



Building A Better Community



**Draft Minutes**

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**

**Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday October 10, 2023 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Vadim Levotman, Treasurer & Chair	X		Robin Greenberg VP - Operations	X	
Dr. Robert Garfield, DDS	X		Nickie Miner	X	
Aaron Kamin	X		Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Ex Officio	X	

Chair Levotman called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM, called the roll & led the Flag Salute.

1. The agenda was **approved**, as moved by Miner.
2. The June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) were **approved** by unanimous consent as moved by Longcore.
3. There was no public comment on items *not* appearing on the agenda.
4. **Amended Budget**  
**Discussion & Possible Motion** to recommend Board approval of the Amended Budget for the FY 2023-2024 Administrative Packet, at the upcoming Board meeting. Amended Budget to include additional rollover funds of \$205.57 plus the addition of a B&H Photo refund of \$97.48, for a total of additional budget in the amount of \$303.05. (**Attachment B**)

Chair Levotman noted that when we created our 2023-2024 FY budget, we estimated a \$9,000 rollover and now have an additional \$205.57 rollover. Subsequently we had a returned item of \$97.48 from last year’s budget and am now amending the 23-24 FY budget with \$303.05 additional funds. After requesting ideas from Committee Chairs, with no response, Chair Levotman put \$303.05 that in miscellaneous; however, it was noted that “miscellaneous” is *not* allowed, and he recommended adding it to Board Administrator Services. He noted that we do have a budget of \$1,000 for outreach. Dr. Longcore reminded us that Member Mann has been trying to get event together. Levotman anticipates savings when SB411 takes effect, from our security services.

**Motion** to add the \$303.05 to Board Administrator Services in the amended budget for board approval **passed** as moved by Miner and seconded by Greenberg, with one abstention from Dr. Longcore.

5. **Discussion** re possible expenditures for events & NPGs, pending Outreach Committee input.

6. **Consider NPG application from Friends of Wonderland for \$5,000.00. (Attachment C)**

The NPG application indicates that from the Ground Up, Wonderland School's Gardening program, was originally founded in 2009, by a group of parent volunteers to create an organic garden at the school... The Garden system and beds, inclusive of germination and sowing, rotation of seasonal crops, an irrigation system to ensure proper watering, composting, soil evaluation and maintenance, harvesting were disconnected, moved, and stored for construction on the campus. The garden beds are in need of repair and reinstatement in new location in the schoolyard; they'd like to build a more modern garden, inclusive of vertical hydroponics systems, to update and expand the students' skill sets to include technology & advancements in agriculture. The garden beds require relocation & repairs, new irrigation, as well as upgrades and replacement of current tools and basic equipment.

Chair Levotman mentioned the previous request for an NPG for traffic calming. He noted that we do *not* have any budget for NPGs at this point.

7. **Research Options for File Sharing and Archiving Documents**

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** Create a task force to research options for file sharing and archiving documents that will allow a downgrade of Google Workspace to Starting Plan, as our plan has doubled in price as of June 2023, from \$6.00/person/month to \$12.00/person/month. (Current plan includes file sharing that would be removed if plan is downgraded.)

Chair Levotman noted that he has asked the City several times if we could have our emails through the City. He noted that our current Google Workspace now costs \$6,000/year, and, as to file sharing, there is a possibility to use Drop Box. Member Kamin volunteered to help with the effort once he knows the parameters and will lead the charge. Dr. Longcore noted that we have 36 board members & a handful of others with email addresses. He thinks he could find another email account for \$200/year and is confident that this could be solved in two pieces, e.g., the email piece and file-sharing/archiving piece, separate items that don't cost \$6,000. Kamin agreed that it could be solved by breaking it up or keeping it together. Dr. Longcore noted that we need a committee or a group of people together dedicated to walking the whole way through the transition and that that this will come back to committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM, with Next Meeting Date TBD.