

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 22nd, 2012
Community Magnet School**

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**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>		
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>		
		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>		
Carla Cretaro	X	
<i>K-6 Private Schools</i>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		
Cassandra Barrère	X	
Monica Weil	X	
Tony 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
<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		
Ramin Kolahi	X	
Robert A. Ringler	X	
<i>Roscomare Valley Association</i>		

Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	
Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
Save Our Strip		
Cheryl Parker (Representative)	X	
Jim Nelson	X	
GG Verone		X
Total: 32		

From DONE: Thomas Soong

From CD5 Office: Shawn Bayliss, Any Shrader

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 7:08 pm.
- Nickie Miner called roll. A quorum was present.

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

- ♦ **Motion** to approve the minutes from June 27, 2012. Cassandra Barrère made motion. Nickie Miner seconded. Discussion was held. **9 yeas; 7 nays; 6 abstentions. Motion passed.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

- Patricia Bell Hearst commented she would like to make corrections to the draft minutes of the June BABCNC meeting. She stated she is reviewing BABCNC motions, bylaws, emails, invoices and correspondence.
- Tom Freeman commented that the President of the BABCNC improperly contacted a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) for the purpose of replacing their representative on the Neighborhood Council.
- Richard Katz asked if the Council provided assistance with neighbor disputes involving trees.
- Wendy-Sue Rosen commented on the SMMC agenda item: Discussion and possible action regarding Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council representation. She stated the SMMC is happy with their representation on the BABCNC.
- Steven Poster called for the resignation of the BABCNC President.

President's Report (Agenda Item #4)

- Reforms to LA's matching funds program - Katelyn Leenhouts with Common Cause California (CCC) (www.commoncause.org) stated that 41% of LA City Council candidate donations come from outside the City of Los Angeles. CCC is a proponent of requiring candidates who want matching funds to do some fundraising within in their districts, as well as placing caps on the amount of matching funds a candidate can receive.
 - ♦ **Motion** to approve the suggested sample letter. Marcia Selz read letter for the record. Steve Twining made motion. Marcia Selz seconded. **19 yeas; 0 nays; 4 abstentions. Motion passed.**
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Representative, Thomas Soong introduced himself to the BABCNC. He informed the Council of changes within DONE. The Department has announced an interim General Manager, Grayce Liu. DONE is currently seeking a new Funding Director. The west region of Neighborhood Councils will hold 2012 elections in October. DONE has hired independent election administrators. He reminded everyone to attend the Congress of Neighborhood Councils on September 22, 2012. DONE is reviewing the 2009 BABCNC bylaws.
- Carla Crataro, the new BABCNC public schools representative was introduced and welcomed to the BABCNC.
- President Ringler announced candidates for the Ad-Hoc Committee on standing rules and procedures: Gary Plotkin, John Amato, Robin Greenberg, Paulette DuBey, and Vickie Kelly. Carolyn Carradine noted that the bylaws state a BABCNC stakeholders may join committees. Thomas Soong clarified that per the bylaws the President appoints members of an Ad-Hoc committee, the Board then ratifies.
 - ♦ **Motion** to approve the Ad-Hoc Committee and the five appointees. Cassandra Barrère made motion. Vickie Kelly seconded. Discussion was held. **16 yeas, 7 oppose, 0 abstain. Motion passed.**
 - ♦ **Motion** to nominate Carolyn Carradine as a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Steve Twining made motion. Motion seconded. **10 yeas, 10 oppose, 2 abstain. Motion failed.**
- Planning and Land Use Discussion – President Ringler commented that it may be advantageous to allow the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) more time to conduct meetings. He also reiterated that the PLUC should bring recommendations to the full Board for approval. He requested this suggestion to be decided upon at the next meeting.
- Community Care Facility Ordinance update – President Ringler stated the BABCNC previously passed a motion with regard to Community Care Facilities, and confirmed with the Planning and Land Use Committee Co-Chair, Carol Sidlow, that the BABCNC will not be revisiting the issue.

- Helicopter Noise Relief Act – President Ringler stated the FAA is currently reviewing legislation. Chris Carradine commented air traffic control below a certain altitude is unregulated. As a result, helicopters are creating noise disturbances for the community.
- President Ringler announced the September meeting of the BABCNC has been advanced by one week and will be meeting on Wednesday, September 19th.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #5)

President Ringler stated DONE has yet to provide the BABCNC with last month's report.

Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Robin Greenberg reported approx. 12,000 outreach brochures have been delivered to stakeholders. Robin informed the Board the BABCNC has a Facebook page to be used for outreach and events. Discussion was held regarding posting to the BABCNC Facebook page. Issue of outreach and Facebook procedures tabled for future meeting.

Department of Animal Welfare (Agenda Item #7)

No report was given.

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)

- CD-5 Deputy Andy Shrader reported
- DWP has plans to reduce City of Los Angeles CO2 emissions by utilizing 40% natural gas by 2030. A method of extracting Methane gas (natural gas) by hydraulic fracturing or "Fracking" is an unregulated process that utilizes, mass quantities of water, sand and unknown chemicals to release underground gasses. The U.S. Geological Survey stated the process is known to cause earthquakes and contaminate drinking water sources. Councilman Koretz has introduced a motion to place a moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing in California until it can be verified that Fracking does not contaminate the water supply, and cause earthquakes.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support Councilman Koretz' resolution. Ramin Kolahi made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Council District 4 Report (Agenda Item #11)

No report was given.

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

No report was given.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #14)

- Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale reported the area is continuing a downtrend in crime, 3-5% reduction. "Knock-knock" burglaries are continuing. He reminded the Council to secure properties, set alarms, use motion sensor lights. Most incidents occur in late evening hours. Car break-ins between Roscomare and Coldwater occurring on a regular basis. Surveillance footage shows suspects trying car doors for unlocked vehicles. Do not leave items visible in cars.
- Sergeant Mark Durrell invited the Council to attend the West-Fest LA event to benefit the LAPD cadet and youth programs. <http://www.westfestla.com>
- Chuck Maginnis stated LAFD will be in attendance of the October BABCNC meeting.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Reoprt (Agenda Item #15)

- Carolyn Carradine distributed maps from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC). She stated she is honored to be appointed to Council by the SMMC since 2007. She reported she attended a meeting of the SMMC on July 25th in which she received praise for position. She will provide transcripts of the July meeting to the BABCNC at the next meeting.
- President Ringler stated that Carolyn has been a SMMC delegate for four years and has never reported to the BABCNC once.

West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #16)

- Steve Twining requested three items to be placed on the next meeting of the BABCNC.

West LA Budget Report (Agenda Item #17)

No report was given.

I-405 & Sepulveda Pass Improvement Projects (Agenda Item #18)

- President Ringler announced a community meeting re: I-405 construction will be held at the Skirball Center September 6th at 6:00pm.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #20)

- Heather reported the BABCNC email system has been converted to a free service which will save the BABCNC approx. \$200 per year. She stated the City Attorney recommended the Council utilize BABCNC email addresses to communicate. Discussion with Executive Committee underway.

Traffic Committee and Police Advisory Board Report (Agenda Item #21)

- Next LAPD Traffic Committee meeting scheduled for September 12th.
- Community Police Advisory Board scheduled for September 28th.

Schools News (Item #22)

- Carla Cretaro reported the 2012-2013 school year is in session.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #23)

- Carolyn Carradine reported on the August 20th meeting of the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC). The PLUC reviewed presentations from Representatives of 2301 Kimridge and 8817 Thrasher (Randall Akers), 1835 Sunset Plaza (Fernando Diaz), 9650 Royalton (Kimberlina Whettham), 9650 Royalton (Steven Poster), and 9169 Crescent Dr. The committee took the following actions:
 - Support Roscomare Valley Association in their opposition to the over in height retaining wall located at 11011 Anzio Rd.
 - Support the Neighborhood of Wonderland and the Lookout Mountain Alliance regarding the appeal of the determination regarding 9169 Crescent Dr.
 - Support the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in opposition to the project located at 9650 Royalton
- Fernando Diaz – representative for 1835 Sunset Plaza distributed plans, photos and project description. Project plans were discussed.
- Christopher Carradine stated the PLU recommends the BABCNC support the applicant's requests for approval of accessory building.
 - ◆ Motion to approve the project as presented. Steve Twining made motion. Christopher Carradine made motion. **19 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Motion passed**
- Steve Twining stated a new MND for 1400 Linda Flora has been prepared. Comment period ends September 17.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #24)

- Christopher Carradine raised the issue of public safety regarding Owner-Builder Exemptions. President Ringler requested this item to be brought before the Council for further discussion.
- Christopher Carradine stated he has filed a grievance challenging the BABCNC President's decisions regarding the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Representation.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #25)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made motion. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie Miner