

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 23, 2011  
Community Magnet School  
11301 Bellagio Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Final
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**Persons in Attendance**

**Quorum: 12**

2011 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<b><i>Bel-Air Association</i></b>		
Dick Porter	X	
Andrew Schwartz		X
Paulette DuBey	X	
<b><i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i></b>		
Irene Sandler	X	
<b><i>Bel Air Ridge HOA</i></b>		
Andre Stojka	X	
<b><i>Benedict Canyon Association</i></b>		
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
Michael Chasteen	X	
<b><i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i></b>		
Ed Brody		X
<b><i>Bel-Air Glen HOA</i></b>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<b><i>Casiano-Bel Air HOA</i></b>		
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<b><i>Casiano Estates HOA</i></b>		
Gary Plotkin	X	
<b><i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i></b>		
Ron Galperin		X
<b><i>Employee Associations</i></b>		
Marcia Selz		X
<b><i>Faith-Based Organizations</i></b>		
Reggie Rios for Lonnie Mayfield	X	
<b><i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i></b>		
Avi Rojany		X
<b><i>7-12 Private Schools</i></b>		
John Amato		X
<b><i>7-12 Public Schools</i></b>		
Pam Marton		X
<b><i>K-6 Private Schools</i></b>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<b><i>Laurel Canyon Association</i></b>		
Monica Weil		X
Cassandra Barrère		X
Gary Gole		X
Jim Nelson		X
<b><i>Lookout Mountain Alliance</i></b>		
Christopher Carradine		X
<b><i>Members-at-Large</i></b>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<b><i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i></b>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<b><i>North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association</i></b>		
		X
<b><i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i></b>		

Hildreth Simmons for Ramin Kolahi	X	
Robert A. Ringler	X	
<b>Roscomare Valley Association</b>		
Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	
<b>Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy</b>		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
<b>Save Our Strip</b>		
Mark Krajewski		X
GG Verone		X

From DONE: Not Present

From CD5 Office: Not Present

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

From 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District: Ellen Isaacs

From Senator Fran Pavley's Office: Not Present

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- David Espinoza called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from February 23, 2011. Larry Leisten made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Public Speaker Holly Mckee-Clark discussed King's Colleges International which is opening in Hollywood in the next few weeks. She discussed the Home Stay Host Family Program and passed out information on how to become a host family to some of the students.

Guest Speaker – SurveyLA (Agenda Item #4)

- Catherine Daly passed out information and forms for SurveyLA, which is managed by the Office of Historic Resources (OHR) within the Department of City Planning. The survey is being conducted over an approximate three-year period for every property in Los Angeles. Survey teams will conduct field inspections in order to identify the resource's architectural, physical, and visual qualities and characteristics; assess the impacts of changes or alterations; and document overall condition through photography.
- Community efforts are needed to inform individuals on the survey and how to report the historical resources. Information and the forms can be filled out at [www.surveyla.org](http://www.surveyla.org). As the survey progresses, information on surveyed properties will be accessible from the Department of City Planning ZIMAS web site <http://zimas.ci.la.ca.us/> and the SurveyLA web site which will include various types of information on individual properties and historic districts relating to construction and ownership history, architecture, significance and relevant evaluation criteria. The database will also include photographs, maps and other location information.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

Moment of Silence for Elizabeth Taylor

- Paulette DuBey read a statement from the Bel Air Association honoring Elizabeth Taylor who was a longtime resident in the area. President Ringler asked for a moment of silence in memory of Elizabeth Taylor.

Ethics Training Reminder

- President Ringler reminded members who have not completed the City's mandatory ethics training to complete the course. Council members are required to continuously complete the training course, which is valid for only two years.

Tree Planting Project

- President Ringler stated an email was sent out regarding the LA Tree Planting Project and if anyone was interested in the project to please contact the NC office for more information.

Possible BABCNC Retreat Discussion

- Gary Plotkin stated the Council should consider a Saturday retreat for members to focus on the priorities as a Council and topics on improvement. A subcommittee was formed to plan the Strategic Planning Breakfast: Chair – Gary P., Andre Stojka, Irene Sandler, Larry Leisten, Robin Greenberg, and Robert A. Ringler.

### Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and stated DONE recently sent mandatory deadlines, including April 15<sup>th</sup> for demand warrants and June 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reconsolidation report. The new budget must be approved by the Council by the end of June for submission by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Robert A. Ringler seconded. Discuss was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

### Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- No report was given.

### Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- Carol Sidlow reported the committee approved a motion to support the BCA in their opposition of to the project at 9671 Antelope Rd. The request for variances to construct a new 2-story dwelling plus basement (29,962 sq ft) with covered loggias (1561 sq ft), 6-car garage (2300 sq ft) and detached 1-story pool pavilion (1300 sq ft); over-height gate/fence at front entrance, over-height retaining wall in front-yard setback, over-height bridge on street.
- Carol Sidlow reported on the committee's support of the ACE Program which will help to address the issues and enforce the existing Los Angeles Municipal Code.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support the Administrative Citation Enforcement Ordinance as proposed by the City Attorney's office. Carol Sidlow made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. Don Loze made an amendment to include encouraging the City Attorney to enforce the existing laws, i.e. scoff laws in connection with grading cease orders. Carol Sidlow made motion as amended. Larry Leisten seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Carol Sidlow stated the committee supported the City's Order to Comply requests for two different projects – 901 Strada Vecchia and 9650 Royalton and will send letters to the City Attorney.
- Carol Sidlow announced a hearing for the City Wide Proposed Zoning Code Amendment on March 30<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.
- The Draft EIR for the Hollywood Plan is available at the NC office, for more information contact the office.
- Public Speaker Robert Warner commented on the trails at Franklin Canyon for public use and asked for the Council's support in preserving the trails.
- Public Speaker Sean Koda commented on the property at Franklin Canyon and the trails benefit for public use. He asked the Council to identify a means to establish those trails for the public.
- Public Ellen Scott commented on their efforts to preserve the trails at Franklin Canyon and asked for the Council's support in preserving the trails.
- Carol Sidlow stated the committee supported the preservation of the trails at Franklin Canyon.
  - ◆ **Motion** to preserve the trails at Franklin Canyon for public use. Carol Sidlow made motion. Motion seconded. Discussion was held. 17 Yeas; 0 Nay; 2 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

### 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs reported on the State's Budget and Governor Brown's proposed 12 ½ Billion Dollars in cuts in extensions to existing taxes. So far, the Legislature has voted on all aspects with the exception of cutting the Community Redevelopment Agencies and the tax extensions.
- Field Rep. Isaacs stated Assembly Bill 52 will be heard at Committee hearings and will inform on the dates of the hearings. Carol Sidlow suggested sending a letter regarding the BABCNC's vote of support for Assembly Bill 52.
- Paulette DuBey thanked Field Rep. Isaacs and the Assemblymember for their efforts with the coyote issues in the Bel Air Association. Field Rep. Isaacs briefed on a meeting last Friday with Fish and Game Representatives, Council District 5, Bel Air residents, Paulette DuBey and LA Animal Services to discuss the existing laws on trapping coyotes, current standards for Fish and Game and/or LA Services to respond. The Fish and Game Department will draft a response to the Bel Air Association on their procedures.

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

No report was given.

### Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

### Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

No report was given.

### Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Chuck Maginnis thanked the Outreach Committee and Robin Greenberg for their efforts on producing the Emergency Placards for various BABCNC stakeholder groups.
- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported on Building and Safety issues and the need for a warrant issued by the City Attorney to arrest the individuals violation an order issued by the City.
- Officer Ragsdale reported on a burglary in the area, with the suspect cutting themselves on a broken window. The blood was collected by LAPD and the suspect was identified. An arrest should be made in the near future.
- Irene Sandler commented on a recent robbery on the Ralph's parking lot in Sherman Oaks and asked if there have been similar incidents in the Council area. Officer Ragsdale stated he was not familiar with the incident and has not heard of any similar cases in the area. He advised to be familiar with your surroundings, stay in lighted areas and if confronted, do not struggle with the suspect.
- Officer Ragsdale passed out information and announced an Emergency Preparedness Fair on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm in Century City, 2000 Avenue of the Stars. If anyone has any questions regarding the Fair or any another issue please email him at [26690@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:26690@lapd.lacity.org).

### Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten provided a short update on the BABCNC's effort to respond to the City's request to revise its bylaws to comply with a Table of Contents template approved by the City's Bylaws Resource Team (BRT). He cited and thanked those members who submitted comments to the draft revisions.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve the revisions of the BABCNC bylaws dated 3/19/11 with exception to the Sections 7-11 of Article V (Absences, Censure, Removal, Resignation, Community Outreach, respectively), which shall read "Intentionally Left Blank", but inclusive of the italicized language found in Article V Section 4 (Term and Term Limits) describing terms of BABCNC Board Members and inclusive of the italicized language found in Article VI Section 4 (Officer Terms) defining a general one year term for Officers of the Board. Larry Leisten made motion. Robert A. Ringler seconded. Discussion was held. 17 Yeas; 0 Nay; 2 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**
- Larry Leisten stated that any concerns related to other aspects of the bylaws may be addressed by the Board of the BABCNC at a later date.

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

- Steve Twining announced that Jennifer Badger, Westside Representative from the Mayor's Office, would be leaving soon and will report on her replacement when the information is available.
- Steve Twining reported on a meeting Monday night regarding the Westside Subway Extension. There is still no determination for the station location in Century City, though there are three possibilities, and there is no determination for the station location in Westwood.
- Steve Twining reported on WRAC's Land Use Committee motion to oppose public funding, require market-rate lease of city land, and a full EIR for the proposed Downtown stadium and Convention Center renovation.
  - ◆ **Motion** to oppose public funding (including interest on infrastructure bonds and no forgiveness of loans); require market-rate lease of city land, and a full EIR (no exemption) for the proposed Downtown stadium and Convention Center renovation. Steve Twining made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. 18 Yeas; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention. **Motion passed.**
- Steve Twining reported on WRAC's Land Use Committee motion regarding the LAX Airport Expansion and stated the BABCNC should consider a similar motion at a future meeting.

### LA Budget Report (Agenda Item #16)

No report was given.

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

- Irene Sandler reported on the 30-day preview from Metro regarding the I-405 Project and closures related to the project. She asked everyone to provide her with any concerns related to the construction and can visit [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) for updated closures. The March CAC meeting has been cancelled, in lieu of Metro's Open House at Howard Hughes Parkway from 5-7pm.

### Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #20)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #21)

- The Traffic Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am, West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Public Schools Update (Item #22)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #23)

- President Ringler stated the West LA Community-Police Advisory Board (CPAB) is seeking new members and if anyone is interested in joining, please contact the NC office. The meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.
- Steve Twining briefed on a LADWP press release regarding LADWP and Solar World's efforts to develop an 11.6 mega watt solar power system for Los Angeles.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #24)

Motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Elizabeth Taylor. Robert A. Ringler made. Larry Leisten seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler  
Recording Secretary