

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 28, 2010
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Final

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: Jeff Ebenstein

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

From 42nd Assembly District: Ellen Isaacs

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 March 24, 2010. Gary Plotkin made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Field Representative Stephanie Molen from Senator Fran Pavley's office introduced herself as the representative for the BABCNC area and passed out a newsletter from the Senator. She stated the Senator holds a monthly town hall meeting and encouraged everyone to participate.

Guest Speakers (Agenda Item #4)

LADWP Presentation on Shade Ball Deployment at Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir

- Steve Cole presented on the shade ball deployment at Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir. Shade balls prevent the formation of bromate (a regulated chemical and suspected carcinogen) by blocking out sunlight. The shade balls are black, water-filled, 4-inch balls made of UV resistant high density polyethylene that provide interim protection for a new regulation that requires permanent covering or abandoning of reservoirs. They also minimize algae formation, which in turn, decreases the chlorine needed to manage algae blooms. A decrease in the use of chlorine results in a decrease in the amount of disinfection by-product formation in the water.
- Covering Upper Stone Canyon reservoir with shade balls is a quick and economical interim measure that will protect the water and our customers from algae formation, disinfection by-products, and bromate.
- Bromate numbers depend on ambient temperature variations and source water blends at the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant. The length of time that shade balls would be on Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir, at the most, will be until the final solution at Stone is implemented.
- Andre Stojka asked if the shade balls could be the color blue. Steve Cole stated the color black contains U.V. resistance with a minimum use expectancy of 10 years, as were other colors have a shorter use expectancy.
- Larry Leisten asked if LADWP actively chlorinates the water at the Reservoir. Steve Cole stated LADWP is mandated to actively chlorinate the water.
- Irene Sandler asked what may result with bromate in the water system. Steve Cole stated the levels of bromate are monitored and the measures are taken, such as the shade ball deployment, when the levels exceed the compliance level.
- Nickie Miner asked if the degradation of the shade balls could have an effect on the water. Steve Cole stated the shade balls are approved by the National Sanitation Foundation for potable water.
- Public Speaker Len Donovan passed out information on his product, which is a disc similar to the shade balls. The disc interlocks with one other, made with HDPE and a U.V. inhibitor with life lasting 10 years or more and alternative colors are available.

LA Metro Presentation Regarding I-405 Project and Sunset Bridge Construction

- Olga Arroyo passed out information regarding the project and introduced her colleagues. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project will add a 10- mile northbound carpool lane on the San Diego Freeway (I-405) from the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Ventura Freeway (US 101). Ramps, bridges and sound walls also will be improved. The project also will replace the Sunset, Mulholland and Skirball bridges and meetings with the Community Advisory Committee with neighborhood representatives are on-going to ensure community relations during the project.
- Mark Van Gessel stated Church Lane and Sepulveda would be closed over the weekend to work underneath the Sunset Bridge. Similar closures in the area will occur during the day and late evenings to not impact a majority of traffic. The reconstruction of Sunset Bridge will be wider and allow the freeway to be widened. The south side of the bridge will be demolished and worked on first, followed by the north side, and traffic will still be allowed to travel east and west bound. The entire reconstruction of the bridge will last 18-19 months. Detour routes will be listed on the website, <http://www.metro.net/projects/i-405>.
- Ned Racine, Community Relations Officer, stated information about the project could be found on the Metro website and also via Twitter, Facebook and Nixle. Communication to the community is important and asked for input on ways to improve communication.
- Irv Camhi, Senior Project Manager for Morgner Construction Management passed out information and briefed on the pre-construction surveys for selected properties within the I-405 project boundaries. Owners of properties that will be offered pre-construction surveys have already been contacted.
- A community meeting regarding the Sunset Bridge Improvements will be held on Monday, 5/3 from 6 pm – 8 pm at the Luxe Sunset Hotel.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

At-large Elections Results

- Larry Leisten stated that implicit within the BABCNC Bylaws is the power of the President of the Board to solicit nominations of individual Stakeholders to fill any vacancies of the two At-Large seats created by the absence of any Qualified Candidates to run for election to such seats following certification of the election results.
- He nominated Carol Sidlow and Chuck Maginnis for the two positions.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Carol Sidlow as an At-large Member to the BABCNC Board. Chris Carradine made motion. Nickie Miner seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Chuck Maginnis as an At-large Member to the BABCNC Board. Motion was made motion. Nickie Miner seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation Regarding Meetine Location for the BABCNC

- Gary Plotkin stated the committee recommended the Community Magnet School. as the meeting location, provided that adequate finical arrangements can be made to accommodate the BABCNC. If no such arrangements are made, the Stephen Wise Temple.
 - ◆ **Motion** to continue the BABCNC meetings at the Community Magnet School, provided that adequate finical arrangements are feasible to the BABCNC. If no such arrangements are made, the Stephen Wise Temple. Gary Plotkin made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sharon Howard

- Ron Galperin commented on the passing of Sharon Howard, the former BABCNC Administrator. Rather than sending flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to Operation Gratitude.
- He stated he will request from the Councilman's office the conclusion of a City Council meeting in Sharon's memory.

LAPD Emergency Preparedness Backpacks

- President Ringler presented the LAPD Emergency Preparedness backpacks for \$75.00 and passed out a signup sheet for anyone interested in purchasing a backpack. A portion of the proceeds go to LAPD's Explorer Program for children.

Possible Cancellation of the May 26th BABCNC Board Meeting

- President Ringler stated the Executive Director would be on vacation in May for two weeks and asked if the Board would consider cancelling May's meeting.
 - ◆ **Motion** to cancel the May 26th BABCNC Board Meeting. Ron Hudson made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. 15 Yeas; 2 Nays. **Motion passed.**

West Los Angeles Blood Drive

- President Ringler announced the West Los Angeles Blood Drive on May 6, 2010, between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM. The goal is to provide 70-100 donors at this event, which will be held at the station, 1663 Butler Ave.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and stated he is still waiting on information from AppleOne on charges submitted to DONE for the Executive Director's payment.
- He reported on the approved LAPD expenditure of \$1,000.00 and the expenditure possibly going towards the purchase of practice/training ammunition for the officers. President Ringler stated he would contact the Captain to discuss other possible uses for the expenditure
- Ron Galperin reported on the City Budget and committee meetings. He encouraged everyone to provide comments to the committee meetings regarding the budget.
- He announced his position as Chair of the Commission on Efficiency and thanked Councilman Koretz's for his role in creating the Commission.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Alan Fine made motion. Motion seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Carol Sidlow stated representatives from two different projects, 9181-9229 & 9169 Crescent Drive and a tract map on Mars Lane, presented information to the Committee. The committee made the following motion:
 - To oppose the applicant's requests for exemptions from the Code regarding the 12,000+ sq ft development on Crescent Drive as the (5) mandated findings for a Variance cannot be met in the affirmative and to request an EIR be done for Crescent Drive due to the many environmental and cumulative impacts and concerns the Committee heard about at our most recent meeting.
- She stated the committee encouraged the representatives to meet with the BAA regarding the tract map on Mars Lane and revisit the committee as the plans for the project progress
- She stated the committee received a "Thank You" letter for its work regarding the project at 1875 Crescent Heights.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #8)

- Ellen Isaacs reported that representatives from different agencies and elected offices are meeting regarding the I-405 HOV Project.
- She reported on the Assemblyman's work on AB 2756 to ban trailer billboards and would allow local jurisdictions to issue permits instead.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #9)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda item #10)

- Jeff Ebenstein commented on the Budget process and thanked Ron Galperin for his work on the Commission on Efficiency. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Budget process.
- He announced the First Council District 5 Leadership Summit on May 6th at the Van Nuys Council Chambers. There will be another Summit on the Westside in the near future.

DONE Report (Agenda item #11)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale commented on the LAPD's efforts for the I-405 HOV project and their involvement in the community meetings.

- He reported on a recent closure on Wilshire and Westwood due to a suspicious bag left at a Chase Bank in the area. The bomb squad responded and there was no immediate threat.
- Chuck Maginnis updated on the April 17th committee meeting and the need for and communication and preparedness during an emergency. The committee will draft a one page (double sided) informational sheet to pass out at community events.
- The committee is requesting the support of the Board to have one representative from each of the Board's stakeholders to act as a liaison during an emergency.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

- Larry Leisten informed that about a year has passed since the BABCNC submitted to DONE for review and approval the Bylaws that the BABCNC Board approved in March of 2009, and that the "DONE Letter" referred continually by our DONE representative to be forthcoming, has never been received. The March 2009 Bylaws had increased the quorum for Board meetings from 12 to 18. In the past year the Board had found and determined the new quorum figure of 18 to be burdensome and unworkable. The Bylaws Committee had deferred bringing to the Council floor a motion to amend the Bylaws to reduce the quorum figure to the original figure of 12, until receipt of the DONE Letter. In light of year's time and no receipt of the DONE letter providing comment to the BABCNC's March 2009 Bylaws, Larry Leisten introduced the motion to reduce the quorum figure back to 12.
 - ◆ **Motion** to amend Article 7.3 of the 2009 Bylaws as follows: The presence at any Regular or Special Meeting of twelve (12) or more Board Members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting of business of the Council. Larry Leisten made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten informed the Board that there were no new developments regarding the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir. The Board of Commissioners of the LADWP had pulled from their agenda this matter until their May meeting.

Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #15)

- No report was given.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #16)

- Robin Greenberg announced at Fire Service Day at Fire Station 99, 14145 Mulholland Drive, on May 8th from 10am – 4 pm. She encouraged everyone to sign up for the event.

Office Report (Agenda Item #17)

- Executive Director Espinoza stated he would not be in the office from May 10 thru May 25.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #18)

- President Ringler announced the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee meeting in May may be cancelled and will notify the Committee.

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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary