

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 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>		
Dick Porter	X	
Cameron Falzone for 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	
Michael Chasteen for 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>		
Reggie Rios for 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	
<i>Roscomare Valley Association</i>		
Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	
<i>Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy</i>		
Carolyn Carradine		X
<i>Save Our Strip</i>		
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

From Senator Fran Pavley's Office: Not Present

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- Vickie Kelly called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from September 22, 2010. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

No Public Comments

Guest Speaker (Agenda Item #4)

- Guest Speaker Scott Sale, Chairman of the HEAL Task Force with Leo Baeck Temple, presented information regarding the Streets to Home Program. The Temple is considering instituting this pilot program at their parking lot area for one year. The program's purpose, initiated by Council District 11, will assist homeless clients who live in vehicles, RV's and Campers access services, and ultimately housing. Three to five vehicles would be allowed to park on the lot from 8 pm till 7 am. The program provides the clients access to outreach services to assess their needs and access Homeless Continuum of Care services, and case management services to address and help resolve barriers to permanent housing and connect them to other service providers in the Homeless Continuum of Care for access to permanent, stable housing. Leo Baeck Temple is asking for the Council's support of the project.
- Nickie Miner asked how the clients would be selected and if there would be someone staff to monitor while the clients are on site. Scott Sale stated the Homeless Service Provider would screen, select the clients based off certain criteria and monitor the clients on the lot.
- Chuck Maginnis asked if there were any statistics from other areas that operate the program. Scott Sale stated Santa Barbara's program has had 100 vehicles over the past three years with 30 to 40 vehicles moving into permanent housing.
- Andre Stojka asked if the Temple had outreached to the neighbors in the area to gather input. Scott Sale stated the program only allows lots to be used that do not have residential properties within 50 ft. The north parking lot at Leo Baeck Temple that would be used if more than the requirement.
- Alan Fine asked where the permanent housing comes from with regards to the transition from the clients vehicles. Scott Sale stated the availability and where permanent housing would come from is an issue.
- Ron Galperin asked if any permits were needed for the program and what bathroom facilities would be available to the clients. Scott Sale stated there were no permits needed and the temple would not provide any facilities.
- Public Speaker Constance Somerfeld commented on her concern with the program at proximity of the residential area to the Temple's parking lot.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

Presentation by KRLA's Kevin James

- Kevin James discussed his weekly program on 870 AM from 12am-3am and his recent tour of different Neighborhood Councils. He is addressing issues related to the NCs on his show two nights during the week. His goal is to provide a stronger voice to the NCs and encouraged Board Members to email him with any comments at heykevinjames@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and bank statements for the month of October.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report and bank statements for the month of October. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Alan Fine passed out the revised budget for the year ending June 30, 2011 and stated Outreach was allocated an additional \$3,000.00 to total \$8,000.00.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the revised budget year ending June 30, 2011. Alan Fine made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation on the Bel-Air Bar and Grill Project (Agenda Item #7)

- Susan Disney Lord, owner of the Bel-Air Bar and Grill, passed out information and presented the project of a new office/restaurant building totaling 13,428 sq. ft. with 35 parking spaces. The project seeks two requests for variances: 1. Q-Clarification for an additional 5 ft in height to allow the 37 ft. height from the existing 32 ft. height; 2. Alcohol Conditional Use Permit for continued use of an existing permit. The project will demolish an existing office building and development of an extension of the existing restaurant building that will also include an office and a total of thirty five parking spaces. Community meetings were held with the Bel-Air Association and neighbors, with the BAA supporting the project. A website site for information about the project and to receive notices about the project has been created at www.662sepulveda.com. She asked for the Council's support for the project.
- Carol Sidlow asked how many parking spaces the building had currently and where would the new parking spaces be located. Susan Disney Lord stated there were no current spaces and there would be 20 new spaces underground with 15 at grade.
- Carol Sidlow asked for clarification on the request for the Q-Clarification of 5 ft. Susan Disney Lord stated the office space will be more desirable with 13 ft. ceilings as opposed to 8 ft.
- Carol Sidlow asked for clarification on the MND comment period ended on November 15th with a hearing scheduled only days two later on November 17th. Susan Disney Lord stated the process followed and the scheduling is done by the City.
- Steve Twining asked if there were any buildings behind the property. Susan Disney Lord stated there was only one single family home and apartment buildings further down the road.
- Ramin Kolahi asked for the parking space ration for the office and restaurant. Andie Adame stated there would be 15 parking spaces, one space per 500 sq. ft. office space and the 20 parking spaces, one space per 100 sq. ft. restaurant space.
- Michael Chasteen asked if there were landscaping plans for the project. Monica Rodriguez stated there is a landscaping architect and plans for the project.
- Public Speaker Michael Ravin commented his concerns with traffic and parking and a request to LADOT that the project prepare a traffic management plan. He stated the restaurant is will be extend their operational hours to open at 7am and his concern is heavier traffic in the congested area.
- Public Speaker Katherine Bard commented on other properties behind the building that will be affected by the project during and after construction and asked that the project be downsized.
- Public Speaker Pat Nation commented on previous projects at the project's site and her concern with parking and traffic in the area.
- Public Speaker Patricia Bell Hearst commented on the parking needs not only of the office and restaurant clients, but of the employees of the restaurant.
- Public Speaker Constance Somerfeld commented on her opposition to the project due to the traffic and parking concerns.
- Carol Sidlow asked the position of the Bel-Air Association. Colleen Hanlon, Chair of the BAA Land Use Committee, stated the BAA supported the project after several meetings, as the project will enhance current building and area, provide parking for a current no existing parking facility, and overall size of the project is consistent for the area.

- Shawn Bayliss, CD5 Planning Deputy, stated their office has met with the owner and representatives of the project, as well as neighbors, and has no position on the project.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Bel-Air Bar and Grill project at 662 Sepulveda Blvd. as presented. Ron Hudson made motion. John Amato seconded. Discussion was held. 14 Yeas; 5 Nays; 3 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- Carol Sidlow updated on the CPC hearing regarding Code Findings and announced workshops throughout the City beginning November 10th. The Planning Commission will vote on the issue next year in January and she encouraged everyone to attend one of the upcoming meetings.
- The committee will hear information on the project at Nalin Drive at next month's meeting.
- The committee voted to support the Pacific Palisades Community's Council's motion regarding Community Care Facilities and include the protection of Community Plans.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support the Pacific Palisades Community Council's motion regarding Community Care Facilities with the addition of protecting the Community Plans. Carol Sidlow made motion. Ron Hudson seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Carol Sidlow reported on the committee's motion to send a letter to City Attorney Carmen Trutanich requesting the drafting of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance be expedited by the end of the year.
- The committee was presented information on a project at 8407 Grandview from a concerned neighbor and will request a presentation from the owner/representative at a future meeting.
- Carol Sidlow updated on the committee's previous opposition to the property at 1400 Linda Flora and a recent request to grade 68,000 cubic yards as a by-right project.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

- President Ringler announced the Assemblyman's request for suggestions on projects in the area to be submitted to his office.

Senator Fran Pavley's Office Report (Agenda Item #10)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #11)

- Senior Planning Deputy reported on the office's push for the drafting and completion of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale passed information on West LAPD's Haunted House on October 28-29 from 5pm-10pm at the station.
- He reported on a recent meeting at the Westwood Hills Association Annual Meeting and their concern with an increase in crime. The statistics actually show a crime reduction in the area and throughout West LA.
- He reported on the CPAB Summit and the presentation on Emergency Preparedness.
- He announced an Open House at the West LAPD station on October 29 from 12pm-5pm and a Carnival at Pico Blvd. sponsored by LAPD from November 12-14.
- Chuck Maginnis passed out the emergency preparedness cards created and thanked Don Farkas and Monica Weil for helping create the card. He also thanked John Thomas Dye School and Vickie Kelly for the lamination of the card at no cost. 300 cards were completed and he suggested using a string or cord hole punched through them to hang on a door knob.
- He asked if an HOA or Stakeholder is interested in having their own logo on one side of the card with the BABCNC on the other, to please contact him. The card will also be posted on the web.
- He thanked the Board Members that have provided an Emergency Liaison that included: Irene Sandler, Don Farkas, Robin Greenberg, Steve Twining, Alan Fine, Larry Leisten and Lonnie Mayfield.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

No report was given.

West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #15)

- Steve Twining stated the appointment of a representative from the BABCNC to the DWP/MOU Committee and Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Committee was needed.
 - ◆ President Ringler appointed Steve Twining to continue serving as the appointee from the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council to the DWP/MOU Committee and Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Committee.

Budget Day report (Agenda Item #16)

No report was given.

I-405 Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #17)

- Irene Sandler reported new plans may for the Mulholland Bridge will incorporate construction of the new bridge prior to the old bridge being removed.
- The October 28th CAC meeting is postponed until November.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #20)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #21)

- The West LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th at 8:30 am, West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Public Schools Update (Item #22)

- Pam Marton invited everyone to attend the screening of the movie "Race to Nowhere" at the school on November 10th.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #23)

No new business or announcements.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #24)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary