

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 24, 2007
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	
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
 From the Mayor's office: No one

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)

- Alan Fine moved to approve the minutes, as corrected. Andy Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Ben Neufeld spoke regarding dumpsters parked on his street (Linda Flora) that are wider than automobiles. They are dirty and difficult to see because of their dark colors. They should all have consistent color and markings. Mr. Neufeld asked that the Council take action on this matter.
- Jim Bursch introduced himself to the Council. He is the Community News Editor for the *Westside Today* and *Bel-Air View*. He will be attending some of our future meetings.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining reported that the DWP rate increase is being discussed at the Neighborhood Council Congress and he is on the panel.
- We have not heard further from Deanna on the DONE self-assessment survey.
- Steve discussed the letter from Henry Waxman regarding the Army Reserve Building, asking that the VA disclose their short-term leases, operate under the National Environmental Policy Act and find alternatives for this site, and return the site to the Department of Veteran Affairs. A copy of this letter is available.
- There will be a Gordon Smith memorial gathering on Saturday. For more information, call Alan Fine.
- UCLA would like to expand their number of students on campus—can do so up to 13, 000. The school is looking for properties to develop in the area—two buildings on Hilgard. UCLA says it is not necessary to adhere to City rules because it is a State institution.
- Steve distributed information on the Subway to the Sea project
- EXPO brochures were distributed
- Budget summary was distributed

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 construction burglaries.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine discussed the budget and announced that Council has \$69,000 available.
- Alan moved to approve expenditures for equipment for Fire Station 99 up to \$2,500. Carol Sidlow seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Alan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #6)

- No report. Stephen Cheung was not present at this meeting.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #7)

- Sonia Kwon reported that she is working on fire hazards problems

- She wants to replace “No Smoking” signs with bigger and more obvious signs.
- On 11/6/07, Gene Simmons is filming a show and opening a store on Melrose. In the evening, there will be a great deal of traffic.
- Sonia took a tour of Fire Station 41. Firemen told her there are problems with emergencies, as motorists often do not pull over for fire trucks.
- Pam Cooke reported two large trees that need to be removed in the 2300 block on Beverly Glen and some trees at 920 N. Beverly Glen.
- Members of the Council requested information on the status of Councilman Weiss’ motion on public safety. Members of the Council believe that this has not been followed up on by the CD5 office and it needs to be. Sonia said she would find out the status and report to the Council.
- It was discussed that city arborists at the Roscomare Valley Association meeting said the LAFD will not cite people who have dry brush. It was requested that the CD5 office follow up on this.

DONE Report (Agenda item #8)

- Deanna said she will fax passes for the Congress of Neighborhoods event.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #9)

- Larry Leisten discussed the changing of the BABCNC bylaws. The following motions were submitted to membership for consideration 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Larry moved that the BABCNC amend its recently proposed Election Procedures to conform to the "Prepared Ballot Elections" form of election, without any provisions for mailed ballots. Ron Hudson seconded the motion. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question. The call vote passed. Motion passed by a voice vote.
- Larry moved that the BABCNC amend its Election Procedures and its Bylaws so that the Public Election is held biennially (every two years), beginning in the spring of 2008. Motion was seconded by Chuck Maginnis. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question and the call vote passed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Larry moved that the BABCNC amend its Bylaws so that its Annual Meeting is held in January of each year. Andy Schwartz seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Call for the question passed. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Larry moved that the BABCNC amend its Bylaws to extend the term limits of BABCNC officers to a period of not more than 10 years. Andy seconded. Discussion was held. Andy retracted his second. Larry’s motion was amended to remove all term limits. Andy seconded. Discussion was held. There was a call for the question and the call vote passed. Motion passed: yes votes: 9, no votes: 6, abstentions: 0.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #10)

- Carol Sidlow moved to support Councilman Jack Weiss’ opposition to parking exemptions for transit-adjacent developments. Eric Ridgley seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Andy moved to send a letter to the L.A. Planning Commission requesting adherence to requirements for updating community plans. Pam Cooke seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Carol announced a meeting on 10/29/07 at 7 p.m. at the Beverly Hills City Council to discuss the 9900 Wilshire Blvd. project. Developers and architects for the project have also expressed willingness to come to future BABCNC meetings to present their plans.
- Pam Cooke distributed information about the Stone Canyon Reservoir options.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Ron Galperin announced the Congress of Neighborhoods October 27th event. Ron will be managing the “City Managers” session.
- Ron suggested some ideas for organizing in the event of emergencies.
- CERT training is now taking place. Ron discussed public health issues and how children with asthma suffer in smoky conditions.
- MTA is holding scoping meetings to decide what they are going to study.

- The next Outreach Committee meeting will be on November 5th. There are many special events being planned for the coming year.
- Ron discussed the document transfer tax and collection.
- A new designer for the website has been selected. It is hoped that he will finish up within two months.

Public Safety (Agenda Item #12)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported that construction-site burglaries have increased. There will be a meeting on November 1st, 9 a.m. at the West LA Police Station about this concern.
- Car burglaries have increased.
- License plate-reading cars are now being deployed.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- In Robert Ringler's absence, Steve Twining reported that the next Traffic meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13th at the West LA Police Station.
- LA City Council has approved the Sepulveda Blvd. Reversible Lanes proposal. An EIR is being prepared and there will be a comment period.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- Pam Marton announced the Fall *Fairfantastic* at the school on October 27th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- The Community Magnet School is looking for volunteers for their new mentor program: CATCH (Caring Adults Teaching Children How) for one hour per week. She asked for the contact person for each BABCNC association.
- Pam raised the need for air purifiers for the school. She offered an emergency motion for health and safety reasons: Pam moved to buy air filtration systems for each public school in the BABCNC area, spending up to \$250 for each. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. The motion was tabled until the November meeting.

Office Report (Agenda Item #16)

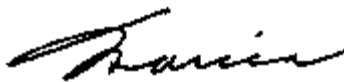
- Sharon Howard passed around a card for all to sign for DONE Director Carol Baker Tharp, who is ill.

New Business (Item #19)

- There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Selz, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary