

**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of July 24, 2013 Meeting @ Tree People Location**

Persons in Attendance: 12

Quorum: 12

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
<b><i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i></b>		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>		X
<b><i>Bel Air Ridge HOA</i></b>		
<i>Andre Stojka</i>	X	
<b><i>Benedict Canyon Association</i></b>		
<i>Alan Fine</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>		X
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
<i>Michael Chasteen</i>		X
<b><i>Casiano Estates Association</i></b>		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	X	
<b><i>Faith-Based Organizations</i></b>		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>		X
<b><i>K-6 Private Schools</i></b>		
<i>Vicki Kelly</i>		X
<b><i>K-5 Public Schools</i></b>		
<i>Carla Cretaro</i>		X
<b><i>7-12 Private Schools</i></b>		
<i>John Amato</i>		X
<b><i>Laurel Canyon Association</i></b>		
<i>Jamie Hall standing in for Cassandra Barrere</i>	X	
<i>Monica Weil</i>		X
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	X	
<i>Gary Gole</i>		X
<b><i>Members-at-Large</i></b>		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
<i>Charles Maginnis</i>	X	
<b><i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i></b>		
<i>Ramin Kolahi</i>	X	
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
<b><i>Roscomare Valley Association</i></b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i>	X	
<i>Steve Twining</i>		X
<b><i>Save Our Strip: Pending</i></b>		
<b><i>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</i></b>		
<i>Travis Longcore (newly appointed &amp; ratified tonight)</i>	X	

From DONE: *Amber Meshak, Project Director:* *Not present*  
From CD5 Office: *Noah Muhlstein, Planning Deputy:* *Present*  
*Jeffrey Ebenstein, Deputy:* *Not present*  
From CD4 Office: *Sharon Shapiro, Deputy:* *Not present*

**Community members present included but were not limited to:**

*Skip Haynes from Laurel Canyon Association & C.L.A.W.*  
*Chelsea McFarland & two members of Honeylove*  
*Lee Rabun, representing Charlie's Pantry*  
*Michael Kemp, Architect*  
*Carl Hubbard & Rachel Finfer from Chateau Marmont*  
*Barry Cockeram from Beverly Glen Deli*  
*Vincent Fabrocini of Fabrocini's Beverly Glen*  
*Joe Rosa of the Beverly Glen Marketplace & Enoteca di Bel Air*  
*Peter Clinco & Dave from Skylight Gardens Restaurant*  
*Ralph Sanchez, Sr. Lead Officer from the Hollywood Community Police Station*

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL** (AGENDA ITEM #1)

- *President Robert Ringler* called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
- *Robin Greenberg* called the roll. **The required quorum is 12. 12 members were present** (including *Travis Longcore*, our newest Board member, by executive appointment, and ratified this evening).
- *Robert* acknowledged and thanked *Peter Clinco*, of *Skylight Gardens Restaurant*, who graciously provided the excellent food for tonight's meeting.
- *Robert* thanked *Torin Dunnavant*, staff member representing *Tree People*, <http://www.treepeople.org>, which has allowed us to meet at their facility this evening. (*Torin* stayed for entire meeting and was very helpful.)
- *Robert* reminded everyone of the broad scope of our territory, and encouraged everyone to get involved as much as we can on some of the important issues, and to speak up.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (AGENDA ITEM #2)

- ◆ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**(AGENDA ITEM #3)

- ◆ **Motion was made by *Ramin Kolahi* to approve the February 27, 2013 minutes. Vote seconded by *Alan Fine*; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays and 3 Abstentions by *Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis & Andre Stojka* as they had not read them. February minutes were approved.**
- ◆ **Motion was made by *Nickie Miner* to approve the March 27, 2013 minutes. Vote seconded by *Ramin Kolahi*; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays and 3 Abstentions by *Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis & Andre Stojka* as they had not read them. March minutes were approved.**
- ◆ **Motion was made by *Ramin Kolahi* to approve the April 24, 2013 minutes. Vote seconded by *Nickie Miner*. 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Abstentions: *Gary Plotkin* abstained because he was not at the meeting, and *Chuck Maginnis* abstained. April minutes were approved.**
- ◆ **Motion was made by *Robin Greenberg* to approve the May 22, 2013 minutes. Vote seconded by *Ramin*. 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. 2 Abstentions by *Chuck Maginnis & Andre Stojka*. May Minutes were approved.**
- *Gary Plotkin* thanked *Cathy* for completing the backlogged minutes. *Robert* thanked *Nickie Miner* who supported *Cathy* in getting the job done and thanked *Robin*, our new secretary, for doing our April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes
- Board members introduced themselves and their associations, as we did not have everyone's name signs tonight, from *Chuck Maginnis, Larry Leisten, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Robert Ringler, Gary Plotkin, Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg, Ramin Kolahi, Jamie Hall, Tony Tucci* to *Travis Longcore* (new member as of tonight),.

**APPROVAL OF TONIGHT'S DRAFT AGENDA** (AGENDA ITEM #4)

- ◆ **Motion to approve tonight's agenda was made by *Gary Plotkin*, seconded by *Chuck Maginnis*; and the agenda was unanimously approved.**

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEM #5)

- **Torin Dunnivant, Sr. Manager with Tree People.** Torin noted that this location is *Tree People's* home base. This powerful environmental organization that started 40 years ago works all over LA County getting people involved; they are working with communities to get trees in neighborhoods, train people to make homes more sustainable with rainwater, native plants, and working with edibles. They educate young people to get active. There are volunteer events every weekend, trainings at the park and other locations around LA. They are focusing efforts on the most underserved parts of LA. He invited everyone to use the park, hiking trails, picnic spots, and to become acquainted with what they're doing to help L.A. become a healthier happier place. Brochures provided.
- **Chuck Maginnis, Safety Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Chuck noted that the emergency notification system is partly off the ground. He passed around a contact list for members to update and indicate how they want to be contacted, by home telephone and/or cell; more than one number, none at all. Email and text will be available at some point. He noted that if there is an emergency from 10 pm to 6:00 a.m, the phone will ring. Gary Plotkin encouraged everyone to see Chuck's Emergency Preparedness update from June 2013 on the BABCNC website. He stated that *Bel Air Crest* has an incredible emergency set up and the text and photos online at the website will enlighten the viewer. Chuck provided a copy of this printout to pass around for those interested.
- **President Robert Ringler** noted a **numbering error on the Agenda**, (there were two #9s) so after PLU #9, Public Safety should be #10, WRAC #11, etc.
- **President Ringler** asked *Ramin Kolahi*, Chair of Planning & Land Use, if the four or five speakers with speaker cards could speak during his segment as they came to speak on PLU issues, to which *Ramin* agreed.
- **Skip Haynes**, is on the *Board of Laurel Canyon Association* and involved in *C.L.A.W. (Citizen's for Los Angeles Wildlife)* [www.clawonline.org](http://www.clawonline.org) *C.L.A.W.* works with the *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*. He spoke on **fire signs**. He has been trying to get **no-smoking signs** up in Laurel Canyon for 15 years. They're authorized to put signs up on private property. Skip displayed signs to us, discussed plans to put up 8 x 4 foot signs on Laurel Canyon Blvd. They've put up signs at Laurel Canyon & Mulholland, and will be putting them up at the *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* land, at Lookout, Kirkwood and at Mount Olympus over Hollywood Blvd. There are bumper stickers aimed at Laurel Canyon. *Robert Ringler* noted that these would work for other canyons. Skip said they help provide signs for other communities (see website for info.) This is funded by entirely donations; the community supports them, and they will provide 18 x 24 signs for people who want to put them up near their homes, if they have party houses, smoking nearby, etc. Skip discussed the **MyLA311 app**; which involves taking pictures of people dropping cigarettes out of car windows, **getting license plate number and person smoking and sending the photo using the MyLA311 app**. They will ask *Tom LaBonge* to help create a warning system, by use of photos to ID cars. Of note, Skip has found out that **there is no fine** at this time. *Andre Stojka* noted he was working on a similar project, that he had bids from a sign maker, came to the end of the budget and couldn't charge the credit card. *Andre* will discuss working with Skip on fire signs. Skip noted that you can get signs for a donation but not by purchase. *Robert* noted that he has taken a picture of someone hanging out a cigarette going down Beverly Glen, sent it to West Traffic Division and the Police Officers made a friendly visit to the lady. *Someone* mentioned that *Paul Koretz's* office has done a warning program.
- **For more information about obtaining signs, please contact C.L.A.W. at: [info@clawonline.org](mailto:info@clawonline.org)**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – *Robert Ringler* (AGENDA ITEM #7)

### Discussion and Possible Motion on Email – Amber Meshack, D.O.N.E.

- Not discussed as *Amber* was not present.

### New Important Deadline Information for all Board Members

- **September 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline to complete Ethics Testing & On-line Funding Training.** .Funding training link: (<http://empowerla.org/funding-hot-links/>).
- **Part A: Take the 20 minute Online Funding Class by September 1<sup>st</sup>.** Needed to vote on fiscal matters.
- **Part B: Need to be up to date with your Ethics exam. Treasurers and Signers must take the full training.**
- **Everyone: Once you've satisfied training requirement, the presentation will direct you to a site where you can complete your Certification & Registration requirements.**
- **Attn.: Once your NC Registration form is completed, please email to EmpowerLA (as directed at the website) & please copy to [cathy-palmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathy-palmer@sbcglobal.net) if you have not already done so – so that she can update our Authentication / Compliance List and therefore complete Empowerment's official roster.**

### Important Training: “Planning and Land Use 101”

- See announcement from *DONE* attached to Agenda. This wonderful program is open to everyone. Please check it out. [Of note, *Cathy*, *BABCNC* administrative assistant, attended this training which provided an introduction to *PLU* terminology and issues, including how to search the *ZIMAS* (*Zone Information Map Access System*) online.]

### Posting Locations

- ♦ Motion was made by *Robert Ringler* that the Board approve replacing the posting locations from *Bel Air Glen*, which is not a public site, with the *Bel Air Postal Center* (at the *Glen Center*) at 2934-1/2 North Beverly Glen Circle, L.A., CA 90077, and to remove *Marymount High School* from the authorized list of posting locations and replace it with *Laurel Canyon Country Store* as a posting location. We already have the *Glen Market*, the *Bel Air Association* and the *Bel Air Market* and will continue posting at those locations, so this makes a total of five posting locations. *Ramin* seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *Gary* recommended posting at *Moraga*. *Robert* said we need to post east of *Bel Air* and *Laurel Cyn* is best now.
- *Jamie Hall* inquired as to distribution methods for posting. *Robert* agreed we want the widest range of distribution possible; that’s a great discussion for the future; currently we are following City & State requirements of the Brown Act by posting paper signs at these various sites: *Bel Air Association’s office*, *Bel Air Market*, *Glen Market*, *Bel Air Postal Center* and the *Laurel Canyon Country Store*.

### Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Appointment of Travis Longcore, Ph.D. – Robert A. Ringler

- *Robert Ringler* introduced our newest Board member, *Travis Longcore, Ph.D.*, who was appointed as delegate by the Chairperson of the *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, to the Governing Board of the *Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council*. (See letter of June 21, 2013 by *Irma Munoz*, enclosed in the Agenda materials).
  - ♦ *Ramin Kolahi* motioned that we ratify *Travis Longcore, Ph.D.* as a member of *BABCNC’s* Governing Board. *Nickie Miner* seconded the motion. 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Abstentions. The motion to ratify *Travis Longcore, Ph.D.*, as a member of the *BABCNC’s* Governing Board passed unanimously.

### Discussion and Finalization of BABCNC member roster (motion) - Robert A. Ringler

- ♦ Motion was made by *Ramin Kolahi* to update the roster, as discussed by Board members, by removing Stakeholder Groups and Representatives, who have not been attending, until further notice as follows:
  - *Bel Air Association*
  - *Bel Air Glen HOA*
  - *Benedict Hills Estates Association (Ed Brody)*
  - *Casiano Bel Air HOA (has now merged with Casiano Estates Association & remains on Board)*
  - *Crests Neighborhood Association*
  - *Employee Associations, Holmby Hills HOA (Avi Rojany)*
  - *7-12 Public Schools*
  - *Lookout Mountain Alliance*
  - *Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area*
  - *North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon HOA.*
- ♦ *Nickie Miner* seconded the motion. There were no nays and none opposed. There were 12 yeas votes and the motion passed unanimously.

### Update on BSL LED Conversion Program – Travis Longcore, Ph.D. (motion)

- Not discussed due to time constraints.

### BABCNC Report on Authentication Process (motion to approve) - Andre Stojka

- Not discussed.

### Consideration of a Community Neighborhood Council Fall Picnic, Xmas/Holiday Party & Retreat– Gary Plotkin

- Not discussed.

### Approval of Standing Rules & By-law changes & PLU recommendations RE: changes to Sec 18 of the Rules – Larry Leisten

- Not discussed.

### Discussion and motion to change Board Structure (motion) – Larry Leisten and Gary Plotkin

- Not discussed.

### Update on Fire Safety signs - Andre Stojka

- Mentioned above during Public Comments with *Skip Haynes*; otherwise not discussed.

### Election of Board Officers, President and Vice President

- ♦ **Ramin Kolahi** made the motion to approve **Gary Plotkin** as new President for BABCNC. Motion was seconded by **Robert Ringler**. 0 nays and 1 abstention (**Gary Plotkin**). 11 yeas and **Gary Plotkin** was approved as President of the BABCNC.
- ♦ **Ramin** made the motion to approve **Robert Ringler** as new Vice President for BABCNC. Motion was seconded by **Nickie Miner**. 0 nays and 1 abstention (**Robert Ringler**) 11 yeas and **Robert Ringler** was approved as Vice President of the BABCNC.

### UPDATE & APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Alan Fine (AGENDA ITEM #8)

- *Alan Fine* reviewed the history of the telephone bill issue, wherein DONE has sent in the same amount \$3,200.00. *Chuck* asked about details of the US Bank statement. *Robert* stated that the new system will involve line-item approval. *Gary* will sit down with *Cathy* and will give report.
- *Alan Fine* presented the Monthly Treasurer's report with new budget 37,000 to start with to the Board.
  - ♦ **Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ramin 12 Yeas. 0 Nay. 0 Abstentions. There were 12 yeas by Chuck Maginnis, Larry Leisten, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg, Ramin Kolahi, Travis Longcore, Jamie Hall, Tony Tucci & Gary Plotkin. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed unanimously.**
- *Alan* also discussed the **new funding requirements from D.O.N.E.** (New Funding Program Workshops), including **deadline of September 1, 2013 for the online seminar in order to vote on fiscal matters.**

### PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE UPDATE – Ramin Kolahi (AGENDA ITEM #9)

- **Ramin Kolahi** gave report of **June 11<sup>TH</sup> meeting**. {*Ramin* noted that the July 9th PLU meeting was chaired by *Michael Chasteen* in his absence. *Michael* was not present to report on the July meeting this evening.}
- **PLU Appointment of Michael Chasteen as Vice-Chair of the PLU Committee**. Of note, the PLU Committee appointed *Michael Chasteen* as a Vice Chair of the PLU Committee during the July PLU meeting in order to have at least one Vice Chair to cover as needed.
- **PLU Committee Annual Nomination for the Revised Bylaws**
- *Ramin* stated that he tried to reach out to prior members including *Carolyn Carradine, Carol Sidlow,\* & Steven Twining*, as it has been on the agenda, but has had no responses.
- **Two new members** were approved by the Land Use Committee: **Jamie Hall**, who has a lot of experience with land use matters, and **Michael Kemp**, an architect, who brings a lot of expertise. Both are stakeholders
  - ♦ **Ramin** asked the Board to ratify the existing members of **Ramin Kolahi, Don Loze, Michael Chasteen, Robin Greenberg, Gary Plotkin** and **Nickie Miner**, plus two new members, **Jamie Hall** and **Michael Kemp**, as the PLU Committee. Motion was seconded by **Gary Plotkin** and the vote was unanimous in favor of ratification of the above members as the Planning and Land Use Committee.
- **Robert and Larry** thanked the new members for volunteering.
- **Bar Marmont Update – ZA – 2011-2594-CUB – 8171 W. Sunset Blvd. (motion)**
- *Ramin* related that this is a CUB for a liquor license that has come up previously at the PLU months ago. There were a lot of neighbors who expressed concern. The applicant voluntarily tabled that and worked with community groups and re-presented to us in June. They had documentation of 6 items that they put together with the ownership, though some pertain to the hotel and not the Bar. 1) They purchased and installed convex safety mirror, 2) put no parking signs, 3) petitioned City of LA for a stop sign with no left turn attached – all to prevent cars colliding traveling up the hillside, 4) upgraded the camera system with live feed in the management's office, 5) petitioned City of LA for increasing the size of loading zone on Monteel Lane, and 6) received approval to demolish and re-pour concrete to make sidewalk wider.
- At June's PLU meeting, the committee motioned to support the motion and now presents it to the Board.
  - ♦ **Ramin motioned that the Board support the request for Conditional Use Permit and motioned to request the City of L.A. Department of Transportation expedite the application to double the size of the loading zones to accommodate large trucks that idle on Marmont and block traffic. Motion was seconded by Gary Plotkin. There were 12 Yeas, no nays and no abstentions. The motion carried unanimously.**
- **Honeylove - Urban Beekeeping (motion)**
- *Ramin* noted that the PLU has heard their discussion. *Chelsea McFarland* of *Honeylove* stated that the County of LA is supportive of urban beekeeping, you pay \$10 to have a beehive on your property. She says the City says nothing about it now except that it's legal in commercial and manufacturing zones. *Honeylove* would like to legalization for R1 zones, following Santa Monica and Redondo Beach who have done it, to put bees in a

managed situation. *Robert Ringler* indicated we need further study, to let the City start looking into this more seriously. *Honeylove* now has support from 14 NCs and want us to be #15. *Gary Plotkin* called for the question.

- ◆ **Motion was made by *Ramin Kolahi* to approve the request to ask the Planning Department to prepare report in consultation with the Department of Animal Services, relative to the feasibility of allowing beekeeping in the R1 urban zones as a practice to foster healthier bee populations. *Tony Tucci* seconded the motion; all 12 voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**
- *Chelsea* will send the motion to *Ramin* who will send this to the Planning Department at the City to be filed.
- **Charlie's Pantry (motion)**
- *Ramin* noted that he is assigned as Case Officer on this with the PLU Committee. They had a meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in July, with the applicant and representative and one neighbor in support. Then, at the recent July PLU committee meeting (chaired by *Michael Chasteen*), a few neighbors were present in support. PLU heard evidence and supported the permit.
  - ◆ **Motion was made at this time to approve the Zoning Variance for *Charlie's Pantry* at 2922 Beverly Glen Circle, to allow sale and dispensing beer and wine for on site and offsite consumption Type 41 license with the existing restaurant. Discussion ensued:**
- ***Lee Rabun, Planning and Land Use representative for the applicant, Charlie's Pantry***, presented the case that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> location of the owners; it's a deli-restaurant, and they would like to serve alcohol with food; Type 41 license requested. This is RE 15 Glen Center. He noted that conditions are identical to Variance for Bev Glen Deli, #20; no happy hour; a small bar and 6 stools.
- ***Vincent Fabrocini, of Fabrocini's Beverly Glen***, spoke in opposition to having another beer and wine license, due to the parking problems. *Andre* agreed.
- ***Lee Rabun*** related that there is no additional law regarding beer and wine, but the seats in the restaurant.
- ***Barry Cockaram from Beverly Glen Deli***, spoke in protest saying *Charlie's* was converted from retail to restaurant, and due to parking problem.
- ***Joe Rosa from Beverly Glen Marketplace & Enoteca di Bel Air*** also spoke in protest, concerned that there are too many licenses, too many seats, and no parking.
- ***Travis Longcore & Noah Muhlstein, CD5 Planning Deputy***, agreed that this is a landlord issue.
- ***Gary*** noted all of us who use the Glen a lot are concerned with the parking issue & that it's a landlord issue.
  - ◆ **Motion was made to support the Zoning Variance to permit beer and wine license at the existing restaurant, *Charlie's Pantry*, at 2922 Beverly Glen Circle. *Jamie Hall* seconded the motion. Call for the question. 7 in Favor: 1 no vote. 4 abstentions. The motion passed.**
- ***Robert*** noted it's up to the Board, but asked if the letter could indicate, with *Ramin's* guidance, that this issue exacerbates a bigger issue that the parking problem is really the issue, and you are in a sense powerless not to approve it, but there is an issue across the board, regarding landlord and the parking regarding this property. *Ramin* noted that this is just advisory only.
- ***Gary Plotkin*** noted in closing that all of us who use the Glen all the time are very concerned with the parking issue, but the landlord issue has exacerbated the whole thing and that's why he abstained.
- ***Larry Leisten*** stated that would like to know what legal or regulatory requirements the City could impose on the developer. *Ramin* said he could research prior ZAs on parking there.
- ***Nickie Miner, on behalf of the entire Board***, thanked the gentlemen restaurateurs from the Glen for coming this evening to voice their concerns and for their great service in our community.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE** – *Chuck Maginnis* (AGENDA ITEM #10)

- *Senior Lead Officer 8A29 - Chris Ragsdale*, WLA Community Police Station: Not present.
- ***Senior Lead Officer - Ralph Sanchez, from the Hollywood Community Police Station***, gave update on concerns regarding fires, this being fire season, keeping roads clear, and watching out for burglaries that are now mainly occurring in daytime hours. He stated that the **best tool is that we watch after each other and lock doors; burglars look for one window, work in teams with phones; watch you drive away, and break in.**

#### **Key Point:**

- **A burglary is reduced to a property crime once you enter threshold and search your house. It becomes low-grade crime & increases the time it takes for a unit to get there, 1 to 5 hours.**

#### **Big Advice:**

- **Don't go into the house. It is a "burglary" if you don't go into the house. Then the Police will get units with air support, and do a thorough search.**

#### **Recommends:**

- **Keeping keys by your bed, not by the door. They take the cars.**
- **Use panic button & security system if something is going on without getting out of bed.**
- ***Tony Tucci*** mentioned "**opportunistic crime**" on trash days, Weds & Thurs, in the hills, noting the dogs get used to it, and the people think noise is trash guys.
- ***Robin Greenberg*** noted that iPhones and iPads stolen at a convention she attended.

- **Officer Sanchez** noted that **August 6<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out at the Station**; all are welcome to come; will be food, face painting for children, at the Hollywood Station, Wilcox and De Longpre.
- **Report on June 5 Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting**  
**Update on Emergency Notification:**
- See Public Comments from Chuck Maginnis above.
- Larry asked if phone numbers will be confidential on the Emergency Notification list. Chuck will have two lists.
- **The next EP meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in August at the Getty Center at 10 a.m. RSVP.**

**WEST LOS ANGELES REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WRAC)** – Robin Greenberg & Steve Twining  
(AGENDA ITEM #11)

- **Update on July 17th WRAC meeting**
- **Four motions to DWP Board of Commissioners (see supporting materials for details on each motion)** – *Robin Greenberg* gave report for *Steve Twining* who was not present this evening.
  1. **Motion made by Robin Greenberg** to require the Board of Commissioners of the DWP to be instructed to consider the views of the Ratepayers Advocate such as those relating to the \$300 million overpayment for Feed in Tariffs and the \$500 million cost to eliminated coal at the Intermountain Power Plant two years earlier than required. For example, if the above market subsidies for Feed in Tariffs were eliminated, for the same amount of money, we would have twice the amount of solar power and create twice as many jobs, much to the chagrin of the solar lobby, real estate developers and financial engineers. **Moved by Gary, seconded by Nickie; 9 Yeas. 1 Nay from Travis. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.**

*Travis* vote against the motion RE: overpaying for feed in tariffs, overpay subsidizing transmission lines, as he would have liked more disclosure and debate.

2. **Motion made by Robin Greenberg** to keep a Ron Nichols as General Manager of the DWP was **deferred to need for additional information.**
3. **Motion made by Robin Greenberg** to end an additional amount above and beyond the \$1.2 Billion spent on water (20% of our water bills) to mitigate the Owens Lake Dust Control Project which measures dust 6' above the level of the lake. A lawsuit is pending. 4 million Los Angeles residents are paying to mitigate dust for a handful of people in the Owens Valley was **deferred to need for additional information.**
4. **Motion made by Robin Greenberg** to carefully study the \$45 Billion cost to provide tunnels to protect smelt fish in relation to the MWD water supply whose rates have increased 47% in two years. MWD is the major supplier of water to the citizens of Los Angeles was **deferred to need for additional information.**

Discussion was held regarding reasons for deferring motions #2 through #4. *Larry* recommends getting more background and requested an email a week before to consider. *Jamie* needs a little more information and noted that we are less powerful when we vote willy-nilly. *Travis* said that cheapest isn't always the best for infrastructure; that the Owens Valley is not a universal negative; there are environmental benefits, and that people should know about it. *Gary* noted that *Robin* has the ability to determine since she is on WRAC and is familiar with the issues. *Robert* asks how we want to interact with WRAC. *Robert* indicated that though we appreciate what WRAC does we don't want to rubberstamp everything, as we need credibility with the City.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT** (AGENDA ITEM #12)

- No report given.

**BYLAWS & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT** – LARRY LEISTEN (AGENDA ITEM #13)

- No report given.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 REPORT** (AGENDA ITEM #14)

- **Planning Deputy, Noah Muhlstein** of Council District 5, gave report beginning with the Planning & Land Use issue of 2181 N. Beverly Glen, *Four Oaks Restaurant*; stating they have started construction, the last issue was in 2005; one condition was that they be in continuous use; currently they are in violation of CUP; no permits are being pulled. Noah's office is on top of the matter and they want to come up with a resolution. This restaurant has been closed for a while. One of the inspectors will serve an order in a couple of days.
- **Ramin Kolahi** commented that on Mariel Lane, it is unclear if they pulled permit per APC that required BHO compliance. Noah is helping to get information from DBS.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 REPORT** (AGENDA ITEM #15)

- No report given.

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT AND POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT** (AGENDA ITEM #16)

- Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee is going to be Wednesday, August 14th - 8:30 a.m. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue

**PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT** (AGENDA ITEM #17)

- No report given.

**NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** (AGENDA ITEM #18)

- No report given.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING** (AGENDA ITEM #19)

- *Robert* reminded everyone to attend “National Night Out” at Stoner Park. He mentioned possibly using this facility again, and possibly considering personal time to pay for it. *Larry Leisten* noted that he has been opposed to using the Bellagio School due to no lighting among other things. *Gary Plotkin* mentioned that AJU is available at no cost. *Ramin* suggested Harvard Westlake. *Robert* stated that the new president will make the decision.

◆ **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Greenberg/cp