

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 23rd, 2012
Community Magnet School**

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

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2012 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>		
		X
<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>		
Cassandra Barrère	X	
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
North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association		
		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
TOTAL: 23		

From DONE: Not Present

From CD5 Office: Not Present

From CD4 Office: Not Present

From the Mayor's Office: Not Present

From 42nd 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 7:12 pm.
- Nickie Miner called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 25th, 2012. John Amato made motion. Steve Twining seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Public Speaker, John Powell commented that Crescent Dr. is an unimproved roadway and poses a safety hazard to the community. A section of Sunset Plaza has been used by area residents for ingress and egress to the neighborhood. Mr. Powell asked for the assistance of the BABCNC in keeping the roadway open to public use. President Ringler asked Mr. Powell to request the item be placed on the next agenda for full discussion.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- No Litter Zone - Jackie Hunsicker created an organization to protect the esthetics of Mulholland Dr. and surrounding areas. <http://www.nolitterzone.com> Ad-hoc committee was formed to support the cause.
- Election Update - Application for a town hall selection process has been submitted to City, and City has acknowledge BABCNC's formal request with supporting documentation of vote to amend Bylaws to permit town hall selection.
- Planning and Land Use Co-Chair Carol Sidlow and President, Robert A. Ringler met with Councilman Tom LaBonge to welcome CD-4 to the BABCNC.
- Steve Twining commented that Councilman Koretz will be meeting with the Chancellor of UCLA to discuss the proposed Lushkin Conference Center, and the sale of the Hannah Carter Japanese Gardens.
- 9933-9941 Tower Lane – Nickie Miner stated the Benedict Canyon position of opposition remains firm. Project may set precedence if applicant is allowed to bypass environmental review. Project applicant has filed lawsuit against City. Public Speaker, Martha Karsh (Save Benedict Canyon) asked the BABCNC to support the resolution and call for the applicant to complete environmental review as required by City codes. Michael Chasteen moved amend motion to include study of protected trees on the property. Ramin Kolahi moved to amend motion to include request for Building and Safety inspect the premises for public safety hazards.
- ◆ **Motion** to 1. Request the City of Los Angeles defend against owner's lawsuit. 2. Request Department of City Planning: a) Deny Project's applications to waive environmental review and public hearing; and b) Direct Tower Lane owner to begin CEQA's environmental review process. 3. Request Board of Public Works: a) Direct owner to submit Tree Survey, and proposed grading plan; and b) Direct owner to submit applications for discretionary approval to relocate or remove protected trees. 4. Request property owner provide BABCNC with current copies of Tree Survey; complete grading plans; and geotechnical reports submitted to LADBS. 5. Oppose the Project until items 2 through 4 are completed and review of proposed project is completed by the Neighborhood Council's Planning and Land Use Committee. 6. Request City of Los Angeles send building

and grading inspectors to inspect existing property conditions with regards to public safety. 7. Demand LA Building and Safety reject submitted building plans until all planning and environmental conditions have been satisfied as well as demand future submissions strictly adhere to Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO). Nickie Miner made motion. Alan Fine Seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- City of Los Angeles Budget – Don Loze asked that BABCNC members familiarize themselves LANC budget recommendations.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Alan Fine distributed the Treasurer's report. June 30 is the end of the fiscal year. Approx. \$5,000 will remain in BABCNC budget and may go back to the City to help balance the budget. 2012-2013 BABCNC budget will be available for approval next meeting. Pam Marton suggested BABCNC use remaining funds to purchase meeting tables for Community Magnet School. Alan Fine added the Congress of Neighborhood Councils has asked each Council to contribute to the Annual Congress.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Treasures Report. Alan Fine made motion. Robin Greenberg seconded. Discussion was held. 20 Yeas; 1 Nay; 0 Abstentions. **Motion passed.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve expenditure in the amount of \$500 for the Annual Congress if Neighborhood Councils. Alan Fine made motion. Ramin Kolahi seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve expenditure for new 2 meeting tables for Community Magnet School. Andre Stojka made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Robin Greenberg distributed pictures of the Fire Station 99 Open House event. Alan Fine thanked everyone for their participation.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #7)

- 1400 Linda Flora Dr. – The Council received a letter regarding Blue-line streams associated with the property.
- 9550 Heather Rd. - Representative Chris Parker presented project plans to the PLUC. – Waiver of Tract Map. Discussion was held.
- 8401 Grandview Dr. – Co-Chair, Carol Sidlow read the applicant's requests for variances to the committee. Applicant's Representative, Steve Kaplan provided background and supplemental information related to the project.

"Mr. Kaplan, counsel for the Applicant, stated that the Applicant would accept all reasonable suggestions of conditions for approval. Accordingly, he, Kaplan on behalf of the Applicant agreed to create a covenant to run with the land to prevent future splitting of the lots. He was acting under information from the Architect that the lots had previously been joined. (Discussion regarding lot splits and lot ties) Further, that the Applicant agreed not to accept a certificate of occupancy until all required improvements of the roadway were completed. (Discussion regarding Certificate of Occupancy / road improvements) Additionally, he, Kaplan, would discuss with the client the putting up a bond to insure the completion of the project as a condition of approval. (Discussion regarding completion bond as condition of approval)"

Laurel Canyon Association (LCA) Representative, Skip Haynes requested a postponement of the hearing as the application is incomplete and does not allow adequate time for public review. Applicant has not provided site plans for proposed widening of street. Project has not been determined if it is subject to baseline hillside ord. Cassandra Barrère (LCA) noted Grandview Dr, is only ingress and egress to the surrounding homes and poses a significant safety risk if roadway is not improved prior to construction. The LCA opposes the requested change in setback, affirms and supports the neighbors and asked the BABCNC PLUC to support them as well, by action and deed. Jim Nelson (LCA) cited ordinance 77302, stated that Grandview was withdrawn from public use and would only be returned to public use when and if Public Works deems it to be in safe and passable condition. No permits should be issued as has not Grandview Dr. has not been deemed safe for public use. Co-Chair, Carol Sidlow passed the gavel to PLUC Parliamentarian Gary Plotkin. Discussion was held regarding applicant's request for exemptions from code.

- ◆ **Motion** to oppose applicant's request for adjustments to be exempted from the LANC as all 5 mandated findings cannot be met in the affirmative. Lots 122 & 123, if not already done so as stated by the applicant's representative, to be permanently tied prior to the issuance of Building permits. Request that Geo and Soils reports done in 2007 be up-dated, especially relating to Lots 122 & 123 due to the steep topography and the potentially adverse impacts to affected properties which lie beneath and near this development. A Deputy Grading Inspector be employed during any grading activities at the expense of the applicant as provided in LAMC Section 91. 1701.1 due to the steep topography and challenging hillside area. Proposed Addition to be reviewed under the conditions of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

Don Loze moved to amend motion to insert there be no certificate of occupancy until the roadside is complete. Robin Greenberg seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

42nd 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)

No report was given.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #12)

- Officer Nicole Montgomery informed the Council that she will be acting officer while Senior Lead Officer Ralph Sanchez is on leave. She reported a recent burglary on Sunset Plaza Dr. and vehicle multiple break-ins. She reminded everyone to secure and hide valuables in vehicles.
- Officer Chris Ragsdale reported an increase in break-ins of vehicles left in gated driveways. He reminded everyone to lock doors even when on private property. Mail theft has also increased. Locked mailboxes are advised to deter theft. Call 911 if you see a crime that is about to occur, in progress or has just occurred.
- Chuck Maginnis suggested LAFD be invited to discuss emergency preparedness.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

- Robert A. Ringler announced Metro community meeting at the Westwood Recreational Center May 24th at 6pm.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #17)

- June 3rd, 8-11am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Fire Station 71.
- 52nd annual Glen Fair June 10 12-5pm

Department of Animal Welfare (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

- Board members were asked to send recent photos to the office for website update of roster.
- Revised Ethics Training list from DONE is available.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

- Next community meeting scheduled for June 13th.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

- Pam Marton informed the Council that she has taken a new position within LAUSD and will be coordinating transition with new Principal. The Council thanked Pam for her many years of service.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

- Parliamentarian, Gary Plotkin proposed scheduling of the BABCNC Board retreat. American Jewish University has agreed to provide meeting space free of charge. Discussion was held regarding working with a 3rd party facilitator. More info will be provided at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #23)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie Miner