

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 23, 2008
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

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>Bel-Air Park HOA</i>		
Gary Plotkin	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>		
Robin Greenberg		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: Stephen Cheung

Administration (Agenda Item #1)

- President Steve Twining called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There was a quorum.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Irene Sandler moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, as corrected. Alan Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comments (Agenda item #3)

- Raymond Yu announced the Year of the Rat, Chinese New Year – 2/8/08.
- Cyrus Nownejad spoke regarding his concerns regarding Mansionization and requested an update regarding the issue.
- Steve Kaplan: Re: Anti-Mansionization proposal, requested BABCNC's opposition.
- Patricia Bell-Hearst commented favorably on Anti-Mansionization; warned of possible Proposition 13 reversal at State Level.

Guest Speakers (Item #4)

- Candy and Candy –Attorney Harvey Englander and partner gave an informational presentation for the development at 9900 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills. He discussed traffic studies showing fewer car trips for residential units than for medical or retail establishments.

Guest Speaker (Item #5)

- Erick Lopez – Associate Planner for City of LA Planning Dept., introduced by Ann Beisch, Discussed/answered questions re: the Baseline Ordinance and Mansionization Ordinance – L.A. will be one of the last cities to maintain neighborhood character, to be defined by each neighborhood.

President's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- No change in the status on the DWP rate increase.
- Introduced David Espinoza as the new Administrator for the BABCNC as of February 2008.
- Steven Cheung from the Mayor's Office briefed N.C. on Proposition S.
 - ◆ **Motion** to oppose the telephone transfer tax, known as Proposition S, which is on the February 5, 2008 city wide election. Steve Twining made motion. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Vote: 9 yes, 10 no. **Motion failed.**
- The 1/10 Transportation Summit provided information about possible parking meter rate increase.
- Ron Galperin discussed the Financial Disclosure Rule that would list all the BABCNC Members information, similar to Commissioners and Elected Officials. Disclosures are part of the N.C. process of qualifying for putting motions before City Council.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #7)

- Motion - Alan Fine moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Robert Ringler seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- \$2,000 balance due for web site
- Reported on the purchase of tables for Bellagio School.
- Discussed looking into the possibility of purchasing gates and having traffic studies done.

BABCNC Officers Election (Agenda Item #8)

- Board members voted by paper secret ballot for the election of BABCNC officers/ Executive Committee. The following officers were elected:

President –	Robert Ringler
Vice President –	Ron Galperin
Recording Secretary –	Irene Sandler
Treasurer –	Alan Fine

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #9)

- Larry Leisten moved to approve the motion that the Bylaws of the BABCNC be amended as follows:
 - ◆ **Motion** to amend Article 6 of Bylaws to create position of Immediate Past President, an “ex-officio” position, to have an advisory seat on the Executive Committee, term to continue until next Past President volunteers to be the “ex officio” representative. Discussion was held. Vote: 16 yes, 4 no. **Motion passed.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to amend Article 6 of Bylaws to create position of President Emeritus, an honorary position with lifetime advisory position on Executive Committee. Discussion was held. Vote: 16 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.**
- Discussed elections procedures for election of at-large candidate. Discussed options to:
 - (i) have City Clerk administer BABCNC election in June of 2008;
 - (ii) have DONE administer election with assistance of Independent Election Administrator (IEA) at a date other than election date administered by City Clerk; or;
 - (iii) postpone election of at-large candidates until 2010.
- ◆ **Motion** to have City Clerk administer BABCNC election in June of 2008. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Vote: 13 yes, 2 no. **Motion passed.**

Motion to nominate Steve Twining as BABCNC’s first President Emeritus (Agenda Item #10)

- ◆ **Motion** to nominate Steve Twining as President Emeritus to the BABCNC. Robert Ringler made motion. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Vote: 15 yes, 5 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.**

Mayor’s Office Report (Agenda item #11)

- Stephen Cheung announced postponement of Mayor’s Day of Service until March 15, 2008.
- The Regional Budget Day is scheduled for February 23, 2008.
- Cheung asked the council to fill out the Budget Survey on the Mayor’s Website.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #12)

- Sonia Kwon reported on street conditions; working with Bureau of Street Services.
- Kwon update on 9900 Wilshire.

DONE Report (Agenda item #13)

- Deanne Stevenson reported on waiting until 2010 to amend By-laws or report By-law amendments to the City Clerk’s Office.

Office Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Sharon Howard thanked the council for their part in her 2 years of service as Administrator to the BABCNC.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- Motion made in committee to send letter with concerns about potential development at 2205 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- Motion made in committee to monitor and request an EAF re: stakeholder concerns - 8583 Lookout – Oppose as “By Right” Project.

- Motion made in committee to oppose the following developments at this time: 8365 Sunset View Drive – Support SOS in their opposition of exemptions to Hillside Ordinance and Retaining wall ordinance.
- Motion made in committee to oppose amendments to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance proposed by Councilman Weiss.
- No position at this time re: Billboard Blight/Special Sign Districts – Committee will investigate further
- Motion made and seconded to request status of Quimby funds in Council District #5 from Councilman Jack Weiss; Parks and Recreation Department and City Controller's office.
 - ◆ **Motion** BABCNC requests the status of Quimby funds for parks in Council District 5 from Councilman Weiss and Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion was held. Vote: 20 yes, 1 no. **Motion passed.**
- Up-dates at committee meeting given on previously agendized properties, where available: 1400 Linda Flora, 8660 Skyline, 10523 Selkirk, 8853 Lookout Mountain, 8815 Crescent Drive, Nalin Drive, Hoag Canyon, West Crescent Drive
- Letters to the City previously sent to request immediate response: 8853 Lookout Mountain, 1400 Linda Flora, West Crescent Drive – Environmental Impact/Cumulative Impacts, 8815 Crescent Drive.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- Ron Galperin reported on BABCNC website.
- Briefed on Candidates Forum and Fire Station Support.
- Committee continues to find ways to outreach to the community.
- Committee recommends signs to invite/ welcome people to meetings and to give location/directions for Committee Meetings held before regular N.C. Board Meeting.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #17)

- Reported on possible “No Trespassing” sign to deter people from foreclosure house in Deep Canyon.
- Sgt. Chris Ragsdale reported on decrease of crime in 2007 and fewer hillside burglaries.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #18)

- Rita Robinson, Head of LADOT, will be guest speaker at Feb. 12 WLA Traffic Committee Meeting.

Public Schools Update (Item #19)

- No report.

Writer's Strike Information (Agenda Item #20)

- No report.

New Business (Item #21)

- There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary