

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 25, 2007

Meeting Held at Community Magnet School

11301 Bellagio Road

Los Angeles, CA 90049

FINAL

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2007 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 Master Homeowner Association</i>		
Irene Sandler	X	
<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		
Joshua Berman	X	
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner		X
<i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i>		
Ed Brody		X
<i>Beverly Glen Park HOA</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>		
Steve Rice		X
<i>7-12 Private Schools</i>		
John Amato		X
<i>7-12 Public Schools</i>		
Pam Marton	X	
<i>K-6 Private Schools</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 (Alt. John LeBouef)	X	
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: Deanna Stevenson
 From Jack Weiss' office: James Pulliam
 From the Mayor's office: Stephen Cheung

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.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Skip Haynes spoke from Fight Back Now, representing Kirkwood Bowl of Laurel Canyon. He requests a special council from the Attorney General to investigate B&S Dept. and City Attorney's office—because of all the construction, LC has problems getting fire engines, services or mail in hillside areas.
- Raymond Yu announced the Japanese parade in Little Tokyo on 8/19/07.
- Christopher Carradine reported news of the Mansionization Ordinance—the City Attorney has signed off on it. New floor area ratios (FARs): 78% of Single-family homes are on 5-6,000 square-foot lots.
- Aaron Loring Davis spoke about the Achiever's Ball—donations of sports, musical, and educational items for children's hospitals--on 8/15 and 8/16/07.

Guest Speaker: Douglas Barry, LA Fire Chief (Item #16)

- Robert Ringler moved that we change the order of the agenda to accommodate the speakers. Steve Twining seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- In addition to Chief Barry, speakers were Assistant Chief Roderick Garcia, Battalion Chief Christopher Kawai, Battalion Chief Timothy Kerbrat, Mark Stormes, Daryl Arbuthmott, and Graham Everett.
- Evacuation procedures at LAX in case of small radiological weapon are in place. Military-grade measuring instruments determine radiation levels.
- There are specific evacuation plans for different areas.
 - ◆ Phase 1: general route identification
 - ◆ Phase 2: operational, test on Beachwood Canyon July 28th.
 - ◆ Phase 3: education, drills, and shelter sites at schools.
- Carol Sidlow asked about our letter to Tom LaBonge after the Griffith Park fire. City is aware of problems in hillside areas, will look at haul routes and road widths.
- Enforcement of present ordinances is difficult. Staffing is a factor.
- Smoking and barbecues were discussed—enforcement is difficult.
- Other topics discussed included: gridlock, cell phone reception, terrorism, Fair Plan, internal notification system, and working with Cal Trans and DOT.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Chuck Maginnis 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 read a recent article by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky about over-development.
- Len Schaefer was elected President of the NC Congress.
- Phase 1 of the Expo Line – meeting at Hamilton High, monies taken from Expo budget.
- Measure R update: Ethics Commission upheld term limits, and Judge Jaffee supported.
- Solid waste proposal: goal in 20 years is zero waste—will recycle all.
- 405 Freeway/Sepulveda Pass update: Encino NC voted for no change from present. BAA supports Alternative #2, without taking homes.
- RVA concerned about burglaries in area.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Robert Ringler moved to change the order on the agenda so Officer Chris Ragsdale could report. The motion was seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Recently, limited information about home burglaries was released. He will check out an arrest in Lennox—hope for a break in this case soon. There is a \$50,000 reward.
- Disaster preparedness: What if you couldn't leave here tonight? How prepared are you?

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine reported that the Council has a new lease with a \$15/month rent increase. Alan moved that BABCNC request that DONE negotiate the renewal of our lease at 1525 S. Sepulveda Blvd. L.A. 90025 for the year commencing 8/15/07 at the annual rental of \$11,100. Steve seconded. Motion was passed by a voice vote.
- The Administrative Committee discussed how BABCNC committee members are approved. This issue will be discussed with the chair of the Bylaws Committee.
- The Administration Committee would like the website progress to move along—perhaps a meeting with Steve Schmerler would be helpful.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #6)

- Stephen Cheung said the Mayor's office is looking at the Cumulative Impact Report. He is not comfortable with the action plan. Stephen will try to come up with solutions in advance of the August meeting.
- Mayor's review is tomorrow night (7/26) at IMAN Center. Deputy Mayor Larry Frank will give the mid-year report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #7)

- James Pulliam reported that he is resigning and that Sonia Kwon, who is a Council Aide in the Valley office and has been there for 5 months, will be replacing him.
- The hillside burglar is targeting jewelry and cash, so be alert.
- Franklin Canyon has installed a stop-sign camera, which has been very effective.
- Jack Weiss sent a letter to Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy about Hoag Canyon.
- BABCNC interested in Urban Forestry program.
- Cassandra moved to thank Jack Weiss and Planning Director Beverly Kenworthy for working with community representatives to address the issues of development on sub-standard streets, and the feasibility of an interim control ordinance or moratoria on construction to address public safety issues in the high-fire hillside areas. Scott Harper seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

DONE Report (Agenda item #8)

- Deanna brought with her the new BABCNC stationary.
- Sidewalk program underway—City motion on table for NCs participating 50/50: 25% from City, 25% from NCs and 50% from owners. A volunteer for this program is needed.

Office Report (Agenda item #9)

- There was no report for this meeting.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #10)

- 9274 Sierra Mar: – Residents/stakeholders asked for support in opposing proposed development. Land Use motion of support made and passed
- 651 N. Sienna Way has applied for standing as a historic cultural monument (*Father Knows Best*), and has the support of the BAA. Council moved to support, Ruthie seconded, and motion passed by voice vote.
- 8815 N. Crescent Drive – The developer did not show up and neighbors of the project did. They asked for a public hearing with the zoning administrators. It was moved that the BABCNC ask to deny the request to waive the public hearing. Motion passed.
- NC Appeal Route – the BABCNC Land Use Committee supports the NC's right to appeal all land use issues, including haul routes, zoning, adjustments,--and also suggested adding these to Jack Weiss' proposal.
- 11201 N. Chalon Road – Ruthie moved to send a letter to Street Services enforcement asking that hauling trucks are one at a time, and that they enforce conditions set for the haul.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- New chairs Joshua Berman and Scott Harper reported on the Disaster Preparedness program for the Hollywood Hills, now extended to the boundaries of BABCNC.

- LAFD working on new method for reporting fires and problems online, looking for community commitment of \$30,000. Curtis School now has a calling program.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #13)

- The next Traffic Committee meeting will be on August 14th at the WLA Police Station.
- Due to time restraints, Larry's motions about clean-up of road debris will be on next month's agenda.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #11)

- Ron Galperin was not present and no report was given.

Public Schools Update (Item #14)

- No report at this meeting.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #15)

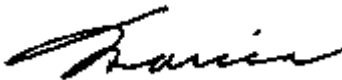
- Monica Weil moved, and it was seconded, to table Larry Leisten's bylaw changes in the voting procedures, as there was insufficient time for council to review them. There was discussion. Deanna Stevenson said there were problems with some of the proposed changes. Motion was defeated: Yes votes – 7, No votes – 8.
- Scott Harper moved to approve the bylaws changes, but with future amendments allowed. Motion was seconded with further discussion. Motion passed: Yes votes – 13, No votes – 2.

New Business (Item #17)

- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary

Meeting notes provided by Irene Sandler.