

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 22, 2009
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

For Review

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2009 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Eric Ridgely	X	
Andrew Schwartz	X	
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 Chasteen	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	

Roscomare Valley Association		
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: None

From the Mayor's Office: None

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Guest Patricia Bell Hearst called the roll. There was a quorum.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #2)

- Carol Sidlow announced Carolyn and Christopher Carradine were celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary and thanked them for their service to the NC.
- She stated the committee made the following determination at the committee meeting and will be sending letters to the ZA regarding the hearings:
 - Motion to support the Chateau Marmont's request for a continuance of a CUB extension. The request increases the areas where alcohol is served at the Hotel.
 - Motion to oppose the 8645 & 8651 Appian Way project's exemption request from the Hillside and Retaining Wall Ordinances, and Committee has requested that the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Engineering please respond to previous requests to provide an update to the community regarding the integrity of the Appian Way and its impact on future development.
 - Motion to support the BAA's opposition of the proposed tract map at 10500 Isadora/10505 Mars Lane due to concerns with respect to the Hillside Ordinance's street and driveway access requirements. The Committee also requests a thorough and complete Environmental Impact Report prior to any tentative approval of a tract map for this environmentally challenged area.

◆ **Motion** to the Planning and Land Use's Committees three motions as outlined in the report by Carol Sidlow and forwarded to the appropriate City Departments. Motion made. Christopher Carradine seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

- Don Loze presented information regarding the Ridgeline/Baseline Ordinance. He stated the BCA and other representatives have reviewed other Ridgeline Ordinances around the City and will submit their recommendations to the Planning Department by April 30th. Staff will then begin to draft a proposed Mansionization Ordinance. He will update the Board as the issue moves forward.
- Erik Ridgley stated he reviewed the Northeast Ridgeline Ordinance and commented concerns with the constrictions of a similar Ordinance.
- Don Loze stated the Northeast area is an example and a proposed Ordinance for the NC area would be proportionate to the lot sizes in the area.
- Carol Sidlow stated neighborhoods will have the opportunity to put forth an overlay zone and variances are allowed. She encouraged everyone to participate in the process once City Staff presents their proposal.
- Erik Ridgley asked what the Ridgeline Ordinance is designed to achieve. Don Loze stated the spirit of a Ridgeline Ordinance is to protect the current ridgelines in the area, similar to protecting coast lines and wetlands.
- Ron Galperin commented on discussion by City staff of what constitutes hillsides and flat areas.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from March 25, 2009. Alan Fine made motion. Motion seconded. Larry Leisten commented on the need to change Glenridge to Bel-Air Ridge, reflecting the HOA name change. President Ringler stated the name change would begin next month. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Item #3)

- Simone Taylor, Government & Neighborhood Relations Liaison for LADWP passed a fact sheet and FAQ's on LADWP water shortage year rates affecting the Tier 1 allotment. She discussed the Tier 1 allotment and stated the amount of water allotted will be reduced by 15%. Customers already conserving 15% below their Tier 1 allotment will not be affected. Customers who exceed the reduced Tier 1 allotment, and go into the more expensive Tier 2, will pay a higher rate for every gallon over Tier 1. These customers will see their water bills rise. The shortage year rates begin June 1. There is a high season from June 1 thru October 31 and a low season from Nov 1 thru may 31.
- Larry Leisten commented the forecasted temperatures for the Hollywood Hills is higher than what is given by LADWP for the area. Simone Taylor stated the rate plan was created in the late 1980's by a Blue Ribbon committee and there have been no revisions or exemptions at this time.
- Gary Plotkin asked if a second meter for irrigation was allowed. Simone Taylor stated a seconded meter for irrigation is allowed, but the meters will not be combined and two separate bills will be issued.
- Ron Galperin commented on watering only allowed on two days and the amount of water being used on those days. He asked if this restriction would be reviewed by LADWP and the City Council. Simone Taylor stated she did not know if the policy was for review, but the current policy allows for 10 minutes per station for pop up sprinklers and 15 minutes per station for irrigation sprinklers. Watering by hand with a shut off notice is still allowed, though not during the 9am to 5 pm hours.
- President Ringler asked if the square footage calculated by LADWP only pertained to living space sq. ft. His concern is irrigating of additional land. Simone Taylor stated if there is only one meter for the house, then any watering would be confined to that one meter. A separate meter could be considered.
- Simone Taylor stated she could be contacted at Simone.Taylor@ladwp.com, if there were more questions about the rates.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining updated on attending the Mayor's Budget Day and discussed the City's current deficit.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine reported a current balance of \$35,000 and after with monthly expenses and projects the budget by June will be around \$26,000.
- He briefed on the Executive Committee meeting.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve \$2,500 for the yearly Open House Fire Station 99. Alan Fine made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve \$5,000 for the Community Magnet Charter Elementary School and the purchase of "Success Maker" Software to support the CATCH Academic Volunteer Mentoring Program. Alan Fine made motion. Ron Hudson seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Larry Leisten reported he attended first workshop held by City Clerk's Office regarding Clerk-administered NC Elections. He stated all documentation must be received by the City Clerk's Office by June 1st to hold BABCNC At-Large elections in 2010. He commented that Clerk's Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet Form, once completed and submitted to Clerk's Office would be incorporated by reference into our Bylaws. Key point was for BABCNC to identify the appointment process by which each non-At-Large Member is selected by his/her

Stakeholder Group. This would require each appointed Member to submit in writing the process by which he/she is appointed.

- He discussed the Stipulation Worksheet and several items that the Council must agree on. The following items were discussed and agreed by the Council:
 - Three contacts for the BABCNC – President, Bylaws & Rules Committee Chair and Executive Director.
 - Method for verifying Stakeholder Status – Documentation
 - At-Large Members terms – 2 years
 - Larry Leisten will send out a request to each Board Member to describe their appointment process with respect to the BABCNC.

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the recommendations by Chair Larry Leisten of the Bylaws & Rules Committee in respect to the Election Procedures Stipulation Language Form. Chuck Maginnis made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #8)

No report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #9)

No report.

DONE Report (Agenda item #10)

- Deanna Stevenson announced a Regional Conflict of Interest Training and NC Issues Roundtable Discussion on Saturday April 25th at Councilmember Bill Rosendahl's Westchester office, located at 7166 W. Manchester Blvd., Westchester, CA 90045, starting at 8:15 a.m. The event will count as the state-mandated training required for Board Members.
- President Ringler reported Marcia Selz, Larry Leisten, Pam Cooke, Pam Marton and Ron Galperin are the only ones that have completed the Ethics Course. The course must be taken every two years as mandated by DONE. The course can be taken on-line through the DONE website.
- Deanna announced a Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 5th here at the Community Magnet School. The meeting will feature BABCNC and West LA NC presenting their best practices. She encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and express any concerns you might have about your area's issues or citywide NC concerns.
- She announced the City Clerk Meetings with NC's to Prepare for 2010 Elections. A series of meetings to prepare NC's for the 2010 NC Elections started Saturday, April 11th and will continue. Neighborhood Council leaders will have an opportunity to make suggestions on election provisions for the 2010 Election Procedures.

Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – (Agenda Item 11)

- Steve Twining stated a Council file could not be open until a disclosure form is filed out by all members of a Neighborhood Council.
- Ron Galperin stated he prepared a letter asking Council Members to revisit their decision on the current disclosure form and describing the form as untenable.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support a letter to all Council Members to support Councilmember Janice's Hahn's motion (08-0351-51) to revisit the issue of financial disclosure in relation to the NC Council File pilot program and recommend that the currently approved Form 54 be replaced with a more suitable form. Steve Twining made motion. Larry Leisten Seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Officer Ragsdale passed out information on Crimes reported in the area and stated an increase in "Open House" thefts.
- He stated the crime stats are similar to last year's, with a slight decrease this year.
- Officer Ralph Sanchez stated there were "Open House" thefts in the Hollywood area as well. He encouraged everyone to be aware of the situations and inform others.

- He stated motor vehicles are still a concern and reminded everyone to not leave valuables inside their vehicles.
- He stated the Sunset Cruiser Task Force would begin to enforce traffic violations on the weekends from June 5th till Labor Day.
- Gary Plotkin commented on individuals going through garbage cans. Officer Perez stated unusually they are taking bottles to redeem the cash value. He did suggest shredding all papers with identification information to avoid anyone stealing identities.
- Officer Ragsdale stated mailboxes are also a concern with theft and recommended monitoring the mailbox.
- Officer Sanchez stated the postal service have a unit specializing in mail theft. If the mailbox has been vandalized, contact LAPD.

Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

- No report.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #13)

- Robin Greenberg reminded on the Candidates Forum on April 30th at the Skirball Center. As of today, the two candidates from City Council District 5 Run Off are participating and possibly only one candidate for the City Attorney.
- Irene Sandler and Paulette DuBey passed out the flyer for the events and stated there will be light refreshments prior to the event. The event will be broadcasted on NBC News Raw.
- Robin Greenberg invited everyone to the event and encourage others in the community to participate.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 8:30 a.m., West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Public Schools Update (Item #15)

- No report.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #16)

No new business or announcements.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #17)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary