

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 16th, 2011
Community Magnet School**

Final

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

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	
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>		
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<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 – sub.		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
Toni Tucci	X	
Gary Gole		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

Residents of Beverly Glen		
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
Jim Nelson		X
GG Verone		X

From DONE: Not Present

From CD5 Office: Shawn Bayliss, Jeffrey Ebenstein

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

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 7:11 pm.
- Secretary Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from October 26th, 2011. Larry Leisten commented that minutes need to be amended. 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)

- Public Speaker Richard Blum, Mayor of Santa Monica introduced himself as a Santa Monica City Councilmember since 1999, member of the California Coastal Commission, Chair of Westside cities council of governments which consists of Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and West LA. He thanked the council and opened the floor for questions. Chuck McGinnis asked if red light cameras have been successful in Santa Monica. Mayor Blum replied the red light cameras have been discontinued, however traffic management cameras are still in use. All traffic lights downtown are monitored to address specific traffic problems. Steve Twining asked if the city would be allowing digital billboards on city buses. Mayor Blum replied yes, there is a pilot program being adopted that places digital billboards on the pedestrian side of blue busses that intermittently change messages. The light is modulated so as not to be too bright. He also noted that Santa Monica shares the concerns regarding billboard blight and is sensitive to feedback.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- AB 52 – Health Insurance Rate Approval - Field Representative Ellen Isaacs briefed the Council on the details of AB 52 – The Department of Insurance and the Department Managed Health Care would be allowed to reject excessive rate increases for insurance premiums. Auto Insurance and Property Insurance would be included as well.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve AB52. Steve Twining made motion. Vicki Kelly seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2012 Neighborhood Council Election Survey from City Clerk – Larry Leisten explained this survey has been requested of each Neighborhood Council. Funds have not been allocated for the 2012 Neighborhood Council elections which would result in elections being postponed until 2014. 2 at-large seats are up for election. Possible methods of conducting elections include: at poll elections, vote by mail, internet voting and town hall selection. Survey is to be decided upon at December meeting. Deadline for submission is January 6, 2011.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine passed out the Treasurer's report. He noted that at the end of FY2011, June 30th, all of the remaining BABCNC funds were turned back to the city's general funds totaling approximately \$8,000. Only \$3,000 was given back to the BABCNC and total estimated funds should include another \$3,900. At this time, no motion for approval was made and updated report will be given next month.

Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Robin Greenburg invited everyone to the December 10th holiday party. She reported that the BABCNC pole banners will finally be installed January-September 28th, 2012. She reminded everyone to take home Neighborhood Council meeting signs.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- A motion regarding the Hollywood Community Plan which was passed by the planning and land use committee.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Hollywood Community Plan motion. Steve Twining made motion. Dick Porter seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Steve Twining gave an update regarding 1024 Sepulveda Blvd. The planning and land use committee voted to oppose the expansion of an eldercare facility from 6 to 12 residents in a residential neighborhood. There are concerns of increased traffic in an already overwhelmed neighborhood.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support the planning and land use committees decision to oppose the expansion of the facility. Steve Twining made motion. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Steve Twining briefed the council on revisions to the sign ordinance which will be heard by PLUM on December 6th. The planning and land use will draft a letter to the city recommending no relaxation of the current language of the sign ordinance.
- Steve Twining reported that he and city councilman et al. took a tour of area retaining walls. The retaining wall ordinance is still under review.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #8)

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs reported legislation for upcoming year is being assembled. Please contact Ellen with any state issues that need to be addressed. She also noted several agencies have taken interest in the property development located at 1400 Linda Flora and have requested additional information.

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

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #10)

- Jeffrey Ebenstein and Shawn Bayliss opened the floor for questions. Done Loze asked for an update on the ridgeline ordinance. Jeffrey reported that the planning dept. has finished their report and is giving it to PLUM. Financial review is needed.
- Shawn Bayliss briefed the Council on a motion regarding brush clearance and fire safety.
- Irene Sandler asked if there were any developments on emergency vehicles using the Mulholland/Skirball bridges during high traffic times as there are additional concerns with increased construction. Shawn replied when there is a red flag day, anticipated events, etc., LAPD will station/deploy personnel and vehicles to various areas as a precaution.
- Shawn Bayliss updated the Council on the Administrative Code Enforcement Ordinance. Various city agencies would be able to cite for violations and an administrative hearing would be held. San Diego and Sacramento have already successfully started the program.
- Chuck McGinnis noted that some of the area bicycle thief's have been caught.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Officer Ralph Sanchez reported that Red Zones have been repainted to assist emergency vehicles in accessing narrow streets. If there is a need for increased police presence, please call in. 866-444-LAPD. He informed the Council of an LAPD Toy drive. Drop off toys at Hollywood LAPD no later than December 2nd. He noted that burglaries are still a problem for the area. Write down the serial numbers of your items and set alarms. Trash day often has increased incidents.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten distributed a draft motion for review regarding BABCNC representation. Item will be discussed at December meeting.

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

- Steve Twining introduced a motion for BABCNC support of Venice Neighborhood position regarding request for Environmental Impact Report of loss of parking in Marina Del Ray. He stated the Coastal Commission has already voted against it. Discussion was held regarding BABCNC scope and whether or not it affects our representation.
 - **Motion** to support Venice Neighborhood's request for EIR of loss of parking in Marina Del Ray. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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

No report was given.

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

- Irene Sandler informed the Council of a public meeting taking place November 17th at the Westwood rec. center.

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 invited everyone to the CPAB dinner. Date/location TBD. Next Traffic meeting will be held December 14th.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

- Alan Fine announced the Hollywood Bowl Overlook has been dedicated to Jerome Daniels, a former BABCNC board member.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made motion. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler
Recording Secretary