

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 24, 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	
Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
Save Our Strip		
Mark Krajewski	X	
GG Verone		X

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

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.
- Recording Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from January 27, 2010. Alan Fine made motion Gary Plotkin seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Public Speaker Shirley Cohen commented on the possibility of volunteer California CPA Society CPA helping Neighborhood Councils and will provide them the BABCNC's contact information to provide an letter of intent.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

BABCNC Officers Election

- President Ringler asked if there were any nominations, other than listed on the ballots passed out, to list them on the ballot.
- 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

Recreation & Parks request for assistance (Handouts)

- President Ringler passed out information regarding the budget cuts to the Recreation and Parks Department and asked everyone to contact the City Council regarding those cuts.

"Emergency Backpacks"

- He announced West LAPD would be selling "Emergency Backpacks" for \$70 that will contain first aid and other necessary items for an emergency. More information will be available once interest is assured.

Alterative Meeting Locations

- Ramin Kolahi stated the he contacted "The Tree People" facility at 12601 Mulholland Drive to discuss a possibly location for the Board monthly meeting.
- Pam Marton stated the Community Magnet School is still available and if continued, paper work associated with the usage would need to be submitted to the School District.
- President Ringler established an ad hoc committee, the Meeting Location Committee, to find possible alternative locations for the Board monthly meetings and report back to the Board next month. The ad hoc committee members that were appointed are as follows: Ramin Kolahi, Robin Green berg, Larry Leisten and Gary Plotkin.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #5)

- Chuck Maginnis noted that DONE has asked that Neighborhood Councils should play a larger role in increasing community disaster preparedness and that reducing fire danger and improving potential evacuation measures should be high priorities in our hillside community.
- Don Farkas said BABCNC should help stakeholder groups undertake City's recommended individual and community emergency plans. He said FEMA has noted that 75% of rescues done after major disasters are typically done by neighbors because public safety agencies are overwhelmed. NC's can also help facilitate communication about community disaster preparedness issues between different City departments. He briefed on communication through the use of CB Radios and asked everyone to identify health care providers and radio operators in their communities and to make the appropriate household preparations.
- Monica Weil passed out an Emergency Supplies Checklist of items needed for the first 72 hours after a major emergency of disaster. She discussed the different preparations for emergencies to secure documents, supplies and other pertinent information.
- President Ringler stated the NC had been brief in the past by the Fire Department regarding Emergency Preparedness and links to information. He suggested the Committee gather the information that already exists in an effort to pass out at Board meetings and other community events.
- Chuck Maginnis suggested having another presentation by LAFD to discuss information to the Board at a future meeting.
- Sgt. Ragsdale stated information regarding Emergency Preparedness is available and suggested visiting LAPD and LAFD's website. He stated preparedness is important to communities and encourage everyone to pass the information to their communities.
- Ron Galperin asked about the LAPD's limited resources and its affect with the Officers present at community meetings. Sgt. Ragsdale stated Chief Beck's position on the relations between the communities and Officers is important and vital to the effectiveness of the Department.
- Irene Sandler asked if the schools were a top priority for the Department during emergency situations. John Amato stated most schools have a Police force to assist with emergencies.
- Gary Plotkin asked if there was any material on Neighborhood Watches and other activities to get communities involved. Sgt. Ragsdale stated there is information on the websites.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and stated Petty Cash and Rollover funds would be eliminated by DONE. He stated the use of the Visa Card may be eliminated and annual funding may be reduced significantly. He asked for suggestions on means to raise funds to continue operational and meeting expenses.
- He stated Executive Director Espinoza had informed the Executive Committee he would be resigning in a few months and would work on helping find a replacement.
- He stated Fire Station 71 would be having a fundraiser and will ask for the Council's support to promote the event at a future meeting.
 - ◆ **Motion** to reallocate the approve expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the West LAPD Carpet to other improvements at West LAPD. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Carol Sidlow stated the Committee made the following motions:
 1. Oppose the permit request at 8562 Crescent Drive to construct, use and maintain a new recreation room in a detached accessory building within 10 ft of the front property line in lieu of the 55 ft otherwise required and to permit a deck and 3 ft high retaining wall to observe a 0 ft front yard and to encroach into the public right of way in lieu of the prevailing front yard otherwise required in conjunction with the continued use and maintenance of an existing single-family dwelling on a 4729 sq ft lot in the R1-1 zone;
 2. Oppose the request for an adjustment regarding a 20 ft retaining wall at 8360 Sunset View Drive;
 3. Support the Save Our Strip group with their letter to West Hollywood regarding their concerns to the Sunset Time Hotel project.
- Carol Sidlow commented on the Committee's concerns with the project at 8875 Thrasher and 9133 Oriole Way and seeks information from the Doheny Estates Group.

- She commented on a presentation by Chris Parker on 1799 and 1875 Crescent Heights with neighbors present. The Committee has asked the representative to continue to meet with the neighbors and provided updates to the Committee.
- Larry Leisten thanked the Councilman's office for their assistance in causing the removal of encroaching earth from the public right-of-way along Beverly Glen, just south of Mulholland, following recent heavy rains.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #8)

No report was given.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

No report was given.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #10)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda item #11)

No report was given.

DONE Report (Agenda item #12)

- Deanna Stevenson stated DONE has merged with the Community Development Department and she will be retiring from the City and her last day would be March 12th.
- She stated some of the employees from DONE were transferred to other Departments.
- She thanked the Board for their service and commitment to the NC program.
- President Ringler thanked Deanna Stevenson on behalf of the Board for her service.

Office Report (Agenda Item #13)

- Executive Director Espinoza reported on his communication with DONE and the ITA department regarding the request for phone lines in the new office.
- He reported he would be resigning from the Board within the next few months and will assist finding a new employee.

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten reported the March 3rd town hall meeting has been postponed until more information is available from LADWP.

Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #15)

- Irene Sandler stated the CAB would be meeting once a month regarding the I-405 project and passed out information on the project.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- Robin Greenberg stated the At Large Elections would be April 11th.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #17)

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

Public Schools Update (Item #18)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #19)

No new business or announcements.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #20)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary