

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 28, 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: Joan Pelico, 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)

- Marcia Selz moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, as corrected. Chuck Maginnis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- There was no Public Comment.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining reported that there is no news about the DWP increase.
- Robert Ringler tabled the billboard motion, which asks City Council to not override the permit denial.
- There was a moment of silence for the late Carol Baker Tharp of DONE.
- Steve reported on the NC Alliance meeting on LAX, saying there needs to be expansion of other area airports, rapid transit connections, and more use of the fly-aways.
- The USC initiative regarding neighborhood councils, headed by Bon Yon Kim, was discussed.
- At the Westside Subway Summit on 11/19, proposed user-taxes and \$52 parcel tax were discussed.

President Steve Twining then re-ordered the agenda items to accommodate community speakers.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #14)

- Officer Chris Ragsdale told Council about the heat-seeking device that BABCNC helped fund for two patrol cars. Sgt. Dave Podesta demonstrated the new equipment on his vehicle.
- Overall crime is down, but burglaries are still occurring in Council area.
- The new police Captain's name is Bill Eaton.
- Fire Chief Graham Everett presented information on the LAFD, brush clearance, and evacuation plans.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- Keith Hudson, the chair of Beverly Glen's Traffic Committee, reported that he has been working with LADOT, who added and moved signs, put in new striping, and worked to enforce laws. The next step is to do a larger-scale traffic study. He requested a LADOT traffic study, but LADOT rejected it. Private firms have now been contacted regarding a study that would include Roscomare Road, Beverly Glen and Benedict Canyon would be affected. Chuck Maginnis moved to support a privately funded traffic study. Joshua Berman seconded. Votes: Yes: 5, No: 6, Abstain: 2. Motion defeated.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Don Loze seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Alan reported on the Administrative Committee meeting of 11/15. They approved special flashlight apparatuses for LAPD guns, and announced the upcoming resignation of Administrator Sharon Howard.

Writer's Strike Information (Agenda Item #6)

- Marcia Selz distributed information about the strike.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #7)

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

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #8)

- Joan Pelico stated that homeowners with dead trees might be cited if within 200 feet of other homes.
- She distributed copies of the November Weiss Wire.
- SB1818: Jack Weiss is asking the Planning Commission to look into this.
- Don Loze said the Ridgeline Ordinance has languished for two years and Councilman Weiss has not taken any action at this point. The same was true of the Mansionization Ordinance. The Council urged Councilman Weiss to take immediate action on these important matters.

DONE Report (Agenda item #9)

- Deanna spoke about Carol Baker Tharp's passing and said there will be a memorial service.
- Our Member-At-Large election may be taken over by the City Clerk, giving us a June election.

Bylaws/Rules Committee (Item #10)

- Larry Leisten was not present, so the bylaws motion was postponed.
- BABCNC officers will be elected at the January meeting.

Office Report (Item #11)

No report.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Chris Carradine moved that BABCNC unanimously support the 8333 Elusive Drive application of William Altman. Robert seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Carol Sidlow moved to support Zev Yaroslovsky regarding changes to the City's draft ordinance re: State Density Bonus Ordinance. Alan seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Carol moved to thank Jack Weiss for his letter re the Laurel Canyon land auction. Alan seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed by voice vote.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #13)

- The new website will be uploaded in December (possibly shutting the BABCNC website down for a few days), and will be done for less money than originally planned.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #15) (continued)

- The holiday breakfast meeting on 12/11 at Gardens at Glendon—all are welcome to attend.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- No report.

Office Report (Agenda Item #16)


- The Council annual photo is postponed until a future meeting with higher attendance.
- Steve Twining introduced Robin Greenberg, president of Roscomare Valley Association, who will be replacing Scott Harper on the BABCNC, who has resigned.

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
Meeting of October 24, 2007