive.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05pm.

In attendance:

Lee Blumenfield (Sgt at Arms)
Tatiana Bolotina (Area 3)
Jess Whitehill (Area 4)
Diane Rosen (Area 5)
Laurie Kelson (Area 6)
Jim Esterle (Area 7)
Alex Garay (President)
Henry Eshelman (At-Large)
Victoria Miller (VP)
Samuel Apikyan (Business)



Shelley Billik (Parks)
Eliot Cohen (Planning & Land)
Glenn Bailey (Public Safety)
Anni Keusseyan (Religious Inst)
Karie Purcell (Secretary)
Patricia Bates (Treasurer)
Katie Bull (Area 2 – Alt)
Joey Alfano (Condo – Alt)

Joey Alfano was seated for Sherman Garrison

2. Seating of Alternates

Discussion and Possible Action: Should any Representative and its Alternate be absent The President may nominate Alternates of other seats to fill that seat for this meeting only, whom may be seated upon approval by the seated members of the Board.

MOTION: To approve President Garay’s Recommendations for the seating of alternates

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes) Limited to maximum TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board’s Secretary. Time may be adjusted at president’s discretion.

: Ryan Levy – She has put together a Community Safety Traffic Control Committee. Made introduction of committee. Boundary is Hayvenhurst to Encino Hill Dr. Spoke on traffic control in the neighborhood.

Shari – Safety concern on Haskel from freeway. No stop signs Hesby/Haskel. Cars speeding down the road. Requesting sign or safety crosswalk for kids / parents. There currently is no crossing guard either.

Kari Adelman – DWP has been called in regard to broken pipe causing flooding on Louis/ White Oak. Large sink hole has filled with water and cars are hitting the sink hole and not knowing it is there.

Heather Michaels – Doing an outreach to the community. Event on Saturday to engage neighbors.

4. Committee Reports (10 minutes):

1. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall/Glenn Bailey
Jess Whitehill – Bylaws committee is planning a meeting
2. Homelessness – Pat Bates
Patricia Bates – Homelessness Committee toured Sepulveda Basin. She wants to find out how the homeless are counted. There is a homeless connect planned for April 18th.
3. Government Affairs – Joseph Alfano
Joey Alfano – Gov’t Affairs – 1st meeting will be March 12th
4. Outreach - Alex Garay:
– Elections – Candidates to come out in April. Brought up the Restaurant Tour (need date) and planning an Animal Walk.



5. Parks/Environment – Shelley Bilik
March 6th is Parks & Environment meeting. Haskel Creek clean up is planned for April 13th. White Oak median irrigation replacement is planned
6. Planning & Land Use - Eliot Cohen
Eliot Cohen – Senate Bill 50 – if bill is passed, Apt Building can be built w/o parking. Neighborhood needs to let politicians know that you are against the bill. It was confirmed that Councilman Koretz is against the bill
7. Public Safety – Suzan Richmond/Sam Apikyan
Sam Apikyan – Planning disaster prep education training, looking to get a risk assessment from the fire dept.
8. Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson
Laurie Kelson – Encino “wish list” has been going on. Light at Hayvenhurst and Ventura has been increased and left arrow time increased.

5. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies: (30 minutes)

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
-Gibson with Empower LA mentioned March 4th as last day to sign up for candidacy, May 19th is Election day. – Also mentioned CF18-0467 was passed.
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Chris Givens, Encino Field Deputy (818) 971-3088
- C. Councilmember Koretz: Aviv Kleinman, Planning Deputy (818) 971-3088
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers: Officer Walia
-Officer Mark McKeegan called for volunteers for patrol. The volunteers would observe and report. There is a meeting for March 6th from 7:30 to 8:30 in West Valley.
-Officer Walia gave a crime report. Overall crime is down 17.2% Updates can be found on LAPD West Valley Facebook page.
- E. LA Department of Public Works Representatives
- F. LADWP Representative
- G. County or State officials

6. PRESENTATION (30 Minutes) – LAPD Community Patrol – Officer Mark Mckeighan– Presentation on LAPD’s Community Patrol Program.

7. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 minutes)

How to apply

Available positions include: Education Rep., **Alternates:** Business (2); Education; Public Safety; Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 4, Area 5; Area 7

8. Officer's Reports:

- A. President’s Report –



B. Treasurer's Report – (10 Minutes) Update for Board – ENC Account and cash flow

- 1 **MOTION:** Approval of October/November/December 2018 due to reclassification & January 2019 Monthly Expenditure Reports
October – December monthly expense due to adjustments needs to be re-approved. And to include January 2019 MER – Pat motioned / Lee 2nd (13,0,0)

2. NPG – Community Center

C. Secretary's Report –

1. **MOTION:** Approval of August 2018 meeting minutes, November 2018 Minutes & January 2019 minutes
August, November 2018 minutes to approve – Alex motion / Henry 2nd (August 12,0,1) (November 13,0,0)

D. Vice President's Report –

1. Current Committees and Membership Information

E. Sergeant at Arms' Report (5 minutes)

1. Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct – training required of members

9. New Business Consent Items

Pooling all consent items (9C, D, I, E pulled)

Items A, B, F, G, H, J, K, L – Henry motioned to vote, Victoria 2nd (19.0.0) approved

Outreach Committee (Consent):

- A. **ENC Candidate Forum 2019 – MOTION; OUT-19-02-0017:** The ENC Outreach Committee recommends inviting all the 2019 ENC Candidates to the April 24th, 2019 General Board Meeting to introduce themselves, share why they are running and field any questions. **Passed 4-0-0.**

PLU Committee (Consent):

- B. **CF 16-0988-S1 – MOTION; PLU-19-02-0009:** The ENC PLU agrees with Aviv Kleinman and recommends supporting CF 16-0988-S1 (Supporting Document: :CF 16-0988-S1 <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5259.pdf>) to see loopholes closed before more buildings are demolished. The PLU further recommends filing a CIS in support of CF 16-0988-S1. **Passed 8-0-0.**

Executive Committee (Consent):

- C. **“E” Scooters** – State law currently states that “E” scooters must be used on City Streets and as of January 1st, 2019 riders are no longer required to wear a helmet. A recent JAMA (Supporting Document: : JAMA E-Scooter ER Report <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5260.pdf>) indicated that only 10% of riders are using helmets and visits to ERs are on the rise. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0041:** The ENC's Executive Committee



recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support requesting that the City Council and Mayor Garcetti pass an ordinance requiring riders of “E” Scooters to wear a helmet. **Passed: 5-0-0**

Alex motion / Joey 2nd, (17,0.0) 2 left early

- D. CF 18-0467** – Ryu’s reform has been introduced to the City for consideration (Supporting Document: : CF-18-0467 <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5261.pdf>). The ENC previously filed a CIS as “FOR” if amended. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0042:** The ENC’s Executive Committee requests that all Encino Neighborhood Council board members review the CF 18-0467 and are prepared to discuss/present recommendations at the March 27, 2019 General Board Meeting. **Passed 5-0-0**

CF 18-0467 – Henry moved for question – Alex motion / Diane 2nd (16,0,1)

- E. Airport Committee Chair – MOTION; EXE:19-02-0043** – The following board members have been proposed to be Chair of the Airport Committee, Jim Esterle and Victoria Miller. Unless any other board members are interested in the position, we are requesting support to appoint Jim Esterle and Victoria Miller as Chairs of the Airport Committee. **Passed: 5-0-0**

Alex called for chairs to be picked for Airport Committee, Victoria Miller (VP) named herself and Jim Esterle as co-chairs. Jerry 2nd: (17, 0, 0)

- F. Reverse Notification Alerts on Vehicles:** Several large and regular size vehicles have reverse notification devices that emit a high pitched sound, some of these alerts are upsetting animals. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0044:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council to introduce a motion to Councilmember Koretz to investigate and replace reverse alert devices to ones that have frequencies that do not harm animals and create a City Ordinance prohibiting devices with frequencies that harm animals. **Passed: 5-0-0**

- G. ENC Executive Committee Roles During a Disaster/Emergency** – Although Encino is not susceptible to too many disasters we do face the possibilities of earthquakes, mud slides, fires and floods. What happens if we experience a disaster/emergency during an ENC meeting? **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0045:** The ENC Executive Committee recommends that the ENC support the Executive Committee and any interested board members (voluntary) to become CERT trained and are available during a disaster/emergency. **Passed: 5-0-0**

- H. CF 15-1067-S3** – CM Blumenfield introduced CF 15-1067-S3 (Supporting Document: 15-1067-S3 <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5262.pdf>) regarding illegal dumping. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0046:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the ENC support CF 15-1067-S3 if amended to include shifting the responsibility to the onsite managers or HOAs of multi-family dwellings and if the City agrees to increase the pickup days to twice a week in highly dense areas where there are a large amount of multi-family dwellings. **Passed: 5-0-0**

- I. Verification of Appointed Organizations to the ENC** – The ENC has three appointed positions, each organization, per the ENC By Laws must meet minimum requirements. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0047:** The ENC’s Executive Committee will send a formal letter to each organization requesting the appropriate documentation indicating they meet the minimum requirements per the Encino Neighborhood Council’s By Laws for the 2019-2021 term. Letters will be distributed within 15 days and the organizations will have 15 days to supply the documentation. **Passed: 5-0-0**

– Glenn would like to re-word, “Letters will be distributed within 15 days and the organizations will need to supply documentation by June 1st, 2019) Nothing in standing rules, would like to add to rules for future. Sending to Bylaws Committee for future change. (14,0,0)



J. Restitution for Burglaries – The ENC has taken steps to help mitigate crime in our community, however home burglaries continue. With the current penalty resulting in “catch and release” of people that commit home burglaries, the City should consider passing an ordinance requiring those that are caught and convicted of committing a home burglary to pay a restitution to the homeowner/renter. Restitution should start at \$600. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0048:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support sending a motion to Councilmember Koretz to introduce a motion to adopt a City-wide ordinance where criminals caught and convicted of a home burglary to pay restitution to the homeowner/resident. **Passed: 5-0-0**

K. Newspaper Receptacles/Stands – Encino has free standing newspaper and other publication stands on our sidewalks. Many of these now stand empty as more and more constituents are using online services to obtain news and read publications. These now stand empty. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0049:** The ENC’s Executive Committee requests that the ENC support requesting that Councilmember Koretz request the removal of these stands. **Passed: 5-0-0**

L. CF 15-0367-S2 – A motion (Supporting Document: : CF 15-0367-S2 <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5263.pdf>) introduced by Councilmember Koretz is requesting the FAA to undertake a process to request the FAA undertake a 175 process to address noise impacts at Van Nuys Airport, while rescinding the 2017 change at its earliest opportunity pending the outcome of the process. **MOTION; EXE-19-02-0050:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the ENC file a CIS in support of CF 15-0367-S2. **Passed: 5-0-0**

PLU Committee (Non-Consent) – 15 minutes:

M. 4741 Libbit Ave. Apartment Project (ENV-2018-5438-EAF/DIR-2018-5437-DB – The ENC PLU supports and recommends that the ENC support the 4741 Libbit Avenue Apartment Project ENV-2018-5438-EAF/DIR-2018-5437-DB. **MOTION; PLU-18-11-0005:** The ENC PLU supports and recommends that the ENC support the 4741 Libbit Avenue Apartment Project ENV-2018-5438-EAF/DIR-2018-5437-DB as presented due to improvements to the project as suggested by the committee, neighbors, and council office. As described in the attachment, the trees and landscaping will be maintained into perpetuity. **Passed: 5-1-3 (Eshelman (N), Zeisler, Becker, Silver abstain).**

Residents spoke; Philipo had complaints on parking. Rene (marketing for Libbit) reminded that parking was increased from 60 to 81 parking spaces with area for delivery trucks.

Wayne Spindler – 2 min rant with puppet.

Karie Purcell (President of Encino Chamber) spoke about the Libbit team speaking at the board meeting for ECC and stated unofficially they backed the project – formal vote to be made at the next board meeting. Eliot w/ planning committee approved project. Gerald Silver (HO of Encino) stated he was against the project, Henry Eshelman (At-Large) also against – too big for neighborhood.

Alex called for the question, Laurie 2nd. Gerry asked for an amendment, “ask the city to uphold the city dedication on Ventura Blvd” . No second on amendment. Henry to call vote/ Alex 2nd. (11,6,1) approved.

N. NORMS – Mike Colonna and Nina Ray discussed plans for a NORMS at 16575 Ventura Blvd., replacing Tony Roma’s. **MOTION; PLU-19-02-0007:** The ENC PLU supports and recommends that the ENC support NORM’s taking over the space formerly occupied by Tony Roma’s to establish a family style restaurant to be operated 24/7 as presented with the adherence to the Encino streetscape plan. **Passed: 7-0-1**



Peter Schultz brought in color schemes for new Norm's. Wayne Spindler (2 min rant with puppet). There are no color restrictions for Ventura Blvd. Alex called for the question. Laurie motion / Victoria 2nd (13, 1, 0)

O. Ross Dress for Less – Ross Dress for Less, DIR-2018-3047-ZBA-WDI-SPP, Ross plans to replace the former Rite Aid and Panda Express at 17864 & 17870 Ventura Blvd. The project includes the exterior renovations of the building by updating the front elevation with storefront windows and a new front entry. The parking lot will be resurfaced and new landscaping planters and parking lot trees will be added as well as a new ADA accessible walkway from Ventura Blvd. **MOTION; PLU-19-02-0008** – The ENC PLU supports and recommends that the ENC support the Ross Dress for Less Department Store at 17864/17870 Ventura Blvd and 5110 Zelzah Ave. pursuant that the owners of the property and Ross maintain the new landscaping as presented and pursuant to the enhanced pedestrian safety as presented. **Passed: 6-0-2.** (Zeisler and Blumenfeld abstain).

– Erika Iverson spoke on the new Ross Dress. Renovations to be done, 24 trees to be added, upgrading the parking. Store is 22000 sq feet., Parking is 75 spaces, deliveries will be in back of store. Lee is asking that city dedication – hold them to the street standards/ driving and parking spaces. “That the City of Los Angeles enforce city dedication requirements for Ventura Blvd to expand the width of Ventura to 120’” (13,0,0) Alex to call for the question. (12,1,0)

Administrative Item (Non-Consent)- 5 minutes

P. Miry’s List Welcome Neighbor – The ENC previously approved to part of the Welcome Neighbor Program. As the program moves forward we have been asked to adopt the Welcome Neighbor Resolution (Supporting Document: Welcome Neighbor ENC Resolution <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483256-5264.pdf> . Discussion and possible vote to adopt the resolution.
Tabled

10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes) Limited to Two MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 10 minutes

Adjournment at 9:40pm -

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Community Events:

*** March 2nd – Clean Up Encino Day:**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Karie Purcell and formatted by Jason Ackerman

