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MINUTES
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

A Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87533764334>

Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

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| Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep | Jodie Francisco Area 2 Rep | Miriam Davis Area 3 Rep | Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep | Michael Silva Area 5 Rep |
| Laurie Kelson Area 6 rep | Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep | Heather Michaels At-Large Rep | Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep | Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep |
| Victoria Miller Business Rep | Andrew Zucker Business Rep | Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep | David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep | Kathy Moghini-Patterson EPOA Rep |
| Eliot Cohen HOME Rep | Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep | Darin Spillman PLU Rep | Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep | Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep |
| Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep | Vacant Youth Rep | | | |

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

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| Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt | Walter Almora Area 2 Rep Alt | Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt | Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt | Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt |
| Daniel Kashani Area 6 Rep Alt | Lenny Beckerman Area 7 Rep Alt | Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1 | Vacant At-Large Rep Alt 2 | Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt |
| Todd Bloomfield Business Rep Alt 1 | Vacant Business Rep Alt 2 | Vacant Education Rep Alt | Karie Purcell Encino Chamber Rep Alt | Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep Alt |
| TBD HOME Rep Alt | Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt | Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt | Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt | Vacant Religious Rep Alt |
| Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt | | | | |

- 1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM, recording was started. Members present were Blumenfeld, Davis, Whitehill, Silva, Kelson, Esterle, Michaels, Eshelman, Garay, Miller, Zucker, Goldstein, Krygier, Cohen, Bailey, Spillman, Kesusseyan, and Bates
- 2. Sergeant-at-Arms Report. The report confirmed that all Representatives and Alternates have completed their training. There was a reminder that** the new Anti-Bias Learning for employees (ABLE) is required with a completion deadline of November 30, 2021.
- 3. Open positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council were announced. Open Positions Include:** At Large Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (1), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Youth Rep (1). This section was moved to after #3.
- 4. Seating of Alternates:** The chair appointed alternates Dana Caruso and Robert Wenger, motion was approved by affirmation.
- 5. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies**

* **LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634** Officer Walia was on vacation but the chair read a brief report on crime in the area that he had phoned in. Main takeaway was secure your doggie doors.

* **Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel:(818) 346-4521** The assemblyman has two new staffers who will be his representatives, they attended to introduce themselves Valerie Berkley (Valerie.Berkley@asm.ca.gov) and Sarah Martin (Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov)

* **LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416** Blake noted that there are upcoming COVID briefings for various categories of people. Also he noted that the period for discretionary grants is ending October 1. Blake also asked for email address for the whole board, was told that is in the works.

* **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Adriana Cabrera, adriana.cabrera@lacity.org** Adriana reminded that the Congress of Neighborhoods is on Saturday 9/25/2021. She noted that the Cornerstone accounts have been updated. The director has implemented more training sessions and they will be upcoming. Victoria Miller inquired about our Monthly profile Reports which have not been received, Adriana noted their tech team is working on it. Eliot Cohen made a comment that with the additional trainings the city is referring to the NC volunteers as 'Employees' and the City needs to make a clear distinction. Glenn Bailey noted the issue about virtual vs. in-person meetings, discussion was it should change 12/31/21 but there is uncertainty, and that there could be a state order on 9/30/2021 that would change how meetings are done and we would need to be updated right away. Glen also asked the State Representatives if they would attend the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering meetings. Laurie Kelson asked Blake Clayton if Supervisor Kuehl will be taking a position on the 405 Freeway Express lanes, he said he would get back to us. Lee noted some of the new trainings appear to be some kind of literacy test and he will be requesting an exemption on religious grounds, Andrew asked why the new trainings could not be qualified for continuing ed for the Bar.

* **Budget Advocate: Lee Blumenfeld, enclieb@gmail.com** Lee noted a new budget advocate is desperately needed for District 3. After brief discussion it was noted Pat Bates is the other Budget Rep. Pat asked if anyone wanted to assume that position, there were no volunteers.

6. Officer's Reports:

- A. President's Report – Briefly noting that September was slow, that there will be many committees meeting in October.
- B. Vice-President's Report noted that committee meetings are gearing up again, for Nov-December meetings be sure to check with Pat and Victoria re proposed dates due to holiday scheduling.
- C. Treasurer's Report – 3 min

Motion to approve the [August 2021 MER](#), Bailey/Bates Motion passed 20 yes/0 no/0 abstentions/1 absent

- D. Secretary's Report – 2min

Approval of [August 2021 meeting minutes](#) Vote was deferred to next month because the motion #s needs to be added.

7. New Business - Non-funding: Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

A. Executive Committee:

1. **Discussion & possible action: EXE 21-09-0024:** Motion to authorize Patricia Bates, Victoria Miller, Glenn Bailey, Jodie Francisco and Darin Spillman and to file Community Impact Statements and that said filings be distributed to the board and posted to the ENC website at a page to be designated. Bates/Blumenfeld. Comments were made by Bailey and Miller. Alternate motion was made by Eliot Cohen to have filers be Bates, Miller and Bailey only. Cohen/Zucker. 7 yes/12 no/1 abstention/ 1 absent, alternate motion failed. Vote on original motion 17 yes/ 0 no/ 3 abstentions, original motion passed.
2. **Discussion & Possible action: EXE 21-09-0025:** Motion to recommend that the Board file a [Community Impact Statement or similar document addressed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners](#), citing critical deficiencies in the proposed DONE [Amendment to the Code of Conduct Policy](#). This statement uses the exact wording prepared and proposed by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition. (Executive meeting Bates/Miller passed 5 ye/ 0 nay/0 abstained) Bates/Blumenfeld, discussed by Bailey and Blumenfeld, 19 yes/1 no/0 abstentions/1 absent, Motion passed
3. **Information:** Results of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission (LACCRC) Meetings on 9/20/2021 and 9/21/2021 titled [Review of Public Maps & Creation of Draft Maps](#), will be available at our September 22, 2021 meeting. Depending on the proposed maps, discussion and possible action may be considered. These meetings will be followed by the “Adoption of Draft Map” meeting of the Commission on September 29, 2021. Pat Bates shared the maps presented at the Monday and Tuesday meetings of the LACCRC meeting, and noted further that they LACCRC concluded they needed one more public meeting, to be held 9/27/2021 to firm up the proposed map, as several options were under consideration. The issues was discussed extensively with screen shares to explain what options were being considered by the LACCRC. There were 2 basic options for the SFV regions, one with Encino included in a west SFV district extending from Sherman Oaks to Woodland Hills, the other going from Encino to Los Feliz. There was extensive discussion and explanation, with major issues of the maps, street names and communities being hard to identify exactly. Some of the maps included the Sepulveda Basin in Encino’s area, some did not. The discussions included proposed motions to adopt a preference for the C2 map, another to defer taking action until more clear information could be obtained. The motion was made as follows and seconded: Kelson/Silva. Blumenfeld asked for a modification to include language about the geographical boundaries. The following motion was passed

authorizing filing of a Community Impact Statement: that the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) and Community, being defined geographically as Mulholland Drive on the South, Victory Boulevard to the North, the 405 San Diego Freeway to the East, and Lindley Avenue to the West, kindly requests that the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission take the following into account for redistricting: When given the choice between Redistricting Partners plans (maps) B2 and C2, the Encino Neighborhood Council clearly prefers Map Concept (Plan) C2 for Encino.

4. **Announcement:** After September 30, 2021, there is the possibility of Neighborhood Council meetings being held in-person or continuing to be held virtually. Update on the EmpowerLA Virtual Governance Hybrid Work Group, which is scheduled to make recommendations to BONC on October 18, 2021. The Encino Community Center Staff has informed us that any such meetings would be limited to about 50 people with all seating spaced, not at tables, which would be difficult, our DONE NEA will be advised.

B. Homelessness committee:

1. **HOM 2021-08-0001** [CF 21-0773](#): . Motion to recommend the Encino Neighborhood Council file a community Impact Statement in favor of CF 21-0773 which requests that the City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation to report back within 60 days laying out the resources—including, but not limited to, personnel, equipment, and materials—that would be required to place wire basket trash receptacles at all homeless encampments in the City of Los Angeles made up of three or more tents and to regularly service those receptacles every three to four days. The report should also include recommendations for the implementation of a homeless encampment trash receptacle program that will ac been discussed for too long, it is long overdue. Bates/Yoo 2nd, passed 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions 2 absent. Motion made by Bates/Davis 19 yes/0no/0 abstentions

C. Parks & Environment Committee:

1. **Discussion and possible action: PAR 21-09-0001** The Encino Neighborhood council supports if amended the motion [CF 20-1205](#) to consider a new master plan for Sepulveda Basin, but on the condition that it includes provision for informing and consulting with community groups including the Encino and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, Community Impact statement to be filed, [see entire text of the CIS](#). Bates/Bull, Motion passed 4 yea /0 nay/0 abstained. Bailey/ates, motion passed 20 yes/0 no/0 abstentions
2. Discussion and possible action: **PAR 21-09-0002: Encino Community of Interest** statement regarding inclusion of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area bounded by Victory Boulevard to the north, the 405 Freeway to the east, and White Oak Avenue to the west for purposes of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission deliberations. See the full [COI statement link](#) Bates/Davis Passed 5 yea/0 nay/0 abstained . Zucker/Miller opassed 20 yes/0 no/0 abstentions.
3. Discussion and possible action: **Federal Funding for Projects in Sepulveda Basin: PAR 21-09-0003:** Congressman Sherman announced during last week’s ENC Board meeting that \$3 million has been allocated for projects in the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, 6201 Balboa Blvd. (located on the west side of Balboa, north of the Los Angeles River). - recommendation that expansion of the Complex ought to be limited to passive recreation such as open space, trees, picnic tables and walk paths and further that there be representatives from the ENC be included on any Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) for this project. Motion: ENC Parks & Environment recommends that expansion be limited to

passive recreation as stated above, and that there be ENC representation on LVNOC. Bailey/Bates passed 5 yea/0 nay/0 abstained. Bailey/Bates motion passed 20 yes/0 no/0 abstentions.

8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (10 minutes)** – Mr. Puppet spoke for 2 min

9. **Committee Reports Items: - 5 min**

1. Airport Committee: TBA
2. Bylaws Committee: DONE is now accepting Bylaws amendments and the submittal deadline is April 15, 2022.
3. Education Committee, next meeting is October 13, 2021 @4PM
4. Finance Committee: TBA
5. Homelessness Committee: TBA
6. Outreach Committee next meeting is october 4, 2021 @6:30 PM
 1. Parks & Environment Committee: Next Meeting is October 6, 2021 @3PM
The **Bureau of Streets Services (StreetsLA)** Tree Inventory in Encino is underway and it included counting the 400,000th tree in the City. See <https://streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory> for more information about City trees. Upon completion, the report should be distributed to ENC Board members, a link should be posted on the ENC website, and arrangements should be made for a presentation at the next available ENC Board meeting. Tree Inventory webpage Glenn took us through the Tree Inventory webpage. Katie recommended per LA Tree's Committee recommendation, that we designate a tree person. Glenn suggested we add a tree person as a liason. Katie and Maureen volunteered to be alternates.
 2. **Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns** - The LA Fire Department is working with Stakeholder groups to initiate ongoing controlled burns of brush west of Woodley Avenue and north of Burbank Boulevard (approximately 70 acres) as soon after September 15, 2021 as weather conditions permit (wind, temperature and humidity). ENC Parks and Environment committee recommends that illumination signs be placed on the 101 and 405 announcing that a controlled burn is going on. Glenn suggests we put it on the ENC Board Agenda. Committee recommends we get word out to our constituency with illuminated signs on 101/405, through Tweets #SepulvedaBasinControlledBurn and other social media.
7. Planning and Land Use Committee Next meeting will be October 13, 2021 @7PM
8. Public Safety Committee: TBA
9. Traffic & Transportation Committee: TBA
10. Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee: TBA

10. **Board Member Comment on Non Agenda Items (no discussion) - 5 min**

11. **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 2021