

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Community Magnet School**

Final

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

**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>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
<b>TOTAL: 15</b>		

From DONE: Not Present

From CD5 Office: Jeffrey Ebenstein

From CD4 Office: Not Present

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 7:13 pm.
- Irene Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Alan Fine made motion. Greenberg seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Public speaker, Nick Garzilli briefed the Council on a new transportation technology, ET3 (Evacuated Tube Transportation Technologies) Car sized capsule carries 3-6 passengers and cargo. New York to Los Angeles proposed travel time est. 45 min. at a rate of 370 mph. ET3 proposes to be silent, low cost, safe, faster than jets, and is electrically powered. ET3 is targeted to be built using private funds. For more information visit [www.et3.com](http://www.et3.com)
- Public Speaker, Anika Berhang proposed the BABCNC participate in a locally organized sustainability event to promote and educate the community to use "green" technologies.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- West LA Chamber of Commerce – Walk for Warriors Event – Brendan McMahon invited the Council to join the 5k Run/Walk to benefit New Directions, an organization that provides services to returning Veterans and their families. Race begins at 8:00 am, May 28th. For more information visit [www.walkforwarriors.org](http://www.walkforwarriors.org)
- West Fest LA – Robert A. Ringler informed the Council of a Food and Wine festival sponsored by the West LAPD to benefit youth programs. August 13th in Century City. For more information visit [www.westfestla.com](http://www.westfestla.com)
- Southern California Assoc. of Governments – Regional Transportation Plan Budget – Larry Leisten briefed the Council on existence of petition to urge SCAG to increase line item in regional transportation budget for road improvements enhancing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. BABCNC members were provided links to website where petition may be signed.
- Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates' Recommendations – Don Loze discussed public hearings on the Mayor's budget which may result in a \$250million deficit. Don urged the council to attend the hearings and make positive comments on how to improve the budget figures.
- Stakeholder Representation – By laws Committee Chair, Larry Leisten reviewed prior discussion and interest in Council to periodically verify Stakeholder Group representation by requiring Member to provide written documentation from Stakeholder Group confirming Member as its representative.
- Neighborhood Council Elections – Larry Leisten briefed Council on recent DONE newsletter informing Neighborhood Councils of draft ordinance before to go before City Council requiring all Neighborhood Councils to hold elections in 2012 and requirement that Bylaws be amended by May 12<sup>th</sup> authorizing "selection" of At-Large Members rather than "election." Introduce motion that provided contingency in event ordinance was not adopted by City Council, giving BABCNC flexibility to either defer public election of At-Large Members to 2014 under the administration of the City Clerk, or if ordinance is passed, to authorize "selection of At-Large Members in 2012 under the administration of DONE.
- ◆ **Motion:** In the event holding the 2012 public election is not mandatory, the BABCNC will not hold election of its Members-at-Large in 2012 and will defer such election until 2014 when it will be administered by the City Clerk.

In the event that holding the 2012 public election is mandatory, the following amendment language is to be added to Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws as a second paragraph: Section 1: Administration of Elections - For the 2012 calendar year only the Board will select its Members-at-Large as directed by City Ordinance. Larry Leisten made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- Executive Director, Heather Rozman distributed the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's recently released list of BABCNC Board member who have completed their ethics training and are in compliance with the two year requirement. Board members were strongly encouraged to complete the survey before the next meeting.

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

- Alan Fine distributed the Treasurer's report. He stated check requests from DONE must be submitted as of May 16.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve Treasures Report. Alan Fine made motion. Robin Greenberg seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Robin Greenberg distributed a draft of BABCNC brochures which will be printed and distributed to mailing lists. Don Loze suggested redesigning the BABCNC logo. Larry Leisten commented that it may be expensive and should not be spending funds on this item at the time. Robin Greenberg mentioned the Fire Station Open House event is in a few weeks and the BABCNC will be passing out this brochure at the event.
  - ◆ **Motion** to approve no more than \$6,000 for the cost of designing, printing and mailing the brochures. Robin Greenberg made motion. Motion seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- 9951 Kipp Dr. - Representative Chris Parker presented project plans and photographs to the PLUC. Discussion was held.
  - ◆ **Motion** not to oppose project located at 9951 Kipp Dr. Robin Greenberg made motion. Gary Plotkin seconded. Discussion was held. **5 yeas, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1531 N. Gilcrest Dr. – Representative, Kimberlina Whettam presented project plans and photographs to the PLUC. Representative for the Crests Neighborhood Association, Ron Galperin submitted a letter in opposition to the project. Concerned neighbor, Roberta Weintraub voiced her concerns and urged the PLUC to thoroughly evaluate the project.
  - ◆ **Motion** to support the concerned neighbors and the Crests Neighborhood Association in their opposition to approval of adjustments by the Zoning Administrator for the project located at 1531 N Gilcrest Dr. Michael Chasteen made motion. Motion seconded. **5 yeas, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Steve Twining informed the PLUC of the "Casden Project" which further evaluation of impact to surrounding community is being requested.

#### 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)

- Jeff Ebenstein updated the Council on a DWP project Mulholland going from Roscomare to Woodcliff. Power infrastructure will be relocated underground. DWP will release info to community shortly, and will be holding community meetings. Jeff also reported the Mayor proposed LA City budget last week, which call for approx. 650 employee cuts. Hearings start next week. Current proposal would cut Neighborhood Council funding down to \$37,000/yr. He noted that the plastic bag ban will be before City Council next week.

#### Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

#### Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Robert A. Ringler reported that crime on the Westside has decreased since the last report. He also announced that Rancho Park will be the grounds for the Israeli Independence festival on April 29th. Approx. 15,000 – 20,000 expected attendance. Expect some road closures near the event.
- Chuck Maginnis noted that Nichole Montgomery has temporarily replaced Officer Ralph Sanchez.

#### Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

(See President's Report)

#### West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #14)

- Steve Twining reported on a proposed mixed use and residential project call the "Casden Project" located on Pico and Sepulveda, commercial use totaling 266,800sq. ft. with 538 residential units, for a total of 518,764 sq. ft.

- ◆ **Motion** to support the WRAC in their request for the proposed project not to be approved until the community plan has been completed. Steve Twining made motion. Robin Greenberg seconded. Discussion was held. **14 yeas, 1 abstain, 0 oppose. Motion passed.**

LA Budget Report – Steve Twining, Ron Galperin (Agenda Item #15)

No report was given.

I-405 Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #16)

- Irene Sandler reported a 1 year window for Sherman Oaks Sepulveda Blvd. overpass widening as a part of the I-405 widening project. Area will undergo long term traffic reconfiguration.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #17)

No report was given.

Department of Animal Welfare (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

- Next community meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

- Irene Sandler updated the Council on the status of the proposed sale of the UCLA Hannah Carter Japanese Garden.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made motion. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rozman