

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

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2008 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>		
Jerry Appel	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	
<i>Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy</i>		
Carolyn Carradine		X
<i>Save Our Strip</i>		
Mark Krajewski		X
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: None

From CD5 Office: Joan Pelico

From the Mayor's Office: Stephen Cheung

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. He announced the meeting would not be audio taped.
- Irene Sandler called the roll. There was a quorum.

Introductions (Agenda Item #2)

- President Ringler asked for Council Members and attendees take introduce themselves and state their affiliation.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #3)

- John Amato moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Larry Leisten seconded the motion. Alan Fine stated noted misspelling of "Roll" under Item 1. Motion approved unanimously with corrections by voice vote.

Guest Speaker – L.A. City Planning Dept. BABCNC Community Planner: Susan Robinson (Item #4)

- Ms. Robinson briefed the Council on her experience and background. She is the BABCNC's Community Planner from the Department of Planning.
- She stated that she and Eric Lopez (LA City Planning Dept.) rode on a BABCNC area tour with Steve Twining to get an understanding of some of the planning and land use issues facing the BABCNC.
- President Ringler opened the floor to questions.
- Carol Sidlow asked Susan to name the biggest challenges projected for the next two years. Susan responded: 1. the changes in writing the community plans; 2. implementing big ideas.
- Monica Weil asked when and if there would be community involvement in the Hillside Ordinance. Susan stated that Eric Lopez is in the information gathering stage and will approach the community at a later date.
- Nickie Miner asked what part of the Ridgeline Ordinance was being looked at. Susan stated that all parts of the Ordinance were being looked at. She also stated that Eric Lopez is currently looking at development and does not know what the end product would be.
- Chuck Maginnis asked if there was a plan to educate grassroots individuals on Mansionization before the vote by City Council. Susan stated that Eric wants to educate the community on the issue and that steps would include focus groups and meetings with larger groups to discuss the issue.
- Patricia Bell Hearst commented that since Susan is new, the Planning department should put together a working compendium.
- Irene Sandler commented that she had attended a focus group session in the past and the group did not have enough information prior to the meeting on the issues before them. Susan commented that the purpose of the groups and discussion is to meet with stakeholders who are already familiar with the issue.
- President Ringler thanked Susan for attending the meeting. He commented on the County's Ridgeline Ordinance and the need for a Mansionization Ordinance in the hillsides.
- Nickie Miner asked Susan for her e-mail address. Susan.robinson@lacity.org

Public Comments (Agenda item #5)

- Raymond Yu invited everyone to Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Celebration on May 4th sponsored by AT&T 19th and provided information on the event.

President's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- President Ringler commented on the lack of volunteers for events and the need of members to participate in events that are sponsored by the BABCNC. He stated that the same members are volunteering and being should not be taken for granted in their efforts.
- Steve Twining briefed the Council on his attendance at the Mayor's State of the City Address and the proposed increase of a Trash Fee.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #7)

- Alan Fine commented that balance due to Fire Station 99 by DONE had been finalized.
- Alan briefed on Pam Marton's request to the Council for a donation to support the "Caring Adults Teaching Children How" Mentoring Program: The Council cannot give monetary donations. He mentioned that the Committee was considering providing lights for the parking areas of the Community Magnet School.
- Alan discussed the Committee's support for Crest Neighborhood Association request of a name change to Beverly Crest. Ron Galperin gave his thanks for the support and commented on what the change would mean to the community.
- Alan briefed the Council on the Board of Neighborhood Council's (BONC) recognition of the BABCNC's 5th year and Certificate of Appreciation from BONC.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve 2008-2009 Budget for the BABCNC. Steve Twining made motion. G.G. Verone seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve up to \$5,400 for the Los Angeles Police Department – Hollywood Division to 2 exercise treadmills. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Michelle Fleenor asked if there was a fee to use the gym. Carol Sidlow stated there was not fee to her knowledge. Michelle recalled a fee, based upon her four years of employment there. Fee charge, if any, will be reported at the next meeting. Larry Leisten commented that he did not see a direct impact with these funds to the community and stated the need for policy for expenditures. President Ringler commented on the request for this expenditure coming from the community and noted the lack of response from other communities for requests. Gary Plotkin asked if there was a need for a committee to distribute expenditures. President Ringler stated the Executive Committee functions as such a committee. John Amato stated the need to find out if there is a gym charge. **Vote: 15 Yes; 7 Oppose; 2 Abstain. Motion passed.**

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #8)

- Steven Cheung briefed the Council on the Mayor's Budget Day and thanked Ron Galperin for his participation. The Mayor is taking the suggestions from everyone seriously.
- Steven commented on the Mayor's State of the City Address and the \$406 million deficit facing the City.
- He discussed the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development Team and its challenge. The City Controller's Audit noted the current programs are not working and there is a need to work with NC's to face the challenges.
- Steven stated that DONE did take a 9% decrease in funding; therefore the City Clerk was designated to administer NC Elections.
- Steven commented on the possible increase of the Trash fee. Currently the City is not subsidizing the costs, which need to be recouped.
- Monica Weil asked if the increase would be per can. Steven stated he would find out the answer, but thought it would be an increase per can.
- Irene Sandler commented that the increase is not a good idea.
- Ron Galperin thanked the Mayor and Steven for his efforts during the Budget Day.

- Steven asked if anyone had more questions regarding the trash fee, to e-mail him so he can draft a response.
- Steve Twining commented on the need for brush collection in the area and resurfacing of streets.
- Larry Leisten commented on his previous efforts to invite representatives from the Sanitation Department to brief on their Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan (SWIRP) to meet zero waste management goals. President Ringler asked David to invite the proper representatives.
- Steven stated the priorities of the City: Safety; Infrastructure, and Transportation.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #9)

- CD 5 Deputy Joan Pelico stated there was a proposal for extra funding for resurfacing streets and thanked the Council for pushing this issue.
- Joan commented on Beverly Kenworthy's e-mail regarding updates: Baseline Mansionization to be scheduled next month for City Council vote; Ridgeline Ordinance could be placed with Hillside Ordinance; however, may be scheduled soon in PLUM.

DONE Report (Agenda item #10)

- No Report.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #11)

- No Report.

Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

- David Espinoza commented that he had road safety signs if anyone wanted to take one home.
- David reminded the Council of the ZERO Management workshop May 3rd and **asked members** to advise him if they wanted to attend.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- Carol Sidlow discussed a motion that was approved at the Committee level regarding 1523 N. Beverly Glen.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support the Residents of Beverly Glen in requesting information from LADBS, Department of City Planning and Council Weiss' office regarding possible non-permitted grading activity at 1523 N. Beverly Glen. Robert Ringler made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- **Up-date: Per Robert Ringler, letter not necessary as the property in question has a different address and appropriate permits have been issued.
- Carol passed out a questionnaire to the Members and asked them to fill it out and return to her.
- Carol commented that it is now Fire season and requested all to report license plate numbers of anyone driving and smoking in the area.

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #15)

- Larry Leisten commented on the Council's letter to the City Clerk requesting an explanation to of denial to have City Clerk hold At-Large Board Election in June of 2008. David Espinoza stated that the letter had been sent out and will advise once a response is received.
- Larry commented that a possible motion might be presented to the Board for holding the At-Large Elections.
- He commented on the discussion of the Phase 1 draft revisions discussed at the Committee meeting and requested members to comment on the draft.
- Larry stated he would hold off the discussion of the Phase 1 draft until the next meeting and that Phase 2 draft would be sent out soon.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- Ron Galperin thanked Chuck Maginnis for his efforts towards Fire Day and selecting a location.
- Ron commented on Big Sunday May 3rd and the Community Magnet School Garden Project that would be supported by the BABCNC.

- Ron stated the need for an Outreach Chair, as he would be stepping down from the position at the end of the month.
- David Espinoza suggested that the Outreach Committee merge with the Executive Committee until a replacement can be found.
- President Ringler asked if Chuck Maginnis would volunteer as the Chair or attend the Executive Committee meetings to assist with Outreach. Chuck stated he would try to attend meetings.
- President Ringler asked what fire station would be designated for Fire Day. Members agreed that Fire Station 99 might be appropriate. Ron Galperin will contact Fire Station 99 to find out if the BABCNC would be able to have a table that day.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #17)

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Public Schools Update (Item #18)

- No Report.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #19)

- SB 1165 Education Workshop, Saturday, March 29 2-4 pm, Audubon Center at Debs Park, 4700 N. Griffin Ave.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary