

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 25, 2007

Meeting Held at Community Magnet School

11301 Bellagio Road

Los Angeles, CA 90077

FINAL

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2006 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Eric Ridgely	X	
Andrew Schwartz		X
Ruthie Weiss	X	
<i>Bel-Air Crest Homeowner Association</i>		
<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		
Joshua Berman	X	
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Minor	X	
<i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i>		
Ed Brody		X
<i>Beverly Glen Park</i>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i>		
Ron Galperin	X	
<i>Employee Associations</i>		
Marcia Selz	X	
<i>Faith-Based Organizations</i>		
Mike Sipple		X
<i>Glenridge HOA</i>		
John Colton		X
<i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i>		
Laura Stovitz		X
<i>Hotel Bel-Air</i>		
Ed Anonas		X
<i>7-12 Private</i>		
John Amato	X	
<i>7-12 Public</i>		
Pam Marton	X	
<i>K-6 Private</i>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		
Monica Weil		X
Cassandra Barrère	X	
Gary Gole		X
Jim Nelson		X
<i>Members-at-Large</i>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i>		
Ron Hudson		X
<i>North Beverly Drive Franklin Canyon Homeowners' Association</i>		
Carol Hamilton		X
<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		
Pam Cooke	X	
Robert Ringler	X	

Roscomare Valley Association		
Scott Harper	X	
Steve Twining	X	
Save Our Strip		
Robert Knotek	X	
Mark Krajewski		X
GG Verone		X

From DONE: Deanna Stevenson
 From Jack Weiss' office: Fortuna Ippoliti & James Pulliam
 From the Mayor's office: John Brady

Administration (Agenda Item #1)

- President Steve Twining called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- The agenda, treasurer's report, and distribution items were displayed and e-mailed previously.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Larry Leisten moved for approval of the minutes as corrected from the previous meeting. Robert Ringler seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Public Comments. (Agenda item #3)

- Bob Yothers is spearheading the "Beautiful Laurel Canyon" project, cleaning up debris, planting, and landscaping. BABCNC is sponsoring a breakfast on Big Saturday, then go to work on this project.
- Ruvyn Orbach spoke about A-List Home Security.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining updated on Barricade Gel – it's \$320 and only good for 24 hours
- DONE Congress – Steve attended a session on Dept. of Aging
 - ◆ Seniors can obtain a kit of various programs
 - ◆ Register as a senior at Felicia Mahoud Center
- Steve and Bob Knotek attended CPAB meeting at Occidental College. WLA Police Station doesn't have a strong enough CPAB.
- Mayor gave his State of the City address recently.

Councilman Weiss recall effort update (Agenda Item # 5)

- Materials available for perusal.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine was concerned about Council being able to retain rollover monies, and was assured by DONE that the policy is still in place. The new policy is that there is no pre-paid VISA anymore.
- Pam Cooke moved that a duplicate credit card be issued to Sharon in addition to Alan. Vicki seconded the motion. There was discussion and motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Irene Sandler moved to approve paying Walking Man up to \$1,000 to promote the Fire Station 99 event. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Alan moved that BABC NC spend up to \$1,000 on the "Big Sunday" event. It was seconded and motion passed.
- Alan noted that the Administration Committee should meet and report on a regular basis.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #8)

- Fortuna Ippoliti informed council about Denim Days.
- She introduced James Pulliam, Jack Weiss' new Field Deputy (Kellee was promoted)— james.pulliam@lacity.org. Phone the same (818-756-8083).
- NC Appeal motion by Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Wendy Greuel introduced.
- LADOT meeting to be set up for Sepulveda reversible lanes project.
- The necessity of brush clearance enforcement was discussed.

- Mulholland traffic will be constricted during construction of Emergency Server project.
- Tenant Relocation legislation discussed.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #7)

- John Brady reported that there is a budget crunch, but monies for NCs are in tact.
- He congratulated BABC for taking the lead on Big Sunday and working on the Laurel Canyon project.
- The Mayor is going to Mexico and El Salvador for a trade mission.

DONE Report (Agenda item #9)

- Deanna Stevenson reported on the meeting with the new General Manager of DONE.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #11)

- 8716 & 8720 Wonderland Avenue: Bob Knotek moved that the BABCNC oppose the Applicants' request to be exempted from the Retaining Wall ordinance and the Hillside Ordinance. Steve seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 8195-8209 Laurelmont Drive: Steve Twining moved that the BABCNC support the neighbors and residents of Laurelmont in their appeal to PLUM, that the MND be vacated and an Environmental Impact Report be required. Carol Sidlow seconded and motion passed by voice vote.
- Carol reported on the Cumulative Impact motion by Councilmember Jose Huizar. Councilmember Weiss added to the "cumulative impact motion" an addendum re: "piecemeal development."

Office Report (Agenda item #10)

- There was no office report.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Brush Clearance - All homeowners need to make defensible space around their so that LAFD will have a chance to put out the fire, in case a fire does reach their home. Scott Harper moved to send a letter commending Jack Weiss for funding brush clearance. Bob Knotek seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 2041 Davies Way: a steep, narrow, sub-standard street with a couple of major developments. Large trucks are safety hazards and may impede LAFD Fire Trucks from responding to calls. This is a problem throughout the hillsides. The BABCNC is working with various agencies to correct this problem, including a meeting with LAFD, Councilmen Weiss' Office and the developer to implement safety procedures prior to development.
- Counter-Terrorism - LAFD invited the Chair of Public Safety to a lecture on Nuclear Weapons and the threat against the U.S. and Los Angeles.
- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported:
 - ◆ Kids using fake guns, and the selling of B-B guns and pellet guns at Big-5.
 - ◆ Crime level has not changed. To view crime maps, see website: www.lapdcrimemaps.org.
 - ◆ Carol Aborn is trying to raise funds for Smart Cars.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- The next Traffic Committee meeting will be on May 8th.
- Allyn Rifkin has written a report on the one-way proposal for Pico and Olympic Blvds. and will present it the Traffic Committee meeting.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Ron Galperin presented a Power Point presentation on navigating the internet for City services and information, with emphasis on Community Impact Statements.
- He announced the Fire Station 99 event on May 12th.
- The new BABCNC logo, stationary, and website are in the works.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- Pam Marton said the Community Magnet School's Charter status will be known in June.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #16)

- Larry Leisten reported the new language for the bylaws is 80% complete

Energy Efficiency Seminar update (Item #17)

- No update information

Meeting with new GM (Item #18)

- DONE meeting with new Gm and AGM attended by 50 members of Westside NCs.
- Better communications and publicity needed
- Simplified procedures and retention of accountability needed
- Investigating elections on bi-annual basis, all same election days
- New GM responded quickly, setting a good tone of cooperation.

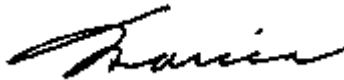
New Business (Item #19)

- Roscomare Valley annual meeting on 5/15/07 at 7 p.m. at Roscomare Road School. Bring fire extinguishers for fixing.
- Volunteers are needed for Council committees.
- Cal Trans will attend a May 10th meeting for 405 reversible lanes but DOT declined. The Weiss office was not helpful in putting this evening of information together for the Sepulveda area homeowners.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Item #20)

- Larry Leisten moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joshua and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary