

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes – Planning and Land Use Committee
Jul 23, 2008
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Co-Chairs: Carolyn Carradine & Carol Sidlow

Members in attendance: Carol Sidlow, Steve Twining, Paulette DuBey, Gary Plotkin, Donald Loze

Absent: Carolyn Carradine, Chris Carradine, Pam Cooke, Andrew Schwartz, G.G. Verone

Administrator: David Espinoza, present

Others present: Patricia Bell Hearst, Donnall Poppy

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm.

CNC properties discussed from agenda and previously agendized properties where information was available:

2 Beverly Park/21050 Summitridge – Per Don, no position taken by BCA.

8241 Kirkwood – No update.

9170 Thrasher – No update.

1638 and 1644 Tower Grove Drive – Per Don, BCA has no objections.

10825 Chalon – Per Paulette, the BAA supports the project and will bring plans to the next meeting. Don asked what the bonding was for the project. Paulette said the bonding is the City's minimum.

Don stated the BAA should consider having conditions for repairs to the street incorporated into the haul route that are not covered by the bond.

Steve commented on completion bonds for major projects. Carol stated that there are discussions going on about finding solutions to the impact on the infrastructure due to development in an area i.e. a type of escrow account that could be used in case of damages. Don stated that buying completion bonds may be easier.

13140 W. Mulholland Drive – Per Don, no response at this time.

2136 Beach Knoll – Per Carol, no position.

10104 Angelo View – Hearing date needed.

1446 Devlin Drive – G.G. was not able to contact architect. Carol passed out a letter from applicant.

1240 Casiano Road – Need to invite owners of the project

11 S. Beverly Park – Per Don, will have more information at next meeting.

1709 Beverly Glen – No update.

3198 Gibraltar – Per Don, no update.

13415 W. Java Drive – Per Don, no update.

9669 W. Wendover – Per Don, no position from BCA.

1485 Blueridge Drive – Donnell Poppy showed plans to committee and will attend BCA meeting for their review.

1485 Alridge Drive – Donnell Poppy showed plans to committee and will attend BCA meeting for their review.

Up-coming hearings:

1501 Skylark – ZA hearing – No position as of yet for the side yard variance.

169 Summitridge – ZA hearing – BCA will discuss at their next meeting.

Updates on hearings:

9270 Sierra Mar –

10501 Seabury Lane – ZA took this under advisement for 90 day continuance. Carol asked David to send a request for NCouncil notification and find out if the position from CD #5.

8815 Crescent Drive – Central Area Planning Commission denied the appeal. Carol stated that Steve Twining, Chris Carradine and Patricia Bell Hearst were present at the Planning Commission hearing.

Updates/Status:

Steve commented he is still gathering information on Nalin Drive and will invite Dan March to a committee meeting.

Steve briefed the committee that, according to the L.A. Times, the home on 1400 Linda Flora may not be built.

Status updates:

Still no response from Jack Weiss' office regarding request for Environmental Impact Study for West Crescent.

1400 Linda Flora – Applicants representative to have a meeting with the BA Architectural Committee. Per CD#5, understand that the applicant and rep were to present plans to both the RVA and the BAA Architectural Review committees. Steve mentioned that at a meeting of the Planning Task Force, the head of the CPC suggested that an EIR should be required.

Carol passed out information regarding the Quimby Funds for District 5.

Carol mentioned that the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance that includes the hillside areas will be moving forward but no hearings or proposals are set yet. Erick Lopez from the Planning Department and others will keep the Committee and the NC informed.

Discussion had regarding Ridgeline Ordinance being incorporated to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance and not a separate Ordinance. Opinions expressed.

New Business/Old Business

Carol commented on the despair of the Laurel Canyon Dog Park and passed out an e-mail from a community member regarding the condition of the park.

Motion to send a letter to Parks and Recreation and District 5 to address the park's condition and need for maintenance by means of Quimby and Real Estate Funds. Don made motion. Paulette seconded. Discussion held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Gary Plotkin commented on the dead Pine trees and their infestation with a particular beetle. He contacted the District Office with a specific location to have the trees removed since there are a fire hazard and Urban Forestry could not find the location.

Motion to appoint Gary Plotkin to request and monitor information regarding dead trees in the area and contact Councilman Weiss and Urban Forestry for assistance in removing those trees. Gary made motion. Paulette seconded. Discussion held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Don commented that he would like to invite Councilman Jack Weiss to attend a Council meeting. Carol agreed and stated that the request should be mentioned at the Board meeting.

Paulette commented on the project at 11101 Chalon having more sandbags. She will ask for landscaping plans and Dr. Mushad with the BAA will try to find out more information on the project.

Carol commented on the issue of grading effects everyone and not solely the project or the immediate neighbors.

Meeting adjourn – 7:05 pm.