

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Proposed Wildlife District
Proposed Meeting & Feedback Plan

Objective

The objective of this subcommittee is to draft a recommended position statement on the proposed Wildlife District for the Neighborhood Council to consider for submission to City Planning and City Council. A report that includes all input received from the community will also be attached.

Introduction

The new draft Wildlife Ordinance is a complicated document, and one that would, at least at the outset, apply only to our area. Our feedback, therefore, is of utmost importance on this proposed legislation. Stakeholder views may be in conflict on a variety of issues, and it's critical that the Neighborhood Council hear and consider all viewpoints and proceed with a democratic process.

Feedback

In order to understand all viewpoints, this process will make liberal use of feedback forms, with an initial form being sent out to survey particular areas of concern and also to collect questions from stakeholders. Form answers for all forms will be collected in spreadsheets, which any member of the public can view through links that will be shared in the agenda and in other communications. Information on all forms will be available on the committee's web page (link here).

Submission of any written comments whether through a form or by another method shall not preclude a member of the public from speaking on that or any topic in a public forum.

Members of the subcommittee are required to read all comments. Should the comments become too voluminous for all members to read all comments, the subcommittee will devise a system to ensure all comments are read and considered.

During meetings, members of the public will be able to ask questions during presentations and make comments during public comment periods. Comments on each item will be limited to 3 minutes in duration but must be on the topic currently under consideration. Should members of the public feel that 3 minutes is too short for a particular agenda item, this allotment may be adjusted. Should a member of the public anticipate this situation for an upcoming meeting, that member of the public may email the chair to request an extension of the period.

Considering the Ordinance

The ordinance will be broken down into component sections. Each section will be presented and explained. Questions will be taken from members of the public and then from committee members.

Following completion of the question period, public comment on the section will be taken. Members of the public will not be interrupted when comment is being made nor will public comment be discussed or addressed while the public comment period is continuing. Once public comment is complete, the committee will discuss the section and either a motion will be made relative to comment on this section or there may be a determination that further clarification is necessary. If a member of the public feels that the committee is making an error with respect to a fact important to the discussion, the member of the public use the raise hand function to correct the error.

For certain sections, particularly those related to wildlife and ridgeline resource areas, the regulations will be considered as they relate to different lot configurations.

Meeting Plan

Meetings will generally be held at 5:30 pm on Thursdays, though this may be adjusted depending on the pace of progress. No meetings will be held between June 3 and June 18. Meetings should generally be one hour in duration with one possible 30 minute extensions unless otherwise noted.

Following is the provisional meeting plan and relies on expected areas of concern. This schedule is subject to adjustment at any time.

- Meeting 1 – Adopt feedback and meeting plans
- Meetings 2-4 – Consider Ordinance Section E & District-Wide Regulations
- Meeting 5 – Consider Wildlife Resource Regulations
- Meeting 6 – Consider Ridgeline Regulations
- Meeting 7 – Consider Review Procedures & Review Maps
- Meeting 8 – Reconsiderations, Review & Adopt Comments

The following meetings will be scheduled but are not part of the sequence:

- Meeting A – Meeting with staff biologist to discuss science behind proposed measures.
- Meeting B – Meet with City Planning and City Attorney representatives to clarify application of ordinance and answer any questions.

Communication

To communicate with the Chair, email eevans@babnc.org. To communicate with the entire committee, email wildlife@babnc.org. All email communications are public records.

You can find up-to-date committee information on the committee's webpage:
<https://www.babnc.org/proposed-wildlife-district.php>

Proposed Sample Lots

Sample lots from various neighborhoods in the BABNC area will be used to assess real-world implications of various aspects of the ordinance. These lots will be selected in the course of early meetings. If you wish to recommend a lot or lots to be used for consideration, please email eevans@babnc.org.