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General Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 7:00-9:00 p.m.

American Jewish University 15600 Mulholland Drive Bel Air, CA 90077

Present: 18

Quorum: 12

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
Irene Sandler	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
Andre Stojka	X	
Benedict Canyon Association		
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
Michael Chasteen	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
Gary Plotkin	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
Lonnie Mayfield		X
K-6 Private Schools		
Vicki Kelly		X
K-5 Public Schools – Pending		
7-12 Private Schools		
John Amato	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
Jamie Hall	X	
Cassandra Barrere	X	
Monica Weil		X
Tony Tucci	X	
Members-at-Large		
Larry Leisten	X	
Chuck Maginnis	X	

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives continued:	Present	Not Present
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Ramin Kolahi</i>	X	
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
Roscomare Valley Association		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Save Our Strip: Pending		
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	

City Officials

From DONE:	Amber Meshack, Project Director:	Present
	Alisa Smith, Elections Advisor	Present
From CD5 Office:	<i>Jeff Ebenstein, Field Deputy:</i>	Not Present
	<i>Noah Muhlstein, Planning Deputy:</i>	Not Present
	<i>Gurmet Khara, Council Deputy:</i>	Not Present
	<i>Shawn Bayliss, Director PLU:</i>	Not Present
From CD4 Office:	<i>Sharon Shapiro, Deputy:</i>	Not Present

1. **Call to order** – Council President, Gary Plotkin, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The roll was called by Robin Greenberg. There were 18 members were present in total, after the initial roll call was taken. A quorum of 12 was met.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the November 20, 2013 Minutes** – Minutes tabled to next meeting.
5. **Approval of tonight’s Draft Agenda:** Larry moved to approve the agenda and John Amato seconded. The agenda was approved.
6. **Public Comments** – None.
7. **(Agendas, brochures, & public service handouts available)**
8. **President’s Report** – *Gary Plotkin*
FAST TRACK - WRITTEN REPORTS
 - a. Search for replacement of *Carla Cretaro*, of K-5 Public Schools – Tabled to next meeting
 - b. Metro Update on Sidewalks @ Skirball Bridge to Mulholland – *Irene Sandler* – Sidewalks are being constructed now.
 - c. Neighborhood Spring Festival and Celebration (*Outreach*) – Tabled to next meeting
 - d. Update on Board Retreat – *Don Loze* – Tabled to next meeting

- e. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report – *Travis Longcore, Ph.D.* WRITTEN REPORT:
Sent: December 15, 2013 3:30 PM RE: Current SMMC Issues
- 1) Finalizing the dedication of the conservation easements at 1400 Linda Flora Drive. Though there was no nexus for the City to require mitigation measures for this project, the owner offered to dedicate large portions of his property as part of a compromise with his neighbors and Councilman *Koretz's* office.
 - 2) SMMC is working with CalTrans and NPS to install special 8-foot high fencing on both sides of the 405 to funnel animals to existing crossing structures. This will be beneficial for wildlife and also reduce the probability of collisions with wildlife on the freeway.
 - 3) Bowmont Drive. The owner of this property east of Coldwater is proposing multiple hillside homes. (You can see the landslide on site on Google Earth.) At the Mulholland Design Review Board hearing for the first of these homes, the SMMC argued that it should all be considered one project, and that a conservation easement is necessary to preserve a wildlife corridor through this area. The case was continued.
 - 4) In general and ongoing, SMMC has an effort to preserve wildlife movement corridors throughout the Mulholland Scenic Corridor. This is achieved primarily through the Mulholland Design Review Board process.
- f. Further discussion on E-mail blasts / Switching to dedicated email service provider such as Google apps – *Ramin Kolahi & Jamie Hall* – Tabled to next meeting
- g. L.A. City Central Collections System – Council File #: 14-0600 (this is the FY2014-2015 City Budget Proposal) – *Don Loze* – Tabled to next meeting
- h. Planning & Land Use Cmte Report of 12/10/13 Mtg – *Michael Kemp* WRITTEN REPORT:
Summary:
- We had 11 new projects come in through LA City Planning Dept. in the past month.
 - Working/Tracking 8 current projects.
 - Currently no projects for the Board to vote on.
 - (All of our new & current projects are listed in our posted 12/10/13 Agenda)
- Pro-Active Projects:**
- The Merger of the City Planning and Bldg. & Safety Depts.
 - LA City Building Code Update
 - Guest House Code Interpretation
 - Cell Phone Tower Guidelines”

9. **Secretary’s Report** – *Robin Greenberg* – None given.

10. **Treasurer Report** – *Alan Fine*

- **Motion** to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report was opened by *Alan Fine*, seconded by *Larry Leisten*, and was unanimously approved.
- **Motion** to approve funds not exceeding \$500 for IT support for Council’s laptop computer was opened by *Alan Fine* and seconded by *Larry Leisten*.
After Board discussion was held, Larry Leisten called the question, with 14 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention. Motion passes. (Vote Count Sheet prepared.)

11. Bylaws & Rules Committee Report – Larry Leisten –

[*Amber Meshack*, representing *DONE & Alisa Smith*, Independent Election Administrator, (IEA), independent contractor with Empowerment, hired to advise our NC on election matters, were both present to answer questions.]

- **Discussion & Final Resolution of Outstanding Issues on Bylaws with Possible Motion**
- **Details of Motion:**
- **MOTION:** *Larry Leisten* moved that the Board approve in principle the premise of the table, with the caveat the motion that each homeowner association comment on the methodology of their selection process in the rightmost column of table.

Board discussion ensued and amended motions were made as follows:

Jamie Hall moved to amend the motion authorizing, in principal, the majority of the Board by an Open Access process and to work out the mechanics at the next Bylaws Committee meeting. *Larry Leisten* accepted the “friendly amendment,” which was seconded by *Cassandra*.

Further Board discussion ensued to indicate that the Board resolves to support electing a portion of the membership through an “Open-Access Selection Process” and that the details of that process be presented to the Board at a later date.

MOTION: “Move to support in concept the Board structure proposal as presented in the Governance Table, and support selection of a portion of the Board through an Open-Access Selection Process, and further, that the mechanics of that process be developed by the Bylaws Committee and presented to the Board at a future meeting.”

- *Chuck Maginnis* called the question. *Larry* seconded the call of the question, and then *Gary* asked, all in favor calling the question, with 12 yeas; 2 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion as amended passed.

12. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis

- Senior Lead Officer 8A29 - *Chris Ragsdale*, WLA Community Police Station – Not Present
- Senior Lead Officer - *Ralph Sanchez*, Hollywood Community Police Station – Not Present
- Report on 12/11/13 EP Committee Meeting – Tabled to next meeting

13. West L.A. Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Robin Greenberg –Tabled

14. Outreach Committee Report – Robin Greenberg -- Tabled

15. Council District 5 Report – Planning Deputy, Noah Muhlstein & Council Deputy, Gurmet Khara – No report

16. Council District 4 Report – Field Deputy & Deputy of Housing and Transportation, Sharon Shapiro – No report

17. Traffic Committee Report & Police Advisory Board Report – Robert A. Ringler
Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee: Wednesday January 8, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

- 18. Ad-hoc “I-405 Sepulveda Widening Improvement Project” - Irene Sandler – Tabled to next meeting**
- 19. Private and Public Schools News – None.**
- 20. New Business/General Announcements – None.**
- 21. At 9:07 p.m., motion to adjourn meeting was made and unanimously approved.**

NEXT BABCNC MEETING: January 22, 2014 @ AJU