

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 26, 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		
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>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>Lookout Mountain Alliance</i>		
Christopher Carradine	X	
<i>Members-at-Large</i>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		
Pam Cooke	X	
Robert Ringler	X	
<i>Roscomare Valley Association</i>		
Scott Harper	X	
Steve Twining	X	

Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
Save Our Strip		
Mark Krajewski		X
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: Deanna Stevenson
 From CD5 office: Sonia Kwon and Joan Pelico
 From the Mayor's office: None

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

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Raymond Yu announced the Chinese Festival in Chinatown on 9/22/07. For more information, call 213-680-0243. He also announced the Mayor's Budget Day and the AIDS Walk in West Hollywood on 10/21/07.
- Marcia Selz reported that based on the evidence provided in the KNBC news story, an ethics complaint was filed against CD5 Councilman Jack Weiss on 9/22/07. The basis of this complaint is that Councilman Weiss has not returned the illegal laundered contributions received during his 2001 campaign. These funds were identified in the Casden indictments. In addition, Councilman Weiss has not returned the matching government funds, which were paid by taxpayers' dollars. For more information on the ethics complaint, go to www.RecallJackWeiss.com.
- Tony Tucci spoke about the problems stemming from development on Stanley Hills and Davies Way.
- Joan Pelico was introduced as a Field Deputy for CD 5. She is handling the west side of the district, while Sonia Kwon is handling the eastern portion.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining reported on the 9/15/07 Neighborhood Council Alliance meeting. George Muhlstein of Latham and Watkins made a presentation regarding their support for the Home Depot expansion while Councilperson Wendy Greuel spoke in support of the neighborhood.
- The Council discussed DWP's proposed rate increase of 15%: GG Verone moved that BABCNC oppose the proposed power rate increase until the DWP ceases the transfer of annual excess funds from operations to the City's general fund. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question, which passed by voice vote. The motion passed: In favor of the motion: 15, Opposed to the motion: 4, Abstentions: 3.
- GG Verone moved that BABCNC oppose the proposed water rate increase until the DWP ceases the transfer of annual excess funds from operations to the City's general fund. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question, which passed by voice vote. The motion passed: In favor of the motion: 15, Opposed to the motion: 4, Abstentions: 3.
- Regarding the Army Reserve Building, Saul Salka reported that the building is obsolete and will be torn down. Vicki Kelly moved to support the preservation of the Army Reserve land for the sole use of veterans, in accordance to the original bequest of the landowners. Carolyn Carradine seconded. Discussion was held. Motion was tabled.
- VA Cares Commission: The commission is opposed to leases and the development of the land.
- Carolyn Carradine has been appointed the Santa Monica Conservancy representative to the BABCNC. Chris Carradine has been appointed the Lookout Mountain Alliance representative to the BABCNC.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Robert Ringler introduced Captain Matthew Blake, the new Commanding Officer for the west area. He spoke about hillside burglaries and theft of construction equipment and supplies.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine discussed the Treasurer's Report and moved that it be accepted. Scott Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Alan said that the rent is due, but that City Council has not yet approved payment.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #6)

- Stephen Cheung was not present at this meeting.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #7)

- Sonia Kwon distributed the Weiss Wire newsletter, adding that construction and haul routes and traffic issues continue to be problems in this district.

DONE Report (Agenda item #8)

- Deanna reported that there would be sign-up forms for NC Congress at the Mayor's Budget Day on 10-3-07.
- Deanna handed out a self-assessment form, which can be completed by members on paper or online. She will get back to us on whether this is the final versions, since it is marked draft.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #9)

- Larry Leisten explained that the election rules need to be consistent with the BABCNC Bylaws. He moved to approve the election procedures with changes, as distributed 72 hours in advance of tonight's meeting, and as amended. Scott Harper seconded. Discussion was held. The question was called and passed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Larry moved to approve the changes to the BABCNC Bylaws, as red-lined, to make them consistent with the election procedures. Scott Harper seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The question was called and passed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #10)

- 2840 Beverly Drive: Carol Sidlow moved that the Council support the Mulholland Design Review Board in their disapproval of this development project. Robert Ringler seconded the motion. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question and the call vote passed. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- 8606 Hillside: GG Verone moved to deny a variance for the front yard 8606 Hillside and an 8' side wall, which exceeded the City code. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.
- 9100 Crescent Drive: Carol moved that the BABCNC send a letter to the L.A. Planning Department to reiterate our support for the Laurel Canyon community in its opposition to the parcel map subdivision request for this property. Marcia Selz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Carol moved to send a letter re: Stanley Hills and Davies Way in support of the homeowners' opposition to the repeated violations of zoning adjustments. Chris Carradine seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 9900 Wilshire: Gary Gole's office represents this project's designers in his law firm. He will pass along Council's request for a presentation before the Land Use Committee.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Ron Galperin announced that the Committee has been making some inquiries and will report further information at the October meeting.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- The next Traffic Committee meeting will be on October 9th at the WLA Police Station.
- Expo Line alternatives are presently being discussed.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- Pam Marton introduced Rosie, the new evening custodian at the school.

- The Community Magnet School is now officially a Charter School.
- Pam announced a new mentor program: CATCH (Caring Adults Teaching Children How)—now looking for mentors and asked for volunteers.
- There will be a fundraising fair at the school on 10/27 from 10-4:00, offering rides and a carnival.
- The large tables bought years ago by BABCNC are falling apart, and they could use some new, lightweight ones, if possible.

Office Report (Agenda Item #16)

- Sharon Howard asked that the Council be aware of recycling cups and plates at the meetings.

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

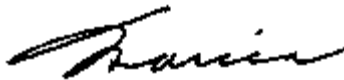
- It was reported that the planning for these projects is still in discussion.

New Business (Item #19)

- Pam Cooke announced that the Upper Stone Canyon reservoir meetings will be taking place in January, 2008, and presentations will be made in prior months. She recommended Council incorporate a notice of these meetings in with election information when it is distributed.
- Carolyn Carradine has been appointed the Santa Monica Conservancy representative to the BABCNC. At the SMMC board meeting they reported that all their identified parcels had been cleared of brush for fire season.

Marcia Selz moved that the meeting adjourned. G.G. Verone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary