

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 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: Not Present

From CD5 Office: Shawn Bayliss

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 7:25 pm.
- Recording Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from February 24, 2010. Gary Plotkin made motion. Alan Fine seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Mark Krajewski spoke under Public Comments regarding West Hollywood projects that affect the BABCNC area. He passed out information regarding several projects in the area and commented on the concerns for individuals living near the Sunset Strip and the need to mitigate those concerns.
- Public Speaker Shirley Cohen commented on a meeting of the California CPA Society CPA and the discussion of volunteers assisting Neighborhood Councils with their finances.. She will inform the Board on the Society's decision.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

LADWP

- President Ringler briefed on Councilman **Koretz's** letter to LADWP Commission on their decision to increase rates and thanked him for his commitment and understanding of the community's concerns.
- Shawn Bayliss stated the City's Environmental Subcommittee would be addressing the issue with the Full City Council hearing the issue sometime next week.
- Don Loze briefed on the Mayor's proposal for the City to go "Green" by 2020 and the proposed ECAF rate increase recommended by the LADWP Board of Commissioners.
 - ◆ **Motion** to request the City Council and each of the individual Councilpersons to:
 - A) Reject any actions of the LADWP Board of Commissioners at the Special Meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2010 with respect to Items 22 – 26 of the Boards Agenda;
 - B) Adopt the recommendations of the Independent Fiscal Review to reconstitute the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor (ECAF);
 - C) That no more than an .8 cent increase of the ECAF, on the forging unbundled basis, be approved nor shall any further increases in be made without advance approval by City Council;
 - D) Observe the spirit and content of the Memorandum of Understanding between the DWP and the Neighborhood Councils to allow for ample hearings before the City Council, Neighborhood/Community Councils, Rate Payers and all other impacted individuals and groups;
 - E) Adopt and institute an Independent Ratepayers Advocate.
 ECAF rate increase and adopt the recommendations by PA Consulting and to allow for ample hearings before the City Council, Neighbor/Community Councils, rate payers, and all other effected individuals and groups. Don Loze made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. 15 Yeas; 1 Nay; 0 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

LAFD Brush Clearance Notices

- LAFD Fire Inspectors John Novela and Al Schroeck briefed on the Brush Clearance notices and the City's fee of \$13.00 for inspections by the Brush Unit. The fee was approved by the City Council in a 1999 Ordinance and is now being applied this year. There is an appeal process to the fee, which can be submitted to the Brush Clearance Unit along with photos and an assessor map or drawing of the property. The appeal must be submitted with 30 days of the postmarked date of the notice, after which an inspector will evaluate the appeal and render a decision.
- Al Schroeck stated homeowners could provide him their name, addresses and contact information if they wanted to be contacted prior to receiving a second notice, which is over \$300.00, and being placed in contract for the Brush to be removed by the City. For more information, contact Al Schroeck 818-778-4923.

Announcements

- President Ringler thanked Captain Evangelyn Nathan, Commanding Officer for West Area, Deputy Chief Debra McCarthy and Commander Andrew Smith for the 8 additional units (16 more officers) into WLA in addition to 10 others sent in on the recent transfer.
- He invited everyone to attend the CPAB Meeting at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue. A monthly meeting is held every 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm.
- He announced the Fire Station 71 Breakfast Fundraiser June 13th, 9 – 11 am and the Residents of Beverly Glen Fair June 13th, 12 – 5 pm on Beverly Glen Place. Everyone is welcome to attend the events.

Alternative Meeting Locations

- Gary Plotkin passed out information on alternative sites for the BABCNC monthly Board Meetings. The locations are Stephen S. Weiss, Community Magnet School, Bel Ridge Clubhouse, and Tree People.
- President Ringler asked for the committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting for a vote.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and stated there is no new information on the next fiscal year's budget allocation to the Neighborhood Councils.
- He stated the Visa credit card limit has been increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.
- He reported the Community Magnet School expenditure for \$2,500.00 for Computer Software and the phone installation charges for the BABCNC Office was submitted and approved by DONE.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Alan Fine made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #6)

- Carol Sidlow stated the Committee made the following motions regarding 1875 Crescent Heights and asked for the Council's support:
 - ◆ **Motion** to oppose the March 16, 2010 issuance of Grading permit and Retaining Wall permit at 1875 Crescent Heights Blvd due to possible inaccuracies and possible miscalculations represented in the application and request that the permits issued by Department of Building and Safety on March 16, 2010, Permit #'s: 09030-10000-02210 and 09020-10000-02428 be put in abeyance until all Discretionary Actions required by the LAMC and the required public hearings and determinations have been heard by the Zoning Administration to insure due process and transparency. Carol Sidlow made motion. Don Loze seconded. Discussion was held. 13 Yeas; 1 Nay; 0 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to oppose the Applicants' requests to be exempted from the Codes and Ordinances to: permit an accessory building approx 5 feet 1.5in from a front lot line, in lieu of 55 feet as required; permit (3) retaining walls to a maximum height of 10 ft in lieu of (2) walls otherwise permitted; permit walls and gates to a maximum height of (6) ft within a required front yard setback in lieu of 3.5 ft feet otherwise permitted by Code. Gary Plotkin made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously**

- ◆ **Motion** to request that the current MND prepared for the project be vacated and an EIR be required to address the following concerns. Gary Plotkin made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discussion was held. 13 Yeas; 1 Nay; 0 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

- She announced an update on the Mars Lane/Isadora project will be presented at the next PLU Committee meeting.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #7)

No report was given.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #8)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda item #9)

- Gary Plotkin asked if there was an update on the request to the Leo Baeck project to implement a Right Turn lane on Sepulveda. Shawn Bayliss stated the turn lane was discussed as a possibility of the larger scaled project, though that project has been downsized and the funding for such a turn lane is an issue. The determination has not been made, but the Right Turn may not be included in the project
- Irene asked if the Sepulveda Reversible lane project would be receiving funds from the City, since LADOT has turned the project over to Metro. Shawn Bayliss stated he would get information and report back to the Board.

DONE Report (Agenda item #10)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #11)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale commented on the additional resources to the Division that were brought in to address a recent crime surge in certain geographic areas in West LA.
- He reported on a recent arrest of a burglar at the Bel-Air Bar and Grill and an armed robbery on March 19th around 11:30 pm at the 76 Station at Moraga and Sepulveda.
- Irene Sandler asked if there is communication between LAPD and LAFD on incidents responded by LAFD. Sgt. Ragsdale stated that depending on the type of incident, LAPD may not respond. Also, LAFD responses are generally quicker due to the multiple station locations, though there is communication between the departments when both respond.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #12)

- Larry Leisten stated the revised By-laws submitted to DONE a year ago have not been approved. He stated there is a need to reconsider the quorum number for the meetings and operate under those new By-laws. He will present information at the next Board meeting.

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir (Agenda Item #13)

- Larry Leisten stated there is no new information on the town hall meeting and commented on the buried concrete cover's volume of earthwork is less than half than the buried tanks solution; however, the truck trips were more for the buried tanks solution.
- Steve Twining stated the RVA voted to give up their request for public access after being approached by the Bel-Air Ridge HOA.

Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #14)

- Irene Sandler announced the Metro CAC meeting for Thursday, March 25th at Westwood Recreation Center at 7pm.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- President Ringler encouraged everyone to vote on April 11th at Bel-Air Glen Homeowner Association Clubhouse, 2760 Claray Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077. The poll hours are between 10:00 am. and 4:00 pm.

Office Report (Agenda Item #16)

- Executive Director Espinoza thanked Patricia bell Hearst for her assistance with the phone line installation at the new BABCNC Office.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #17)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee will be Wednesday, April 14, 8:30 a.m., West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Public Schools Update (Item #18)

- Pam Marton announced the Community Magnet School's Spring Thing, Saturday, April 10th and passed out posters for everyone to post in their areas.

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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary