

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 22, 2007
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Approved

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 – being replaced by Michelle Fleenor	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>		
Avi Rojany		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 (Alternate: Rick Seireeni)	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	
<i>Roscomare Valley Association</i>		

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 CD5 office: Sonia Kwon
 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.
- Ruthie Weiss is retiring and Michelle Fleenor will be the new representative for the Bel-Air Association.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Robert Ringler moved to approve the minutes, as corrected. Vicki Kelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Robert Cavage spoke from the Wildfire Research Network (wildfireresearch@yahoo.com).
- Saul Salka spoke about the property on Wilshire and Federal and that he would like it to become a Jewish Home for the Aging. There will be hearings on September 11th and 12th.
- David Zimmer and LaMonica Andreoff from the AIDS Coordinator's office distributed a questionnaire about AIDS, which members filled out and returned at the conclusion of the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Battalion Chiefs Mark Stormes and Graham Everett from the LAFD

- The Chiefs brought newly made maps of the BABCNC area and displayed them.
- Evacuation routes and emergency evacuation were discussed, especially regarding area schools.
- Call 311 to sign up for "Red Flag Alert."

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining mentioned the article about Mansionization in the LA Times by Joel Kotkin.
- Steve alerted the BABCNC to the Home Depot community issues.
- Steve discussed opposition to a development in San Pedro.
- Steve recommended a letter of commendation for new LA Fire Chief Douglas Barry.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine discussed the Treasurer's Report. Alan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Scott Harper seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #6)

- Stephen Cheung is the new representative from the Mayor to the BABCNC.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #7)

- Sonia Kwon introduced herself as the new Field Deputy of Council District #5 covering the Laurel Canyon area.
- Joan Pelico will be the new Field Deputy for the rest of our NC area, and has been with CD 5 since March.

DONE Report (Agenda item #8)

- Deanna announced an Orientation for new board members on September 20th at 7 p.m. at the IMAN Cultural Center.
- The NC Congress will meet at the Convention Center on 10/28 from 6-7:00 p.m.
- The Mayor's Budget Day will be on 10/13. Ron Galperin will represent the BABCNC at this event.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #9)

- Larry Leisten distributed copies of a motion that had been emailed out and moved that the Council approve holding its Annual Meeting in January of each calendar year, at which it elects its officers, so that At-Large Members, elected following the Council's December meeting, may participate in the election of Council officers. Parliamentarian Joshua Berman confirmed that 72 hours advance notice is needed for motions regarding Bylaws changes. Larry withdrew his motion.

- Larry moved to approve the Form of Declaration in support of petition referenced under proposed Article 4.5 of BABCNC Bylaws. The motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Motion defeated.
- Larry moved to amend Article 4.5 of the Bylaws to remove the prohibition against overlapping boundaries. The motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Motion defeated.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #10)

- Carol Sidlow moved to support 1051 Seabury Lane, with an EIR and no waving of the rules. Vicki seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Marcia Selz moved to oppose changes to the Wilshire Community Plan without the benefit of a full environmental review, public hearings and community participation, and to oppose any process that seeks to circumvent the residents in regards to changing zoning restrictions, and that the BABCNC encourage our elected and appointed officials to respect the integrity of Community Plans, their goals and purpose. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question, which passed. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Carol moved that BABCNC oppose exemptions to the Hillside Ordinance with respect to improving the roadway to 20' and inadequate ingress and egress at 9945 W. Beverly Grove/1300 N. Beverly Grove. Scott seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion to Accept Lookout Mountain Alliance into BABCNC Membership (Agenda Item #11)

- Carol Sidlow moved that the Lookout Mountain Alliance be accepted into the BABCNC and be entitled to have one representative. John Amato seconded. Discussion was held. Pam Cooke moved to table this motion until next meeting. The motion was seconded. Vote on the motion to table: Yes: 10 votes, No: 13 votes. Motion to table defeated. There was a call for the question on the motion regarding acceptance of the Lookout Mountain Alliance to the BABCNC. The call vote passed unanimously by voice vote. The vote on motion regarding acceptance of the Lookout Mountain Alliance into the BABCNC: Yes: 15, No: 4, abstentions: 4. Motion passed.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Ron Galperin passed around a photo of the new Home Page of the BABCNC website.
- Needed is information on each member and stakeholder group for the website.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale spoke and distributed information on Hillside burglaries.
- Chris Ragsdale: #26690, e-mail: 26690@lapd.lacity.org

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- 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.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- No report at this meeting.

405 Freeway/Sepulveda Pass Project (Agenda Item #16)

- Andy Schwartz moved that the BABCNC oppose any change to the 405 freeway that would change Sepulveda Blvd. or take any homes on the east or west side of the Freeway. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed - Yes votes: 8, no votes: 0, abstentions: 5.

DWP Motion (Agenda Item #17)

- Ron Galperin moved we write a letter to DWP regarding reasons and proposed remedies for the increased frequency of power failures in the hillsides. Robert seconded. Discussion was held. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Office Report (Agenda item #18) None for this meeting.

New Business (Item #19) None for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary
Meeting of August 22, 2007