

# BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

May 23, 2007

Meeting Held at Community Magnet School

11301 Bellagio Road

Los Angeles, CA 90049

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**Persons in Attendance**

**Quorum: 12**

2007 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<b><i>Bel-Air Association</i></b>		
Eric Ridgely	X	
Andrew Schwartz	X	
Ruthie Weiss	X	
<b><i>Bel-Air Hotel</i></b>		
Steve Rice	X	
<b><i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i></b>		
Irene Sandler		X
<b><i>Benedict Canyon Association</i></b>		
Joshua Berman		X
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
<b><i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i></b>		
Ed Brody		X
<b><i>Beverly Glen Park HOA</i></b>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<b><i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i></b>		
Ron Galperin	X	
<b><i>Employee Associations</i></b>		
Marcia Selz	X	
<b><i>Faith-Based Organizations</i></b>		
Mike Sipple		X
<b><i>Glenridge HOA</i></b>		
John Colton		X
<b><i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i></b>		
Laura Stovitz	X	
<b><i>Hotel Bel-Air</i></b>		
Steve Rice	X	
<b><i>7-12 Private Schools</i></b>		
John Amato		X
<b><i>7-12 Public Schools</i></b>		
Pam Marton	X	
<b><i>K-6 Private Schools</i></b>		
Vicki Kelly		X
<b><i>Laurel Canyon Association</i></b>		
Monica Weil		X
Cassandra Barrère		X
Gary Gole	X	
Jim Nelson		X
<b><i>Members-at-Large</i></b>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<b><i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i></b>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<b><i>North Beverly Drive Franklin Canyon Homeowners' Association</i></b>		
Carol Hamilton		X

<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
Pam Cooke	X	
Robert Ringler	X	
<b>Roscomare Valley Association</b>		
Scott Harper	X	
Steve Twining	X	
<b>Save Our Strip</b>		
Robert Knotek	X	
Mark Krajewski		X
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: Deanna Stevenson  
 From Jack Weiss' office: James Pulliam  
 From the Mayor's office: no one

Administration (Agenda Item #1)

- President Steve Twining called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- The agenda, Treasurer's Report, and distribution items were displayed and e-mailed previously.

Wildfire Protection Unit Speaker Lloyd Burkett (Item #4)

- There is a wildfire protection unit that helps protect homes prior to fire season by treating them with Phos-chek. This is a complimentary service for AIG clients. A short demonstration was performed by Eddie Hosch.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Raymond Yu announced a Memorial Day parade in Canoga Park and the L.A. Gay and Lesbian parade on June 10.
- Gretchen Marton reported on Educational Home Stay, which finds hosts for students coming to America for 3 weeks to study.
- Adele Langdon from DAWG spoke in support of AB 1634 – the Healthy Pets act, which will soon be up for a vote: [www.CAHealthyPets.com](http://www.CAHealthyPets.com) or [LAanimalsciences.com](http://LAanimalsciences.com)
- Mary Fishkin, with the help of Valley Crest landscaping, is working with Fire Station 99 to re-do their landscaping.
- Marcia Selz reported on the Recall Jack Weiss campaign. For information, to volunteer or to donate, go to [www.recalljackweiss.com](http://www.recalljackweiss.com).

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Larry Leisten moved for approval of the minutes, as corrected, from the previous meeting. Alan Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining attended the DONE Congress and Alliance meeting on May 19. For more information, talk to Steve.
- For information on the Californian insurance plan, call 800-927-4357.
- Items for distribution were discussed.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine distributed the proposed budget for the next fiscal year – 7/1/07 to 6/30/08.
- He has received the invoice for the Council's donated cameras for LAPD (passed at a previous meeting).
- Robert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Larry Leisten moved to accept the proposed budget. Scott Harper seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.
- The Administration Committee met Monday, May 21, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. They discussed the Administrator's workload and reported that more volunteerism is needed.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #8)

- James Pulliam reported that the Weiss office has moved temporarily to Sylvan Street due to a crime in the office. Their numbers are the same – they are ultimately moving to Encino.
- Congratulations to Steve Twining and Carol Sidlow for being appointed as leaders of the Fire Committee of the NC Senate.

- Jack Weiss wants to re-do the Community Plan for BABCNC and is putting this on an accelerated schedule.
- There was a brush clearance press conference on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 at the Sepulveda Park and Ride.
- Discussion of the Weiss motion to update EIRs to include protection of hillside areas was held. It was pointed out that this motion lacks the teeth that are needed.

(Item Out of Order to Accommodate Officer Chris Ragsdale)

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Officer Ragsdale reported that burglaries are continuing in the area. There were three hillside burglaries just recently.
- People need to emphasize home security.
- The e-blast is up-and-running. You can sign up at the LAPD website.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #7)

- There was no representative from the Mayor's office present.

DONE Report (Agenda item #9)

- There will be a training session on June 14, 2007, on Planning and Land Use at City Hall. For more information, call 213-978-1398.
- Funding will shut down from 6/19/07 to 7/1/07 for fiscal year-end.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #11)

- Bob Knotek moved to urge the City of West Hollywood, re: Cafe Primo on the Sunset Strip, to adopt the same conditions imposed on another restaurant (Ketchup) adjacent to Cafe Primo. G.G. Verone seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A letter will be sent to Jack Weiss to see if the Council Office can help with this.
- Pam Cooke is working on a motion to require that smoking in the hillsides be banned on all construction sites due to the serious public safety threat in fire areas. Currently, there is no ban.
- It was announced that Christopher Carradine is the newest member of the Planning and Land Use Committee.
- Up-dates: Neighborhood Character Study - An additional hearing was held at Van Nuys City Hall and the full Planning Commission will be hearing the motion/ordinance again in June.
- Jack Weiss' latest motions:
  - ◆ Requests that the Planning Dept up-date the Bel Air Beverly Crest Community Plan in 2008/2009
  - ◆ Requests changes to the process of producing environmental impact reports.
- 8853 Lookout Mountain - Letter to City Attorney has still not been responded to. Sharon will send letter again and follow up with City Attorney's office.

Office Report (Agenda item #10)

- The office is very busy these days so Sharon requested that members follow-up with business items that you need her to do.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Bob Knotek announced that Red Flag Day signs to be put at entrances to canyons are being printed for free.
- LAFD Fire Chief Douglas Barry will be a guest speaker at the July meeting. The topic is hillside development and the impact it has on public safety.
- The Hillside Safety Containers issue is facing legal challenges.
- Bob is interested in a motion to ban extra large vehicles in canyons and hillsides. More research will be done.
- Davies Way: meeting postponed due to hate crime at the Sherman Oaks Council office.
- There was discussion to require shake roofs to be replaced – idea is too costly and more research is needed.
- LAFD has said this will be a very bad fire season. It is important that landowners make defensible space around their properties.
- Cruiser Task Force made up of LAPD, West Hollywood's Sheriff's Deputies, the CHP and LADOT will begin in June and run through Labor Day.
- A Letter was sent to Tom LaBonge re: Griffith Park fire, requesting his help in the fight against development in the hillside areas. Attached was a letter from the LAFD captain who responded to the Bel Air Fire in 1961. He had requested a list of changes to prevent and help fight similar hillside fires in the future, and many of those requests have not been implemented.
- CERT program funds have been restored to the Mayor's budget.

- Letter of commendation to Hollywood Division Fire Department for Griffith Park fire will be written.
- Bob Knotek gave notice that he is resigning as an SOS representative and will no longer be able to serve as chair of the Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness. The Council thanked Bob for his hard work and dedication and for really moving this Committee forward during his tenure as chair.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- The next Traffic Committee meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the WLA Police Station.
- Allyn Rifkin was hired by the County Supervisors to study a one-way proposal for Pico and Olympic Blvds.
- Robert announced the meeting with DOT and Cal Trans at the Skirball Center on May 24<sup>th</sup>, addressing the 405 Freeway issues.
- There is a new FlyAway Kiss-and-Ride Service operated by LAWA at UCLA's Structure 32 on Kinross Avenue, sponsored by the LA Airport.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Ron Galperin announced that the April 28<sup>th</sup> Big Saturday was a success, with 7 of 9 NCs doing 11 different projects—and breakfast was donated.
- The Fire Station 99 event on May 12<sup>th</sup> was successful, and 60 new stakeholders signed up for information.
- The new BABCNC logo, stationary, and website are in the works.
- We have a new BABCNC banner
- Next Outreach meeting is on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the BABC office.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- Pam Marton said the Community Magnet School's Charter status is still not known.
- Since the Mayor's slate for the school board was elected, he will not appeal the court decision.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #16)

- Larry Leisten reported that the revised bylaws will be presented at the July BABC meeting. There will a 60-90 day comment period for members' input.
- They are working on declaration language to petition for membership to council.
- Ethical standards and rules for election being examined.

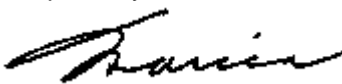
New Business (Item #19)

- Robert announced that Steve Rice is the new Hotel Bel-Air representative to BABCNC.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Item #20)

- The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.  
Recording Secretary