

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 25, 2009
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Final

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2009 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Eric Ridgely		X
Andrew Schwartz		X
Colleen Hanlon, for Paulette DuBey	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>		
Michael Chastain	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>		
Lonnie Mayfield		X
<i>Glenridge HOA</i>		
Andre Stojka	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>North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association</i>		
		X
<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		
Pam Cooke	X	
Robert A. 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: Sonia Kwon

From the Mayor's Office: None

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Secretary Sandler called the roll. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- Alan Fine made motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Maginnis seconded. **23 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Abstain. Motion passed.**

Public Comments (Item #3)

- Ron Galperin commented on his candidacy for City Council for District 5. He stated his endorsement from the *Los Angeles Times* and asked for support for his candidacy.
- Rebecca Wood from the LA Bureau of Sanitation briefed on the Flood Plain Management Plan. She stated 801 properties in the NC area fall in the flood plain and the current plan is being revised. She invited everyone to comment on the revisions and provided a questionnaire for the comments.
- Chuck Maginnis asked what properties were in the area between Sunset and Mulholland. Rebecca stated the project manager for the Bureau has a list of those properties. She stated the most properties in the flood plain are mainly in the flat land areas. For more information, Rebecca can be contacted at 213-590-0117 or RebeccaJanewood@yahoo.com
- Steve Twining asked if all the storm drains had screens. Rebecca stated the City is currently working to get all the storm drains covered with a screen and to contact the Storm Water Program for more information.
- Marcia Selz passed out evaluation results from the Coalition of Homeowner Associations regarding the candidates running for office in the Council District 5 and City Attorney elections. She stated there was candidates forum for both offices and invited everyone to visit their website for more information.
- Steve Twining asked how many homeowners associations were part of the Coalition. Marcia stated 62 associations are part of the coalition.
- Don Loze asked why the Coalition accomplishes certain issues and not the Neighborhood Councils. Marcia stated some HOAs are not part of the NCs and the Coalition does not have some political issues that the NCs may have.
- Mike Stryer commented on his candidacy for the LA Unified School Board District 4. He stated he is a 16 year resident of Pacific Palisades, a teacher at Fairfax High School and commented on being endorsed by the *Los Angeles Times*. He asked for support for his candidacy.
- Raymond Yu briefed on his attendance at the Metro Expo meeting in West Los Angeles. He stated the concerns with safety around the train tracks and encouraged everyone to visit the Expo website for more information.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- ◆ **Motion** to send a letter to the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners agreeing with the recommendations of the Christopher Commission that the Chief of Police should refrain from engaging in city politics because the Chief's office is inherently powerful. Seemingly, for the Chief to use the position to influence the political process, such activity politicizes the Chief and ultimately the Department. Carol Sidlow made motion. Mark Krajewski seconded. Discussion was held. **12 Yeas; 3 Nays; 3 Abstain. Motion passed.**

- President Ringler announced a public meeting on March 3rd regarding the Buried Tanks Project in Upper Stone Canyon. The Council has voted in the past to support the project.
- ◆ **Motion** to support a study group led by the BCA to follow the process of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance to determine elements which may factor into the Ordinance. Don Loze made motion. Mark Krajewski seconded. Discussion was held. **19 Yeas; 0 Nays; 3 Abstain, Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Alan Fine made motion. Motion seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Alan Fine updated on the request to approval \$1,500 to purchase a laptop computer for the Land Use Committee.
- David Espinoza stated the request was raised to \$1,500 to purchase a larger screen Mac Pro laptop. President Ringler stated the Apple does not have viruses and would be more efficient.
- ◆ **Motion** to approve \$1,500 expenditure for the purchase of a laptop computer. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Alan Fine briefed on the \$5,000 MRCA grant request submitted to DONE; however, the program for grants does not begin until March.
- Steve Twining reported on attending the Mayor's Budget Day and passed out information received at the event. Over 5,000 responses were submitted to the Budget Survey with 800 from Neighborhood Councils. The budget is \$440 million in debt, with a 30% budget reduction in all departments. NCs may be asked for a 3-5% reduction.

BABCNC Officers Election - nominees distributed prior to meeting (Agenda Item #6)

- Chair Ringler asked if there were any nominations, other than listed on the ballots passed out, to list them on the ballot. No additional nominations were offered.
- 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 #7)

- Larry Leisten briefed on the Bylaws Committee meeting held on February 19th that focused on Membership.
- A motion to approve the revisions will be slated for the March agenda.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- Gary Plotkin stated that during the meeting there was a tie in a vote, with 4 Yeas and 4 Abstains. According to Robert's Rules of Order, the Chair's vote is considered null in such a case, therefore the motion is passed.
- Carol Sidlow stated the committee made the following determination at the committee meeting:
 - Motion to oppose any exceptions from the Hillside Ordinance with regards the project at 8645 & 8651 Appian Way. An update will be requested for the project at 8760 Appian Way and how this project may affect the project at 8645 & 8651.
 - Motions to submit letters to the ZA in opposition of the projects at 9469 Beverlycrest Drive, 10110 Cielo Drive, and 9032 Crescent.
 - No position on the project at 8332 W. Livingston.
 - Motion to send a letter to the ZA in support of the project at 8421 Kirkwood.
- She thanked the Bel Air Association for hosting a meeting regarding 10505 Mars Lane and the neighbors concerns. She will keep the Council updated on the project.
- She stated a hearing regarding 9001 & 9005 Crescent Drive will be heard March 2nd. The project was opposed by the committee and will send a letter expressing the opposition.
- She announced a hearing on March 2nd regarding the John Thomas Dye Project. For more information on the meeting, contact Nickie Miner.

- Steve Twining stated the Mansionization meetings had information that originated from the BABCNC Planning and Land Use Committee and thanked the committee for their efforts.
- Ron Hudson thanked Carol for her assistance on the Moraga Shopping project.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #9)

No report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #10)

- Sonia Kwan stated she had no new information to report and asked the Council if there were any questions.
- Gary Plotkin commented on the potholes in the area, specifically Mulholland Drive and asked what can be done. Sonia stated she would submit the information to Street Services if a list of the addresses where the pot holes are located.
- Larry Leisten concurred with Gary stated there were considerable potholes on Mulholland, east of Roscomare.
- President Ringler stated to provide a list of the locations of the potholes to expedite the process.
- Don Loze stated alligator cracks were also a concern and asked that the Council office work with the City's two units designed to fix potholes and cracks to be contacted.
- President Ringler stated the list could be submitted to David in the office to follow-up with Sonia or 311.
- Chuck Maginnis asked about a traffic light on Sunset that stays red during late hours. President Ringler stated it is known as "Rest on Red" and is an effort to calm traffic.
- Carol Sidlow commented on a tree that fell near Wonderland School and requested an update from Urban Forestry on the status of all trees located on City property in the hillside area. Sonia stated she would work on the issue.
- President Ringler commented on a request for a street repair in the Residents of Beverly Glen area that was recently completed. He thanked the Council Office for their assistance and Joan Pelico.
- Gary Plotkin thanked the Council Office for their efforts in removing trees in the area.

DONE Report (Agenda item #11)

- Deanna Stevenson reported on her attendance at the Bylaws meeting on February 19th and the progress that was made on the revisions.
- She stated information on the Public Purposes Grant Program will be out in a week or two.
- She stated all NCs will have elections in 2010 and information on elections will be out soon.

NC Regional Town Hall (Agenda Item #12)

- Alan Fine commented on his attendance at the meeting and reported that Dennis Zine informed he does not meet with developers on a project until they have approached the Neighborhood Council.
- He stated ethics training through DONE must be completed every two years.
- He informed of part time jobs for Census takers paying \$20/hr. For more information contact 866-861-2010 or visit www.census.gov

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Officer Ragsdale passed out information on Crimes reported in the area from 1/25 to 2/21.
- He reported there is a Command change for the West LA area and there have been concerns from residents in the area with the constant change.
- Done Loze asked impact the Captain has on the community. Officer Ragsdale stated the Captains works with the residents in the area and builds a relation with the community needs, focusing on those needs. If the Captain leaves, the community feels they have to start again from the beginning.
- President Ringler commented on the thefts of items inside vehicles and the importance of not leaving valuables in vehicles. Officer Ragsdale agreed and encouraged everyone to remove valuables from the vehicles.
- Gary Plotkin commented on speeding along the Mulholland Corridor during school morning and afternoon hours and asked for enforcement. Officer Ragsdale stated he would report the information to the West traffic division for investigation.

- Steve Twining asked if there was a 24 hour basic car in the area. Officer Ragsdale stated there is a 24 hour car in the area, which patrols in the area just west of the 405 freeway, north of Santa Monica Blvd, south of Mulholland and east of Coldwater Canyon.
- Mark Krajewski commented on the motorcycle noise on Sunset in the evenings. Officer Ragsdale stated that a task force usually addresses the issue.
- Irene Sandler commented on helicopters in the Bel Air Crest and Cassiano area recently and asked who residents could contact to find out what they need to do. Sgt Ragsdale stated to stay inside and lock the doors until there is more information on a situation.
- Steve Twining asked if there was still a need for storage space. Officer Ragsdale stated there is a need, however the logistics need to be worked out to find out what items can be stored.
- Chuck Maginnis announced he will be attending an introductory meeting with the Captain of the LAPD Hollywood Division.
- He commented on having Ron Cornell present information to the Council about his CB radio group (Emergency Prep Action Committee -EPAC).
- Steve Twining requested Chuck to contact the local Fire Stations to find out the need for GOS systems in their trucks. David stated he had information on the issue and would work with Chuck.

Office Report (Agenda Item #15)

- David Espinoza commented on the website and the lack of maintenance by a webmaster. He stated the Executive Committee approved hiring Aaron DeVandry, who maintains several Neighborhood Councils in the area.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- No report.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #17)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 8:15 a.m., West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue..

Public Schools Update (Item #18)

- No Report.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #19)

- President Ringler announced the Venice NC Westside Town Hall on The CA State Budget Crisis 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd.
- Larry Leisten asked if new members needed to be sworn in. President Ringler stated everyone must take the ethics course though DONE.
- Deanna Stevenson stated a swearing in of the new members could be done.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary