

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 26th, 2011  
Community Magnet School**

Final
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**11301 Bellagio Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

**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
Toni Tucci		X
Gary Gole	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>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
Jim Nelson	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 7:10 pm.
- Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Alan Fine 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)

- Public Speaker Amy Kalp informed the council of excessive motorcycle noise in the canyons. The Brentwood Community Council is applying for additional funding for increased police enforcement. She asked if the Council had the same issues with noise disturbances from motorcycles and if the Council would like to write a letter in support of their application. Funds would also go to general traffic issues in the area. The city will be installing a traffic signal with an underground monitoring system between Kenter Ave. and PCH. A taskforce has been assembled which includes LAPD, CHP, the Gangs Division of the City Attorney's Office, and Sherriff's Office.
- Steve Twining asked how much money the BCC is asking for in their application.
- Amy Kalp replied Councilman Rosendahl's office is filing application and LAPD Senior Lead Officers are working on figures for cost of increased enforcement. Amount to be determined.
- Irene Sandler commented that she would like to see school buses dropping children off a location other than Sunset Blvd.
- The Council thanked Amy for her attendance.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- LA Budget Day

- ◆ **Motion** to approve appointees to attend LA Budget Day. Gary Gole made motion. Larry Leisten Seconded. **Motion approved.** Appointees: Ron Galperin, Nicki Miner, Steve Twining

- Canopy Tree Cutting

- Alan Fine read a letter he received about the cutting of treetops in the canyon areas.
- Michael Chasteen commented that tree cutting was not intended to improve aerial surveillance of streets by LAPD helicopters but rather to remove fire hazards and allow more access for fire vehicles.

- Neighborhood Council Elections

- Larry Leisten reported he attended two City Clerk meetings by re: 2012 Neighborhood Council elections. Due to budget restraints there is no money for the City Clerk to hold elections in 2012. One meeting was held for feedback from councils. He stated many were in favor of holding elections. Discussion has held regarding alternate forms of elections i.e. independent election administrator, vote by mail, town hall vote, and election by internet. Case studies were presented at the meeting. BABCNC projected cost of surveys will be distributed to NC's in coming months.

- Robert Ringler announced Captain Evangelyn Nathan has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Century City Chamber.

- Robert Ringler announced West LAPD Haunted House on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. 5pm-9pm.

#### Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- 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.**

#### Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Robin Greenburg reminded everyone to take home the new outreach items (flashlights, first-aid kits).
- She also reported on the status of BABCNC pole banners. They have been approved by Councilman Koretz' office and are awaiting final approval of permit to hang.

#### Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- Steve Twining reported on the status of the Retaining Wall Ordinance. Planning Department is looking for examples both good and bad examples of retaining walls. Send to [david.olivo@lacity.org](mailto:david.olivo@lacity.org)
- The Hollywood Community Plan is close to finality.
- ACE program is still in committee.
- Sign Ordinance is in advance. PLUM had a hearing and interjected recommendations of planning commission. Proliferation of digital signs continues.
- Ridgeline Ordinance has been introduced by Councilman's office.
- 1400 Linda Flora still under review.

#### Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Report (Agenda Item #8)

Item was deferred to November meeting.

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

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs distributed information and reported on the LA Residential Noise Relief Act (Burman) - Mike Feuer wrote letters of support to both State Senators (Feinstein, Boxer) to be included in FAA re-authorization.
- Sunset bridge demolition and reconstruction of northern half will begin the night of Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for 12 nights, between 9pm-6am. Ramps will close as early as 7pm. Expect delays.
- 1400 Linda Flora – Dept. of Fish & Game, the Water Board will be writing letters to the developer and to city asking for ability to have input on EIR.
- She noted that AB 52 will be brought before City Council again. AB52 gives Department of Insurance the power to reject rate increases in health insurance premiums. Assembly member Feuerer will be speaking with senators to assist in getting bill passed.
- The Council thanked Elin for her attendance.

#### 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)

No report was given.

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

- Larry Leisten distributed information for discussion and stated the BABCNC may want to organize a process for removing or adding councilmembers. For example many stakeholder groups have not sent a representative in years. He suggested creating a list of inactive representatives and to request letters from stakeholder groups. He also suggested creating a list of inactive stakeholders.
- Robert Ringler commented there is a need for clarification of stakeholders and representation.
- Steve Twining asked if BABCNC created a list of inactive stakeholders, would it affect the quorum number.
- Larry Leisten replied, we have roughly 38 members and 12 are needed so it would not affect quorum.
- Irene Sandler commented lack of attendance for a number of meetings should possibly constitute removal.
- Andre Stojika commented all stakeholder groups should be apprised of council meetings even if not present.

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

- Steve Twining commented the Marina Del Ray area has many projects going on at this time which may result in the loss of approximately 800 public parking spaces.
- Robert Ringler commented that this is county land.
- Alan Fine asked if this is a BABCNC issue.
- Steve Twining commented that traffic is sometimes the #1 issue in west LA and that parking would affect traffic.
- Gary Gole moved to table motion. Motion was seconded.

- Alan Fine called for the question. 11 yeas. 2 abstentions.

LA Budget Report – Steve Twining, Ron Galperin (Agenda Item #16)

- Steve Twining stated pensions have been reduced from 8% to 7%.
- The city is still in deficit.

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

- Irene Sandler stated Northbound Wilshire Blvd. ramps will be closed for 90 days and nights. Scheduled for 1/1/12.
- Communities do not want detours in neighborhoods and people are ending up lost in Bel Air.
- She asked the council to provide feedback on detours in the area.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

- Robert Ringler announced the next west LA traffic meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

- Pam Marten commented school district is looking into early start schedule. School would start in mid-August instead of September.
- Gary Gole suggested garbage trucks postpone pick-up until after the children are in school, not during peak drop-off hours.
- Robert Ringler suggested the school call the Sanitation Department.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Gary Gole made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler  
Recording Secretary