

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 27, 2010
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

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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 Ridge HOA</i>		
Andre Stojka	X	
<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
Paul Rohrer	X	
<i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i>		
Ed Brody		X
<i>Bel-Air Glen HOA</i>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<i>Casiano-Bel Air HOA</i>		
Donald Farkas	X	
<i>Casiano Estates HOA</i>		
Gary Plotkin	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>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>		

Ramin Kolahi	X	
Robert A, Ringler		X
Roscomare Valley Association		
Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	X
Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
Save Our Strip		
Mark Krajewski	X	
GG Verone		X

From DONE: Deanna Stevenson
 From CD5 Office: Shawn Bayliss
 From the Mayor's Office: Not Present
 From 42nd Assembly District: Ellen Isaacs

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- Vice President Galperin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Executive Director Espinoza called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from December 16, 2009. Gary Plotkin made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Guest Speaker BongHwan (BH) Kim – General Manager, DONE (Agenda Item #3)

- BongHwan Kim thanked the Council for inviting him to speak. He briefed on current issues regarding the roll over funds and the budget. He stated over half of the Department may be laid off due to the budget crisis in the City.
- He stated there will be a focus on the Neighborhood Councils and the restructuring of DONE with the limited resources. A bylaws project is being considered that would create a wire frame for NCs that would have some consistency.
- He briefed on a Treasurer Work Group, which Alan Fine is a part of, to assist with NC Funding Program. The program was not properly accounted for in the past and the group is working on making corrections.
- He stated a Non-Profit Organization may be established to help funding for the NCs in the future. He discussed his views on the NCs' role as a Community Based Government to allow community input into the City. He commented on outreach as a vital aspect to the NCs.
- He discussed the importance of Emergency Preparedness as a key function of the NCs that would be beneficially to the City.
- Vice President Galperin thanked Deanna Stevenson for her work with the NC.
- He asked BongHwan Kim to comment on the CAO's Audit Report regarding DONE. BongHwan Kim stated he has requested the Audit to address those issues reported and is instituting short term policies. Some of those polices include: eliminating petty cash for NCs; Freezing funds for NCs that have not submitted proper quarterly audits in the past; separating the role of NC's Treasurer and the individual who pays the bills for the NC; and requiring all NCs to approve their financials every other month.
- Don Loze asked if the Neighborhood Council system is working to affect policy and activities in the City. BongHwan Kim stated there have been some MOUs established, but work is still needed Citywide.
- Gary Plotkin asked if there is any enforcement for NC Members who have not completed the Ethics Training. BongHawn Kim stated there is no current enforcement and may have individual NCs to have self enforcement.

Public Comments (Agenda Item #4)

- Public Speaker Lauren Gilluly invited everyone to the Contra-Tiempo's 5th year Anniversary Gala on February 20 at the LATC. Contra-Tiempo is an Urban Latin Nonprofit Dance Company and she encouraged everyone to attend the event.

- Public Speaker Jody Litvak passed out information regarding the proposed elimination of Commuter Bus Express 430, which runs service from Pacific Palisades to Downtown along Sunset Blvd. She asked for support in opposing the elimination.
- Public Speaker Bette Harris asked for the Council's support in opposing the proposed elimination of Commuter Bus Express 430 and expressed her concern with the proposal.
- Vice President Galperin stated the information regarding the proposed elimination would be distributed by the NC and also that the matter would be referred to the Traffic Committee to request an opinion about a possible recommended motion in time for the next NC meeting.
- Public Speaker Robert Mann thanked the Planning and Land Use Committee for the support opposing the project at 9779 Oak Pass Rd.
- Carol Sidlow stated the Planning and Land Use Committee passed a motion to support Building and Safety regarding the revocation of the project's permits and an immediate stop of all work. She commended the neighbors for their involvement on the project.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Vice President announced his recent appointment on the City's Quality and Productivity Commission and working with both the City and County Commissions on issues related to Quality and Productivity.

Mulholland Educational Corridor Association Eco-Waste Collection 2/27/10 (Description & Handouts)

- Vice President announced the Mulholland Educational Corridor Association Eco-Waste Collection 2/27/10 at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church and passed out information on the event.

Possible motion – Cell Tower Resolution – Presentation by Chris Spitz

- Chris Spitz passed out information regarding a cell tower resolution and briefed on the issue of a cell tower ordinance. The ordinance would regulate all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City, authorize regulation of aesthetics, and provide protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law. She stated other NCs and HOAs have supported the resolution and asked for the Council's support.
 - ◆ **Motion** to request the City enact a comprehensive new Cell Tower Ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures. Carol Sidlow made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine reported there was no Treasurer's report was for the month due to the lack of information. AppleOne, which pays the Executive Director, is now receiving payment directly from DONE as opposed through the NC's Visa Check Card. There is a need to obtain the charged amounts from DONE to accurately complete the monthly Treasurer's report.
- He reported on the outreach effort to promote the At-large Elections and the upcoming Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Town Hall meeting. Robin Greenberg stated the cost for the mailing of a postcard to the Council area would be \$5,115.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the payment of up to \$5,000.00 for the mailing of a postcard to promote the At-large Elections and the upcoming Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Town Hall meeting. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. 8 Yeas; 6 Nays; 2 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Carol Sidlow stated the Committee made the following motions:
 1. Support the BCA's opposition to the project at 1330 Davies Way for a height, gate and fence variances;
 2. Support Building and Safety regarding 9779 Oak Pass Rd and the revocation of the project's permits and an immediate stop of all work. She commended the neighbors for their involvement on the project;
 3. Oppose the applicant's request at 10500 Isadora/Mars Lane for a zone change and General Plan Amendment as presented at this time.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #8)

No report was given.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

Field Representative Ellen Isaacs passed out information on full night closures and work for the I-405 project. She stated the communication system for the 405 is being refined. She stated the Community Advisory Committee would be meeting monthly to discuss issues pertaining to the project.

She stated one if the Assemblyman's focus is creating jobs in the State and the budget survey continues to prioritize programs.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #10)

No report.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda item #11)

- Planning Deputy Shawn Bayliss updated on the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance is placed on hold within the City and the Marijuana Ordinance passed by City Council.
- He stated the Hillside/Baseline Mansionization Ordinance is moving forward through the process and must be effective by June 29.
- Ramin Kolahi asked if there was any change to the cap of the applicant's appeal fee. Shawn Bayliss stated there has been no change at this time.
- Chris Carradine and Carol Sidlow thanked the Councilman and his staff for recently touring problematic areas.

DONE Report (Agenda item #12)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Senior Lead Officer Ragsdale stated there was a reduction in overall crime last year and the continued commitment to reducing crime.
- He reported on a meeting with North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon residents regarding several burglaries over the past few months. He stated he would provide the residents the NC's contact information to become involved with the Board.
- He reported on a meeting with Casiano area residents and the Councilman's office regarding speeding in the area. There is interest in a speed trailer by the residents, with each costing around \$12,000 and will provide the Council with information on the trailers.
- Chuck Maginnis stated Don Farkas provided suggestions for Emergency Preparedness and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Office Report (Agenda Item #14)

No report was given.

Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #15)

- Jody Litvak from Metro briefed on Metro's efforts for communicating information regarding the I-405 project.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- Robin Greenberg reported on an Outreach meeting to discuss the promotion of the At-Large Elections.
- She reported on an effort to find another location for the monthly Board Meetings and stated the Stephen S. Wise Temple had offered to host the monthly meetings. Future discussions on other possibilities should be suggested.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #17)

- Vice President Galperin announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee will be Tuesday, February 9, 8:30 a.m., West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

LADWP Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Town Hall Meeting Update (Agenda Item #18)

- Vice President Galperin stated an update on the Town Hall Meeting will be emailed.

Public Schools Update (Item #19)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #20)

No new business or announcements.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #21)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Espinoza
Executive Director