

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Community Magnet School**

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

Final

**Persons in Attendance**

**Quorum: 12**

2012 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>		
		X
<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><i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i></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
<b>TOTAL: 23</b>		

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: Not Present

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- Heather Rozman called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from November 16th, 2011. Robin Greenberg made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

No Comments submitted.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- 2012 Elections – President Ringler announced the BABCNC will be holding a secret ballot election of officers at the January meeting. Current President is Robert Ringler, Vice President is Ron Galperin, Treasurer is Alan Fine and Secretary is Irene Sandler. Nominations are to be sent into the office.
- Motion Regarding Election Survey – Larry Leisten distributed a completed copy of the Neighborhood Council Alternative Election Survey and gave a summary of the options and process. At large elections are administered by the city clerk. It was suggested to hold a town hall style election.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve the Neighborhood Council Alternative Election Survey as completed. Larry Leisten made motion. Andre Stojka seconded. Discussion was held. **22 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention.**
- LAFD Brush Clearance Motion – Carol Sidlow briefed the council on a motion made by Councilman Paul Koretz instructing LAFD to report back in 30 days with recommendations amendments to the fire code and municipal codes, on the requirements homeowners and their contractors must follow when clearing brush from their property. The report should include: a) the appropriate equipment for brush clearance to maximize safety; b) requirements for the use of fire extinguishers or other fire retardant to ensure that a fire could be immediately contained or prevented; and c) updates on recent changes in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones Boundary.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve LAFD Brush Clearance Motion. Carol Sidlow made motion. Ramin Kolahi seconded. Discussion was held. **22 Yeas, 1 Nay, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Veteran Post Office Closure – Steve Twining announced the city is possibly planning to shut down the Veteran Ave. post office and redirect to the Barrington Ave post office in Brentwood.
- Office Dissemination of Information – Robert commented that the BABCNC has the responsibility to inform stakeholders in an objective manner. Heather also commented that information that comes out of the Council Office should maintain an un-biased position. Gary Gole commented that a recent email included personal opinions which had not been decided upon by the council. Ramin Kolahi commented that emails with personal commentary may be chosen to not be disseminated which would be a disservice to the community.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report. Alan stated that he has reconciled Treasures Report with DONE. Unused funds from last year total \$4,950. Remaining current year funds equal approximately \$32,000.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve Treasures Report. Alan Fine made motion. Larry Leisten seconded **Motion passed unanimously.**

Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- The BABCNC thanked Marcia Selz for hosting a holiday party.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

• Updates

- A representative from Tanager Way Trust gave a presentation regarding the appeal of permits for an over height fence and structure granted to 1423 Tanager Way. The Planning and Land Use Committee voted to support the appeal.
- ♦ **Motion** to support the Planning and Land Use Committee in their support of the appeal of permits granted to the project located at 1423 Tanager Way.
- The PLU met with the 2046 Sunset Plaza Drive to discuss the project. The Planning and Land Use Committee voted to oppose the requested variances.
- Updated Retaining Wall Ordinance will go before PLUM then City Attorney in early 2012.
- Hollywood Community Plan was passed through the city planning commission.
- Sign Ordinance – Still being debated as many are being “grandfathered”. See [www.banbillboardblight.com](http://www.banbillboardblight.com) for more information.
- Ridgeline Ordinance is going back to CRA & CLA for a cost analyses.
- Cassandra Barrere commented that the Laurel Canyon Assoc. was successful in protecting the wildlife corridor.

42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #8)

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #10)

- Field Deputy Jeffrey Ebinstein urged the council to support the Administrative Code Enforcement Ordinance with is awaiting final City Council approval.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Chuck McGinnis reported that satellite phones are a great tool for communication in an emergency. It was suggested the BABCNC purchase one to communicate with community and emergency response. More information will be collected and presented at the next meeting.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten asked everyone for feedback regarding BABCNC representation, stakeholder representation and previously solicited comments.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

No report was given.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

- Pam Marton stated that Los Angeles Public School have lost funding for bus transportation.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

No report was given.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made motion. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rozman, Executive Director