

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 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>		
Lonnie Mayfield – sub.	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>		

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<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
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: Shawn Bayliss

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

From 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District: Not Present

From Senator Fran Pavley's Office: Kara Seward

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.
- Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from July 27, 2011. Larry Leisten made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- ◆ **Motion** to approve minutes as amended. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Irene Sandler stated that Ron Husdon will not be able to attend the next few meetings.
- Cassandra Barrere reported the BABCNC that Jim Nelson has moved out of the area & will no longer be the voting representative of The Laurel Canyon Assoc. (And that he is the new voting representative of S.O.S.)
- Cassandra Barrere also informed the BABCNC that Toni Tucci will be the new voting representative for the Laurel Canyon Association.
- The Council welcomed Toni Tucci.
- Shirley Cohen deferred to Item #10

Streamlining the Legislative Process – Marcia Selz (Agenda Item #4)

- Marcia Selz explained to the Council she would like to urge the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to examine how the city is governed to decide if there is a better approach to City governance. I.e. Aldermanic system, boroughs Etc. She stated there are systemic problems and stagnation issues they need to address.
- Ramin Kolahi suggested Neighborhood Councils should be able to take more official positions with regard to City decisions.
- Ron Galperin suggested academic evaluation and charter reform commission on issue is needed prior to vote on suggested motion.
  - ◆ **Motion** to request City Attorney's office to explore possible structural changes to help bring more local control for local issues. Discussion was held. **Motion amended. 11 yeas, 5 nays, 1 abstain. Motion passed.**

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Hotel Angeleno – Robert A. Ringler updated the BABCNC that a consensus has been reached between the owners of Hotel Angeleno and the community regarding the new lighting system.
  - ◆ **Motion** to resend letter supporting the BCC. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Ron reported on the redistricting of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District, which is now a part of a new valley district. Parts of Santa Monica and the Westside have been added to the 42<sup>nd</sup> District. County redistricting will be decided by several elected officials including the Sherriff, LA County Assessor.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report. Alan Fine made motion. Irene Sandler seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
  - ◆ **Motion** to donate \$250 to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

LA Budget Report – Steve Twining, Ron Galperin (Agenda Item #7)

- Ron Galperin reported on the City's "Revenue Day" and a presentation by the City Administration Office. Estimates show that within a year the city budget deficit could grow to \$500 million and could continue another 2-3yrs. Short term fixes are fewer and fewer. Most remedies will require voter approval. Parking Occupancy Tax would be a large source of income for the City, \$85 million/yr. Correction of theft from city parking could generate an additional \$20 million/yr. A report on the procurement of \$60 million in vehicle purchases by 3 departments over a six month period, found none of the purchases were in the city of Los Angeles and that the city of LA paid \$6 million in sales tax for these purchases. Ambulance fees have increased and there is a proposal to institute a "no transport" fee.
- Steve Twining announced a Ratepayer's meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- Robin Greenburg announced the Neighborhood Council emergency kits have arrived and suggested they be distributed to stakeholder boards. She reminded everyone to take home a Board Meeting sign.
- Poll Banners are waiting to be hung, pending city approval of locations.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #9)

- Steve Twining briefed the Council on a meeting of the Planning and Land Use Committee. The PLUC requested the Planning Dept. review the project proposed at 1400 Linda Flora with consideration to sequel provisions due to major alterations of land including the removal of prominent ridgeline and the resulting environmental effects. The project is out of compliance with the community plan and raises strong concerns regarding grading of over 76,000 cubic yards, fire protections in a known landslide area and there are concerns for the over 35 homes below the project. The committee is requesting public hearings on this development.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support the position of PLUC. Steve Twining made motion. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Report (Agenda Item #10)

- Larry Leisten updated the Council on LADWP draft EIR released in June. Current plans are to create underground reservoir and cover it with a concrete cover to provide for parkland space. The draft EIR indicated there are other cover solutions that would require less soil and would be less costly to the ratepayers, one being a floating plastic cover, the other aluminum. Hearing was held during comment period.
- Steve Twining mentioned there were additional considerations to the project such as the posed fire hazard, support of the Roscomare Valley Association's Support the aesthetic and.
- Shirley Cohen with CPOR (Coalition to Protect Open Reservoirs.) She urged the council not to change their original position.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support the floating cover solution and withdraw its (BABCNC) prior support of the now defunct buried tank solution. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. 10 Nays 7 Abstention. **Motion did not pass.**

42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Senator Fran Pavley's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

- Kara distributed Senator Pavley's newsletter and introduced herself as the new representative from the Senator's office. She briefed on the Westside subway which is in the planning phase, as well as LA County redistricting. The Citizen's Redistricting Commission met on August 15th and approved the final Senate Congressional and Assembly maps. The process is currently still in the courts as several organizations are disputing the line drawing process under the voting rights act and some are looking into a referendum process.
- The Council thanked her for her attendance and information.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #13)

- Jeff updated the council public/private partnership with the zoo and animal shelters. He informed the Council of an emergency preparedness event in the Century City mall and Galleria Mall on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 10am-2pm.
- Irene Sandler expressed concern about the I-405 & Sepulveda construction and suggested placing officers in those areas to guide traffic.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Joseph Hari informed the council of a town hall meeting (WRAC) with the Mayor on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the West LA Municipal Bldg. Details will be emailed. Mr. Hari also requested a meeting with the President, Treasurer & outreach coordinator to advise Mayors office on area issues.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #15)

No report was given.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #16)

No report was given.

West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #17)

No report was given.

I-405 Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given

Community Reports (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #20)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #21)

No report was given.

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 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler  
Recording Secretary