

# BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

May 27, 2009

Community Magnet School

11301 Bellagio Road

Los Angeles, CA 90049

Final

### Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 18

2009 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<b>Bel-Air Association</b>		
Eric Ridgely		X
Andrew Schwartz		X
Paulette DuBey	X	
<b>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
Irene Sandler	X	
<b>Bel-Air Park HOA</b>		
Gary Plotkin	X	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association</b>		
Michael Chasteen	X	
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Steven Rosenwasser for Nickie Miner	X	
<b>Benedict Hills Estates Association</b>		
Ed Brody		X
<b>Beverly Glen Park HOA</b>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<b>Crests Neighborhood Association</b>		
Ron Galperin	X	
<b>Employee Associations</b>		
Marcia Selz		X
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
Lonnie Mayfield		X
<b>Glenridge HOA</b>		
Andre Stojka	X	
<b>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</b>		
Avi Rojany		X
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
John Amato		X
<b>7-12 Public Schools</b>		
Pam Marton	X	
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<b>Laurel Canyon Association</b>		
Monica Weil		X
Cassandra Barrère		X
Gary Gole		X
Jim Nelson		X
<b>Lookout Mountain Alliance</b>		
Christopher Carradine	X	
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
Carol Sidlow		X
Charles Maginnis	X	
<b>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</b>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<b>North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association</b>		
		X
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
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: None

From CD5 Office: None

From the Mayor's Office: Jennifer Badger

#### Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Secretary Sandler called role. A quorum was present at 7:20 p.m. with Steven Rosenwasser substituting for Nickie Miner.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 22, 2009. Robin Greenberg made motion. Larry Leisten seconded.
- Larry Leisten commented to change the quorum to 18 on the roster.
- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 22, 2009 as amended. Motion made. Chuck Maginnis seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

#### Public Comments (Item #3)

No public speakers.

#### President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining updated on attending the LADWP Budget Session and passed out information on the proposed electric rates. He stated the current rate of \$1.07/mega watts would increase to \$1.77/mega watts and the water rates increase from \$2.68/HCF to \$4.81/HCF.
- He stated the fiscal plan is on the LADWP website, [www.ladwp.org](http://www.ladwp.org)
- President Ringler thanked Bill Rosendahl, the Venice and West LA Neighborhood Council, the West ALL group and everyone that voiced their concerns with the Neighborhood Councils budget reduction at the City Budget meetings. The City Council voted a 10% reduction of the NCs budget, rather than a much greater reduction.
- President Ringler thanked everyone on the Council who participated in Fire Service Recognition Day at Fire Station 99 and thanked Robin Greenberg from the Outreach Committee.
- Robin Greenberg thanked Alan, Steve, Michael, Chuck, Larry and Nickie who helped throughout the day.

#### Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine reported a current balance of \$30,000
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- He briefed on the Executive Committee meeting and the budget will be reduced to \$45,000 and the rollover amount from previous years has been spent. There is a concern with the office rent expense of over \$11,000 annual. The committee agreed to reduce or suspend allocations to projects approved by the Council.
- He stated the \$1,500 allocated for the purchase of the laptop computer for the Planning and Land Use Committee should be reduced.
- Ron Galperin suggested that a committee member bring a laptop rather than purchasing one.
- Alan Fine suggested a trial period with for a committee member to bring their laptop to a meeting and if not successful, the Council can revisit allocating monies for the purchase of a laptop.

- ◆ **Motion** to defer the purchase of a laptop and members are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Alan Fine made motion. Don Loze seconded. Discussion was held. 16 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Abstention. **Motion passed.**
- Alan stated there is a search for a new office in an effort to reduce the office expenditure and commented on Steve Twining's suggestion of sharing office space with the other Westside Neighborhood Councils.
- Paulette DuBey stated the Bel Air Association might have some space and will work with David Espinoza on the possibility of acquiring the space.
- Larry Leisten commented on the Beverly Glen Park also having an office space and will discuss the situation with their Board.
- Guest Patricia Bell Hearst suggested contacting the UCLA Special Collections Department to store the files at the current office.
- ◆ **Motion** to amend the following the previous approve expenditures:
  - Fire Station 71 project from \$7,000 to \$5,000.
  - Community Magnet School Education Software from \$5,000 to \$2,500
  - Eliminate \$3,000 expenditure for the shotgun flashlights for LAPD.
 Alan Fine made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. 14 Yeas, 1 Nay, 3 Abstained. **Motion passed.**
- ◆ **Motion** to approve the Annual Budget. Alan Fine made motion. Don Loze seconded. Discussion was held. 16 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Abstention. **Motion passed.**
- Ron Galperin thanked Alan Fine for his work as Treasurer and preparing the budget and working with the City.

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- ◆ **Motion** to accept complete By-laws as presented in the written document sent to all members and approved on March 25, 2009. Larry Leisten made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- ◆ **Motion** to approve the City Clerk's 2010 Neighborhood Council Election Procedures Stipulation Language Worksheet, which will be incorporated by reference into the BABCNC Bylaws with the following provisions not yet described under the Bylaws dated March 25, 2009:
  - Administration of Elections. BABCNC's election will be conducted by the City Clerk every two years in every even-numbered year.
  - Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status. Documentation.
  - Board Terms. Beginning with the City Clerk conducted election held between March and June of 2010, a Board member's term shall be for the duration of two years or until a successor is elected or appointed.
  - Appointed Board Seats. All seats on BABCNC, with the exception of the two at-large positions, are appointed by a caucus or outside organization and will not be elected as part of the City Clerk conducted elections, and that the process by which such appointments are made will be outlined in the BABCNC Bylaws.
  - Vacancy. Board has discretion to appoint vacancy subject to majority vote of Board.
 Larry Leisten made motion. Motion seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Larry Leisten stated if the City Clerk Stipulation Worksheet is not approved, a default set of elections with values that will be applied for the BABCNC's At-Large Elections.
- Vickie Kelly thanked Larry for his work on the By-laws.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Steve Twining reported on the committees following motions:
  - Motion to support the support the Bel Air Association's opposition of the current MND and oppose the variance request at 734, 754, 778, 780, 782, 786, 788 and 800 N. Tortuoso Way.

- Motion to oppose the support the Casiano neighborhood and the project at 15600 Mulholland/2845 Casiano Rd to construct a new wall ranging in height from grade of approx. 5ft 3in to 7ft 6in with identification sign at the main Casiano Ave entrance to American Jewish University.
- Motion to support the RVA's opposition of the project at 11025 W. Anzio Road for a 8' high fence in the front yard with a pedestrian gate on the side yard with 8' high pilasters.
- Motion to support the BCA's opposition to the project at 10025 Cielo Road to permit the construction, use and maintenance of (5) retaining walls with a max height of 16 ft.
- Motion to support the RVA's opposition to the project at 1833 Roscomare Road to permit the construction, use and maintenance of a new deck and related retaining walls, planter and stairs approx 23 ft X 48 Ft, 6 ft above grade with a 5-ft high railing for a total height of 11 ft with reduced front yard setback varying from 10 ft to 15 ft in lieu of the prevailing front yard setback; permit the construction, use and maintenance of a trash enclosure with a 2'05" ft high wall and wooden gate.
- Motion to request the owner at 11101-11201 Chalon to plant creeping figs to provide coverage to the retaining walls.
- Motion to support the BCA's opposition to LADWP water restrictions due to fire hazards in the area.

#### Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #8)

- Jennifer Badger reported on the City Council Budget and the process. She thanked everyone who helped with the processes and expressing their concerns.
- She stated the proposed hiring freeze of LAPD Officers was rejected and hiring will continue.
- The budget was passed by the City Council and will be sent to the Mayor for approval.
- The Mayor declared a fiscal emergency with a projected 1200 City employee layoffs.
- She announced the Mayor's Day of Service, Saturday June 27 that will host projects throughout the City. She encouraged everyone to get involved or sponsor projects on that day.
- Ron Galperin asked if the Fiscal State of Emergency had been declared by the City Council. Jennifer Badger clarified the Mayor called for the Emergency to be declared by the City Council, which has not been voted on by the Council at this time.
- Ron Galperin suggested sending thank you letters to the Mayor regarding his efforts in preserving the Neighborhood Council budget and to Stephen Cheung who is no longer the Westside Representative from the Mayor's Office.
- Stephen Twining asked if there was any space available in the Westside Offices for a combined eleven Westside NCs. Jennifer Badger stated she would check the availability.
- Jennifer Badger stated with respect to the water rates, if a customer stays in the Tier 1 usage the rate will be reduced.
- Vickie Kelly asked who to contact for a broken water meter that has been reported and not replaced. Jennifer Badger stated she could help assist with the issue.

#### Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #9)

No report.

#### DONE Report (Agenda item #10)

No report.

#### Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #11)

- Chuck Maginnis discussed Ron Cornell's group, CB Radio Emergency Preparedness Action Committee (EPAC) and introduced Ron to discuss the Committee Meetings.
- Ron Cornell thanked the Board for inviting him to speak on the EPAC and discussed the group's history.
- He stated the CB radio group was tested during the Northridge Earthquake and was a success. Other emergencies in the area have been used successful with over 100 people using the CB radio.
- Line of sight is important to be effective with the CB radios and can be effective in the hillside areas.

- Larry Leisten asked how the antennas are powered. Ron Cornell stated they are in the process of purchasing a generator and car mounted antennas may also be used.
- Don Loze asked for contact information. Ron Cornell stated his email address is [rc4ties@aol.com](mailto:rc4ties@aol.com)
- Steven Twining asked if satellite telephones have been researched. Ron Cornwell stated those telephones are too expensive.
- Ron Cornwell stated the group is seeking to join with others in the hillside to be more effective in the community.
- Chuck Maginnis asked if any associations would be in joining Ron's group. Ron Cornwell encouraged anyone to attend the group's meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 8:30 am. He stated he would send information to anyone that would like to join the meeting.

#### City Wide Alliance (Agenda Item #12)

- Alan Fine updated on the City Wide Alliance bi-monthly meeting and Gail Goldberg's discussion on the revisions of the Community Plans.

#### Office Report (Agenda Item #13)

No report.

#### Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- Robin Greenberg stated the website has current photos of individual Board Members. She asked Board Members that had not taken a picture to provide the office with a photograph for the website.

#### Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee will be postponed to July.
- Paulette DuBey stated a BAA member met with LADOT and CALTRANS and the widening of Sunset project is not being considered. The BAA will be tracking the project and is concerned with a widening of Sunset.
- President Ringler stated the project would add one lane East bound to help alleviate traffic getting on the 405 entrance ramps. He stated there are facts to the project and there is a need to separate emotion and facts from the issue.

#### Public Schools Update (Item #16)

- No report.

#### New Business/General Announcements (Item #17)

No new business or announcements.

#### Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #18)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Loze made motion. Paulette DuBey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler  
Recording Secretary