

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 26, 2011
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>		
Dick Porter	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	
Michael Chasteen	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: Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

From 42nd Assembly District: Field Representative Ellen Isaacs

From Senator Fran Pavley's Office: Not Present

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

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

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from November 17, 2010. Alan Fine made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. 17 Yeas; 1 Abstention. **Motion passed.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

No public comments.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- President Ringler stated information regarding the Measures on the March Ballot would be sent out in the next E-Newsletter.

BABCNC Officers Election (Agenda Item #5)

- 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

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine stated the Treasurer's report passed out would be corrected since there has been a lack of information from the DONE website. He will present an updated report at the next meeting.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Carol Sidlow reported on a brief presentation by Bill Christopher regarding a lot line adjustment/parcel map exemption at 9933-9941 Tower Grove Place. The BCA is concerned with the project and Mr. Christopher will present a full presentation on the project next month.
- Carol Sidlow updated on the Planning Department's Public Participation Policy with respect to public outreach. Claudia Rodriguez is the liaison for the Council area and she will be invited to a meeting for an introduction.
- Carol Sidlow stated Michael LoGrande, Director of Planning, will be re-invited to speak at a future Council meeting, since he was not able to attend last year.
- Carol Sidlow reported on minimal storm damaged areas due to the recent rains and working with the Councilman's office on removing debris caused by those rains.
- Carol Sidlow updated on the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, which the City Attorney's Office should complete its draft by the end of the February. There is hope for a Ridgeline component to be added to Ordinance.
- Carol Sidlow stated Vince Bertoni, Acting Director Deputy of Planning, has resigned and asked that a letter thanking him for his service be sent from the Council.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #8)

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs passed out a news release from the Assemblyman's office and reported on the press conference regarding recent health insurance rate increases and a proposed bill to require health plans and insurers to receive approval from the state for rate increases. The Assemblyman worked on introducing Assembly Bill 52 and stated a motion from the Council approving the proposed Bill would be beneficial.
- Field Rep. Ellen Isaacs announced a hearing on 1/31 at the Board of Supervisors hearing room to evaluate the effectiveness of the responses to the foreclosure crisis in California.

Senator Fran Pavley's Office Report (Agenda Item #9)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #10)

- Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein reported on three key issues for 2011: budget deficit, job growth, and infrastructure. He stated he and the Councilman pick up garbage in different areas of the Valley as a community effort.
- Ramin Kolahi asked what part of the budget deficit is in part of the pension obligations. Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein stated the pensions obligations are not taken into consideration.
- Larry Leisten asked if there was an update regarding access for the cell phone utilities on the LADWP property near Beverly Glen and Mulholland. Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein stated he contacted Victoria Cross, who is the new LADWP liaison, to address the issue.
- Gary Plotkin thanked Joan Pelico and the Councilman's office for their efforts in having pot holes in the area repaired. He asked a letter be sent to the Councilman thanking him.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- David Espinoza stated the Emergency Placards requested by Casiano Estates HOA, Laurel Canyon Association, Bel-Air Glen, Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc. Holmby Hills HOA, RVA, and BCA were completed and passed them out the respective member.
- Steve Twining thanked Robin Greenberg, Chuck Maginnis, Alan Fine, David Espinoza and Pam Marton for assisting with completing the placards. David Espinoza stated Steve Twining also volunteered and thanked for his contribution.
- President Ringler passed out contact information for the West LAPD's "Five Points of Contact".
- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported a 15% crime reduction for 2010 and LAPD would continue its efforts to continue the trend. Recently, there was a woman accosted by an individual on 1/8 at the 500 block of S. Sepulveda. The incident was captured by video surveillance and LAPD is investigating the incident.
- Gary Plotkin asked if noise complaints were restricted to a certain time of day. Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale stated there noise violations are reportable 24 hours of the day.
- Senior Lead Officer Ragsdale stated West LAPD has a new Patrol Commanding Officer, Martin Baeza, who is replacing retired Capt. Ruben De la Torre.
- He briefed on Captain Bill Eaton's funeral this week and his tenure with LAPD. President Ringler stated a \$100.00 donation was collected at last night's C-PAB meeting that will go to the charity of the family's choosing. A similar collection request will be presented at next month's Council meeting.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

- Larry Leisten updated on an email from the City regarding mandatory Ethics Training every two years. He stated per DONE's online information, Andre Stojka and Carolyn Carradine are the only two members in compliance for the year until 2012. He encouraged everyone to complete the training online.
- President Ringler stated an email with the online information will be emailed to the Council members that need to complete the training.
- Larry Leisten reported on the City's request to update the bylaws to comply with their required template. He stated he will work on necessary revisions to current bylaws' Table of Content and present them to the Council for discussion and a vote in March.

West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #14)

- Steve Twining announced that the Mayor would be speaking at the March meeting and will send information to everyone regarding the meeting.
 - ◆ **Motion** to oppose the City's "P-3" Proposal (Public-Private Partnership), which would lease to private investors for 50 years nine public parking garages throughout the city; oppose the sale of lease of any other city parking garages and/or parking meters; and supports the continuation of all existing parking programs offering free and/or low-cost short term parking rates currently provided at any of the City's public garages. Steve Twining made motion. Larry Leisten seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

LA Budget Report (Agenda Item #15)

- Steve Twining reported on City's budget deficit and next year's increase in the budget deficit.

I-405 Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #16)

- Irene Sandler announced the CAC meeting on 1/27/11 and reported on a letter submitted by Bel-Air Crest regarding the concerns with the reconfiguration of traffic lanes on Sepulveda Blvd at Sepulveda Way from Sunset Blvd.
- Ron Hudson stated the gates at the Veterans Facility may be closed to the public once the Post Office closes their facility at the VA.
- Irene Sandler reported on closures listed on an updated 30-day projection for the I-405 HOV Project-Mulholland Section. If anyone is interested in receiving the information, please contact the BABCNC Office.
- Gary Plotkin thanked Irene Sandler for her efforts and providing information to the Council regarding the project.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #17)

- President Ringler stated Ron Galperin requested a discussion on the street conditions and disrepair in different areas in the NC.
- Carol Sidlow stated one alternative is a public-private partnership to repair streets, through the Bureau of Street Services. She also suggested a bond increase in building permits to repair streets if they are damaged by construction.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #18)

- David Espinoza reported on the yard signs that were purchased through Outreach, announcing the monthly Council meetings. The intent is to invite individuals in the NC area and the signs have the address to the Community Magnet School and Council office phone number listed for stakeholders to contact for any questions. He asked that Council members take some home to place in the yards the week of the meetings.
- David Espinoza stated he received yard signs from the City that encouraged individuals to watch out for children in the area and would have some available to anyone who wanted some.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

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

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

No new business or announcements.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

Motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Captain Bill Eaton. Motion made. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary