

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 25, 2011
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Final

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2011 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	
Marcy Braiker for 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>		
		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: Joseph Hari

From 42nd 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 7:10 pm.
- Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 27, 2011. Larry Leisten made motion. Alan Fine seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Public Speaker Bill Christopher updated on the project at 9933, 9937 and 9941 Tower Grove. He stated the project has been reduced to a total of 52,341 sq. ft. to address neighbors' concerns. They will present the project to the BCA and the Neighborhood Council at a future meeting.

Guest Speaker – Clean Water (Wastewater) Program (Agenda Item #4)

- Guest Speaker Daniel Hackney passed out information and discussed the City's Clean Water (Wastewater) Program. The Bureau of Sanitation is responsible for operating and maintaining over 6,500 miles of sewers which serve more than four million residential and business customers in Los Angeles and 29 contracting cities and agencies. These sewers are connected to the City's four wastewater and water reclamation plants that process an average of 550 million gallons of wastewater each day of the year. The City's is seeking to continue supporting the program with a 10-year financial plan and a proposed sewer fee increase of \$28 per year for each of the next 10 years. Treatment plant facilities have an expected 30-year life and sewers around 80 years and based on the current budget would only be replaced every 168 years. He stated the City will be asking the public to support the financial plan and commented on the need to invest in maintaining and upgrading the sewers and treatment plants. For more information contact (866)-44SEWER or visit www.lasewers.org.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

BABCNC Strategic Planning Breakfast Update

- President Ringler stated the breakfast is on hold and the Chair of the committee will report back next month.

June 5th Fire Station 71 Pancake Breakfast

- President Ringler announced the Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 71, June 5th from 8-11am and encouraged everyone to attend to support the fundraiser for the station.

Request by Residents of Beverly Glen to Change Precinct Boundaries

- President Ringler discussed a request by the Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc. (RoBG) regarding the redrawing of voting precinct boundaries to include all of the RoBG area in the same precinct.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report and stated the new budget must be approved by the Council by the end of June for submission by July 15th.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discuss was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

- ◆ **Motion** to approve an expenditure of \$2,075.00 for 10 pole banners that will be hung on street lights throughout the NC area for approximately one year. Steve Twining made motion. Alan Fine seconded. Discussion was held. 13 Yeas; 1 Nay; 2 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**
- ◆ **Motion** to approve an expenditure of \$1175.44 to purchase a list of home addresses in the Neighborhood Council area from InfoUSA. Steve Twining made motion. Alan Fine seconded. Discussion was held. 12 Yeas; 2 Nay; 2 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- David Espinoza stated yard signs were available for Board Members that announce the Board meetings. Everyone is encouraged to take a sign to place in their yards the week of the Board meetings.
- Motions were made under Treasurer's report for the purchase of outreach items.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- Guest Speaker Wendy Sue Rosen presented information on a Clean Hands Ordinance. The County has an ordinance in place that states, "No application for any permit required pursuant to this title shall be accepted for processing or approved where an existing land use, not previously authorized by any statute or ordinance, is being maintained or operated in violation of any applicable provision of this title, or any condition of approval of a land use permit. This provision applies to the operation of land uses only, and does not affect buildings or structures which do not conform to development standards". Other organizations have requested to adopt a similar ordinance and she asked for the Council's support on the proposal.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support a Clean Hands Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles. Steve Twining made motion. Chris Carradine seconded. Discussion was held. 15 Yeas; 1 Nay. **Motion passed.**
- Carol Sidlow reported on the following motions at the committee to:
 - Support a Clean Hands Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles;
 - Support the Hollywood Hills NC's opposition regarding the Small Lot Subdivision project at 7926-7940 Hollywood Blvd;
 - Request Building and Safety to notify Neighborhood Council and respective City Council Offices of all By-Right Projects in areas designated in the City as high fire severity zones and landslide areas.
- Carol Sidlow reported on the Hollywood Community Plan Town Hall meeting co-sponsored by the Council and comments to the Draft EIR are due by June 7th.
- Carol Sidlow briefed on the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance and Design Guidelines and encouraged everyone to review the information available.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs passed out the Assemblyman's recent E-newsletter and discussed Assembly Bill 52. The bill is at the Appropriations Committee and will be discussed at their meeting on Friday.
- She announced the I-405 CAC meeting for Thursday, April 28th and discussed the closures of the on and off ramps for the reconstruction of those ramps in August.

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

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #11)

- Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein thanked the Council for their support with the ACE Program and will be voted by the City Council at a later date.
- He reported on a pilot project in Sherman Oaks that will allow Neighborhood Councils to allocate funding for Public Work projects, such as streets, sidewalks or trees.
- He reported the Neighborhood Councils' budgets will be reduced by 10% for 2011-2012 with no rollover of funds allowed from the previous year.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

- Joseph Hari introduced himself as the new West LA Representative from the Mayor's Office and briefed on his previous experience. He stated he is the liaison for the DONE and Neighborhood Councils.
- He announced Operation Pothole, which is an effort to identify potholes in the communities. The goal is to fill 20,000 potholes on the weekend of June 4th and 5th and the effort will continue afterward as needed.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported on a 3% increase of property crime for the last month. He commented on the property crime in the hillsides, with seven burglaries for the month of April and advised everyone to be cautious of their securing their homes and vehicles.
- Chuck Maginnis announced a Brush Fire Evacuation Session Meeting tomorrow morning at 9am at Fire Station 59 and those interested to attend.
- Carol Sidlow reported on the Emergency Preparedness Fair last week in the Hollywood area.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten provided an update on 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). The deadline has been moved to June 30th and revisions to the "Election Procedures" will be included to the submission.

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

- Steve Twining reported on the motion by WRAC regarding the LAX Expansion and asked for the Council's support.
 - ◆ **Motion** to retain existing LAX footprint and oppose runway expansion; improve runway safety enhancements; avoid new Lincoln Blvd. connection tunnels; limit passengers to 78.0 million and prevent new gates; reduce freeway traffic and neighborhood cut-through traffic; other conditions - consolidated rental car facility, improve non-runway safety systems; develop/maintain capacity at regional airports. Steve Twining made motion. Carol Sidlow seconded. Discussion was held. 2 Yeas; 7 Nays; 4 Abstentions. **Motion denied.**

LA Budget Report (Agenda Item #16)

No report was given.

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

- Irene Sandler announced the closure I-405 from the 10 freeway to the 101 freeway on July 16-17.
- She announced the CAC meeting tomorrow at 6pm at the Westwood Recreation Center and encouraged everyone to attend.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #20)

- David Espinoza announced he last day as Executive Director would be July 15th. The position has been posted to seek candidates and the Executive Committee will be interviewing prospective candidates within the next few weeks. He will update the Board on the progress at the next meeting.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #21)

- The Traffic Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th 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)

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #24)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary