

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 24, 2009  
Community Magnet School  
11301 Bellagio Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

For Review
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**Persons in Attendance**

**Quorum: 12**

2009 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<b><i>Bel-Air Association</i></b>		
Eric Ridgely		X
Andrew Schwartz		X
Paulette DuBey	X	
<b><i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i></b>		
Irene Sandler	X	
<b><i>Bel-Air Park HOA</i></b>		
Gary Plotkin	X	
<b><i>Benedict Canyon Association</i></b>		
Michael Chasteen	X	
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
<b><i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i></b>		
Ed Brody		X
<b><i>Beverly Glen Park HOA</i></b>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<b><i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i></b>		
Ron Galperin		X
<b><i>Employee Associations</i></b>		
Marcia Selz	X	
<b><i>Faith-Based Organizations</i></b>		
Lonnie Mayfield		X
<b><i>Bel Air Ridge HOA</i></b>		
Andre Stojka	X	
<b><i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i></b>		
Avi Rojany		X
<b><i>7-12 Private Schools</i></b>		
John Amato	X	
<b><i>7-12 Public Schools</i></b>		
Pam Marton		X
<b><i>K-6 Private Schools</i></b>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<b><i>Laurel Canyon Association</i></b>		
Monica Weil	X	
Cassandra Barrère		X
Gary Gole		X
Jim Nelson		X
<b><i>Lookout Mountain Alliance</i></b>		
Christopher Carradine		X
<b><i>Members-at-Large</i></b>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis		X
<b><i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i></b>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<b><i>North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association</i></b>		
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<b><i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i></b>		
Ramin Kolahi for Pam Cooke		X
Robert A, Ringler	X	

<b>Roscomare Valley Association</b>		
Robin Greenberg		X
Steve Twining	X	
<b>Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy</b>		
Carolyn Carradine		X
<b>Save Our Strip</b>		
Mark Krajewski	X	
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: None

From CD5 Office: None

From the Mayor's Office: None

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Secretary Sandler called role. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 22, 2009. Alan Fine made motion. Motion seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Item #3)

- Public Speaker Kristine Udall commented on her concern with the Tier system used by LADWP and the new restrictions. She passed out a letter regarding her concerns and asked the Council to encourage the City Council to use a different system in regulated water usage and fees.
- President Ringler suggested contacting DWP to install a second meter to use for landscaping of her property. Kristine Udall stated she had contacted DWP regarding a second meter, though the Tier system is still a concern.
- President Ringler stated to contact his neighbor, since he was familiar with the second meter for landscaping.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Steve Twining commented on the need for an Independent Ratepayer Advocate at LADWP to review the rates.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support the creation of a LADWP Independent Ratepayer Advocate position. Steve Twining made motion. Gary Plotkin seconded. Discussion was held. 18 Yeas, 1 Abstention. **Motion passed.**
- Steve Twining reported on the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Leadership Breakfast and a WestALL meeting is scheduled on July 12th at WLA Municipal Building old jury room.
- He reported on the June 14<sup>th</sup> WestALL Land Use Committee meeting and asked the Council to support the motions from the Committee.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support all of the following motions:
    1. Council File 07-3326, Parking Taxicabs in Residential Areas
    2. Council File 08-2020, Community Impact Statement regarding the City of Los Angeles' duly enacted sign ordinance adopted by City Planning Commission on March 26, 2009.
    3. Support the moratorium enacted by the City of Los Angeles regarding Medical Marijuana Clinics
    4. Support denial of the project Casden Sepulveda Project, EIR No. ENV 2008-3989 EIR, until the West Los Angeles Community Plan is adopted
    5. Unregulated cellular towers
    6. Approval and support of Councilmember Rosendahl's motion to encourage City Planning Department to Digitalize all Documents sent to Certified Neighborhood Councils
    - Gary Plotkin made motion. Carol Sidlow seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote**
- Gary Plotkin commented on several Animal Ordinances, which are inappropriate and asked for a motion to be placed on the next agenda in opposition of those Ordinances,

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

- The Treasurer's report was passed out to all Board Members.
  - Alan Fine reported June 30<sup>th</sup> would be the end of the fiscal year with a balance of \$27,000. The new budget of \$45,000 would be received July 1<sup>st</sup>. \$15,000 has been committed to projects and awaiting approval from DONE.
- ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

#### Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Larry Leisten briefed the Board on the 2010 At-Large Elections stating they will be held Sunday, April 11, 2010, and that the pre-existing 2006 Bylaws will be applicable. In about 2 months' time, a representative from the City Clerk's Office will appear before the Board to review the election procedures for the 2010 election.
- The 2009 revised Bylaws recently submitted to DONE are being reviewed and DONE will be providing comments to the revisions in the form of a letter per a conversation with Deanna Stevenson.
- Since the 2009 Bylaws have yet to be approved by DONE, the quorum figure applicable to Board meetings is the old quorum number of 12, as provided under the 2006 Bylaws.
- There should be no concern with the revised quorum number, as per conversation with Deanna Stevenson, DONE will work with the BABCNC to establish a workable quorum number.
- Per conversation with Deanna Stevenson, he learned that DONE approval of changes to the Bylaws also requires approval by the BONC. The conclusion is that all BABCNC approved changes to the Bylaws since 2006, including the addition of several new Stakeholder Groups, is not "official" until such changes are approved by DONE and the BONC.
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#### Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Carol Sidlow reported Donal Poppe addressed the committee regarding 9010 Briarcrest and 385 Copa de Oro. The BAA will notify the committee regarding its meeting on the project at 385 Copa de Oro.
- The PLU committee will wait for the hearing results from the Mulholland Design Review Board and input from the Crest Neighborhood Association regarding 9010 Briarcrest.
- She stated the committee made the following motion regarding 658 Nimes Road:
  - Motion to oppose the height variance request to 46.67 ft in lieu of the permitted 36 ft. Steve Twining made motion. Don Loze seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion to oppose the enclosure walls and lack of landscape due to the lack of space and to oppose all requested variances. Steve Twining made motion. Don Loze seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- She stated the motions will be submitted after July 1<sup>st</sup> due to the BAA's meeting with the developer.
- She reported the committee took no position on the hearing for the project at 201 Ashdale Place.
- As new business, the committee voted to support the Bel Air Association regarding their concerns about the property at 1952 Stradella and the prompt enforcement of the abatement notice regarding the vacated structure.
- She stated the committee postponed action regarding 1551 N. Crater until the Residents of Beverly Glen have had an opportunity to review the project.
- The committee discussed the lack of response from the developers for the property at 11101-11201 Chalon.
- She stated the application for the project at 734, 754, 778, 780, 782, 786, 788 and 800 N. Tortuoso Way had been withdrawn.
- She stated Jeffrey Kaplan updated the committee regarding 620 Stone Canyon. The project will be completed in two years with retaining walls landscaped.

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

No report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #9)

No report.

DONE Report (Agenda item #10)

No report.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #11)

- Kyle Fitzharris presented information on Code RED, a web-based emergency mass notification system.
- He stated Code RED is the most widely used emergency mass notification system throughout the United States. It is currently being used by nearly 1,000 state and local governments, city and county emergency, fire, police, and health agencies, etc. Unlike 3N, Reverse 911, or other "Hardware-Based/IT-based" systems, CodeRED has no equipment, additional phone lines, maintenance, etc. to purchase and it is extremely easy to use.
- CodeRED can send out pre-recorded (or recorded on-the-fly) voice messages up to 2 1/2 minutes in length to recall First Responders, in the event of Wild Fires, Water Main breaks, Terrorist Attacks, Rail Disasters, HazMat Spills, Emergency Evacuations, Water-Boil Alerts, or Street Closure for Parade routes, to name a few, and you can track the progress and results in real time. You can make and launch calls from anywhere in the world, at any time, and even designate options within the message for First Responders.
- The system is FEMA associated and the network dialers have placed over a billion calls and CodeRED can handle thousands of calls a minute, making it an ideal emergency mass notification system.
- Don Loze asked why the City had not adopted the CodeRED system. Kyle Fitzharris stated they are currently engaged in the bid process with the City.
- Marcia Selz commented on the need for the other companies that offer the same service to present their information as well. President Ringler stated the presentation was an opportunity to see what one aspect of the type of system that exists. If the Committee would like to pursue more information, then an appropriate presentation of the different companies would be warranted.
- Nickie Miner asked how fast information would be sent out in the case of fire. Kyle Fitzharris stated there system works in conjunction with LAFD and LAPD to provide emergency information to be disseminated. He stated the system would contact the information provided by clients such as LAN lines, emails and cell phone numbers.
- Senior Lead Officer Rashad Sharif introduced Sergeant Martin Darrell.
- He stated theft from vehicles is one of the main crimes in the area and briefed on a study conducted three years ago that showed a reduction of the crime by 30% when items were removed from vehicles and they were locked.
- He advised of the summer months with more population in the streets and the importance of neighborhood watch.
- He briefed on the two communication centers for 911 and the West LA area is routed to the Valley center.
- Sergeant Martin Darrell stated he was recently assigned to the Chief's Office and Community Relations. He is a new Sergeant with West LA and looks forward to working with everyone in the community.
- Paulette DuBey asked if copper wire is being stolen from street lights. Sergeant Darrell stated there is theft of copper wire from A/C units and other devices that contain the wire.
- Gary Plotkin commented on speeding in the neighborhood and asked about the Neighborhood Speed Watch program. He asked for a presentation at a future meeting regarding the program. Sergeant Darrell stated volunteers for the program are always needed to maintain the program.
- Ramin Kolahi stated Beverly Glen was interested in starting the program in their neighborhood.
- Nickie Miner asked about the catering trucks in the area. Sergeant Darrell stated because of the current litigation, they are not citing the vehicles unless they are violating a posted restriction.
- Carol Sidlow reported that the Basic Life Support Ambulance #841 will continue to operate and thanked everyone in the community who supported the ambulance's operation.

Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

- David Espinoza briefed on the office space and working with West LA NC and the Mayor's Office to possible share an office with West LA NC.
- He stated there is an old court room at the West Corinth Building that would be suitable for long term and will update the Board. The current office lease ends at the end of July.
- President Ringler stated he had communicated with Jay Handel of West LA NC and their Board will vote on sharing their office space.
- David Espinoza reported on the Verizon telephone bill incorporating West LA NC's new phone and fax line in the bill. He has contacted DONE and West LA NC to have their bill removed from the BABCNC office's bill and have the balanced paid by West LA NC.
- He reported having ants inside the office printer and purchasing baits to remove them.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #13)

No report.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee will be Tuesday, July 14, 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)

- President Ringler introduced Ramin Kolahi, with the Residents Beverly Glen, as an alternate for Pam Cooke. Ramin may replace Pam Cooke due to a new position she has taken.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #17)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler  
Recording Secretary