

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 25, 2008
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049

For review

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2008 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Eric Ridgely		X
Andrew Schwartz		X
Paulette DuBerry	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: Deanna Stevenson

From CD5 Office: Joan Pelico

From the Mayor's Office: None

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He announced the meeting would be audio taped.
- Irene Sandler called the roll. There was a quorum.

Introductions (Agenda Item #2)

- No Introductions.

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

- Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. Correction to the minutes to reflect the moment of silence for Marcia Selz's father. Steve Twining moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously with corrections by voice vote.

Public Comments (Item #4)

- President Ringler reminded the audience to keep the public comments within the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council and provide any written information to the Council.
- Raymond Yu announced the China Town Event on June 28th, at 7 pm and the Pacific Palisades Americanism Forth of July Parade on Friday, July 4th.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Steve asked if the Council would be holding a workshop for the Clean Money Campaign. Mark Krajewski commented he was coordinating a date with Judy Branfman from the Campaign and would let the Council know when the workshop would take place.
- Steve Twining commented on the handout of DWP's budget passed out to the Council.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Alan Fine briefed on the Executive Committee's denials for \$5,000 expenditure to purchase 6 acres of open space, due to the Council's limitations on donating cash and a \$3,208 expenditure for a Community Magnet Charter School project. He suggested the funds come from the PTA organization.
- Pam Marton passed out a funding request to the council for stage lights that were already purchased. Alan stated that the request for the funds would take time from the City and would not accommodate the time frame.
- Alan Fine commented on the Executive Committee's decision to increase David Espinoza's hourly rate by \$2.50 an hour beginning July 1 and changing his title of Executive Director to the BABCNC.
- President Ringler commented on the Executive Director's role for the Council and thanked David for his role.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #7)

- No Report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #8)

- Joan Pelico asked the Council to e-mail any questions to their office, prior to the meetings, in an effort to have answers while presenting to the Council.
- She announced that she would be on vacation from June 30 thru July 14.
- She announced an Electronic Equipment/Hazardous Drop Off at Pierce College July 12 and 13. Steve Twining announced that UCLA also does a drop off every Saturday.
- She briefed on the parking information pamphlet that was passed out and commented on parking enforcement concerns on Stradella. She asked the Council to notify the Councilman's Office for any parking problems.
- Steve Twining asked if Joan could find out the status of a letter that was sent to the Beverly Kenworthy.
- Gary Plotkin commented on Pine trees being destroyed in the Mulholland area. Joan stated she would find out more information to resolve the issue.
- Mark Krajewski asked if a citation or letter could be sent to homes that have dirt from the hillside encroaching on the street to regulate maintenance. Joan asked to have the information of the homes sent to her.
- Gary Gole commented about the Houdini Mansion advertising the space for parties, which has become a concern to the neighbors. Carol Sidlow stated that Councilman La Bonge's office has been working on the issue.
- Steve Twining commented on Councilman La Bonge's motion on construction bins that is in the City Attorney's Office and asked for the Councilman Weiss' support to move the motion forward.
- Steve also commented on the construction along Chalon Road and asked for Beverly Kenworthy to research the project.
- Joan stated that a home is allowed to have a business, with one employee with one extra car. However, parties and events need a permit, and Building and Safety should be contacted. Carol commented that most of the events are on the weekend. Joan suggested that photos or videos be taken.
- Gary Plotkin commented on the parking abuse in certain school areas and the need for a plan for the Fall. Joan agreed, however the City cannot place "No Parking" signs, but there is a need to work together.
- Carol Sidlow commented on a Pilot Program in Councilwoman Gruel's district for valet at the schools. Joan commented the school and parents needed to work out a program that works best for them and must be a team effort.
- Pat Marton commented on speaking to the Roscomare School regarding a parking program.
- President Ringler stated that LADOT is involved with schools and can be contacted for assistance.

DONE Report (Agenda item #9)

- Deanna Stevenson discussed a musical program and asked if the Council would be interested in helping the program. President Ringler asked Deanna to forward information to the office.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #10)

- No Report.

Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

- David Espinoza thanked the Council for his new title as Executive Director and for the raise in his salary.
- David briefed the Council on a survey that was e-mailed. He asked for them to be completed and returned to him.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Carol Sidlow discussed the project on 2640 Roscomare and the committee's support to request plans from the developer.
- She stated the committee supported the RVA's opposition to both 11037 Anzio and 2070 Stradella's request for a fence height variance.

- She briefed on the project at 10501 Seabury Lane and the committee's support of the Residents of Beverly Glen's opposition. She asked that a letter be drafted and President Ringler attends the hearing July 10th.
- The committee took the following action:
 - Opposed 9270 Sierra Mar and a variance to permit the existing 6' fence to be raised to 8' & 15';
 - Supported a letter to be sent to the Central Planning Commission in support of the Zoning Administration's denial for 8815 Crescent Drive;
 - Opposed 9274 Sierra Mar and the scope of the project;
 - Opposed 8474 Harold Way and the proposed requests by the applicant;
 - Supported a letter to be sent to Building and Safety to inspect the property at 11101 – 11201 Chalon and provide a written report.
- She commented that the construction bin issue be moved from the City Attorney's and asked Joan Pelico for an update. She also asked Joan for an update on the motion noise due to construction motion.
- Steve Twining commented that the Chalon project contains no retaining wall on the Linda Flora side.
- President Ringler thanked Carol and the Planning and Land Use Committee for their work. He asked if the committee could provide written information to the members prior to the meetings.
 - ◆ **Motion** to send letters to the appropriate departments from the Council to support the Committee's decisions and requests on 11037 Anzio, 2070 Stradella, 10501 Seabury Lane, 9274 Sierra Mar and 8474 Harold Way. Gary Plotkin made motion. Joshua Berman seconded. Discussion was held. **10 Yes, 2 Nay, 5 abstain. Motion passed.**

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

- ◆ **Motion** to approve holding of election of At-Large Representatives under the Administration of the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles in 2010. Larry Leisten made motion. Gary Plotkin seconded. Discussion was held. **11 Yes, 3 Nay, 3 abstain. Motion passed.**
- Larry Leisten briefed on the need for comments to Phase I of the Bylaws and requested ample time during a meeting to review Phase I and Phase II of the Bylaws. President Ringler asked the committee to give the entire Bylaws to the Council for review and then an appropriate time would be allotted to review the Bylaws.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- Robin Greenberg announced a suggestion to have an article in the Brentwood and Bel-Air news about the Council. She will work on drafting the information.
- She passed out a media list to the all the members.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

Public Schools Update (Item #16)

- Pam Marton stated the school would host The Bel-Air Jazz Festival on October 18 and recommended the event as part of an Outreach event.
- Pam briefed on the Summer Camps that would take place from July 7 thru August 28.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #17)

- Steve Twining announced a housing EIR for housing at the Northwest quadrant at UCLA.
- He announced an MTA Expo Phase II meeting on June 26 at 10 am. President Ringler commented that he had more information on the meeting and that the traffic committee supported the Expo Project.
- Irene Sandler commented on workshops for the West LA Community Plan. She will provide the more information to the members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. G.G. Verone made motion. Mark Krajewski seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary