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General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday July 23, 2014 7:00-9:00 p.m.

American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223,

Bel Air, CA 90077

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (5 minutes)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. The Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of June 25, 2014 Minutes of General Meeting
5. Approval of June 26, 2014 Minutes of Special Meeting
6. Approval of July 23, 2014 Agenda
7. Public Comments – Agendized & Non-agendized

8. (Agendas, brochures, & public service handouts available)

9. President's Report – Gary Plotkin

FAST TRACK – REPORTS: (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **Vacant Seats:** Public Schools K-5 Rep & Business Rep (1 minute)
- b. **White Paper Generated by NC Budget Advocates dated April 7, 2014** (Previously posted on June and April meetings, see babcnc.org website for attachment.)
Review & vote to support paper and findings & file a CIS supporting the paper. (3 min)

MOTION: BABCNC supports the findings and request for execution of those matters contained in the White Paper generated by the Budget Advocates dated April 7, 2014.

- c. **Update on Farewell Event Honoring Retiring Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky – Gary Plotkin and Robin Greenberg** (10 minutes)
- d. **Appointment of Two Budget Representatives – Alan Fine**

MOTION: BABCNC appoints 2 Board members as Budget Representatives for the City.

10. Secretary's Report – Robin Greenberg (3 minutes)

11. Treasurer Report & Funding Expenditure Requests – (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action) – *Alan Fine* (10 minutes)

- a. **Ad-Hoc Special Committee on Financial Surplus – J. Hall, Chair & Fine, Treasurer**
Update & Discuss changing from “Ad-Hoc Special” Committee to “Standing” Committee
- b. **Overview on DONE Checking Account & Requirements – Alan Fine**
- c. **Funding/Outreach Expenditure Requests – Alan Fine**

MOTION: BABCNC approves purchase of refreshments for meetings, not to exceed \$300 per month, office supplies not to exceed \$300 per month and weekly payments for an Office Administrator not to exceed \$18.00 per hour for 15 hours a week.

MOTION: BABCNC approves purchase of refreshments for Outreach Special Reception for retiring County Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky, which will be open to the stakeholders, to not exceed \$2,000.00. (Must be submitted to DONE for pre-approval.)

MOTION: BABCNC approves Funding Request for \$318.83 to AAA Flag Banner for BABCNC roadside signs.

- d. **Budget (Funding) Package for Submission to EmpowerLA due by 09/01/14 – *Fine***

Board Resolution to Approve the 2014/2015 Funding Package

MOTION: BABCNC approves the 2014/2015 Funding Package for DONE due 09/01/14, which includes: 1) Budget for 2014/2015, 2) Strategic Plan, 3) Self-Assessment, 4) Outreach Survey & 5) Roster.

- e. **Approve Treasurer’s Report – *Alan Fine***

MOTION: BABCNC approves the June monthly expenditure and P-Card Statement

12. Planning & Land Use Committee Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) – *Kemp*

a. Update on 07/08/14 PLU Meeting

- (1) Update on new Hillside Construction Regulations to be adopted by the City of L.A. Building & Safety and Planning Departments (20 minutes)

(PLU Items 2 through 6: 10 minutes)

- (2) Update on 10697 W. Somma Way: New project requesting a haul route for the removal of 29,000 cubic yards of dirt.

And, the BABCNC Planning and Land Use Committee, from their meeting of July 8, 2014; recommends to the BABCNC Board the following actions:

- (3) **9422 Sierra Mar Drive: ZA-2013-3252 ZV ZAA ZAD:** The applicant is seeking to add 600+/- square feet to an existing non-conforming single family residence. Also request that the new addition stay in line with the existing side yard setback.

MOTION: That the BABCNC recommends that the Zoning Administrator approve the request of the applicant for the above noted pending case.

- (4) **9370 Claircrest Drive: ZA-2014-1315:** Addition of up to 1,000 s.f. to an existing single family residence, fronting on a street less than 20’.

MOTION: That the BABCNC recommends that the Zoning Administrator approve the request of the applicant for the above noted pending case.

- (5) **Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance CIS:**

MOTION: That the BABCNC prepare a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Councilman Tom LaBonge’s Motion 13-1478, requesting that the Planning Department review and recommend revisions to the Small Lot Sub-Division Ordinance.

- (6) **Appointment to PLU Committee:**

MOTION: That Daniel Love be added to the PLU Committee membership.

b. 8935 Wonderland Avenue: (5 minutes)

MOTION: Continued from June 25th meeting: BABCNC supports the Planning and Land Use Committee with drafting up a Community Impact Statement to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the proposed pending Ordinance to regulate Community Care Facilities in Single Family Residential Zones and the impact of these facilities in the Hillside areas.

c. J.M.B. Century City Proposed Project at 1950 Ave. of the Stars (Discussion)
Continued from June 25th meeting: (5 minutes)

13. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee (Update) – Chuck Maginnis

- Senior Lead Officer 8A29 - *Chris Ragsdale*, WLA Community Police Station (3 minutes)
- Senior Lead Officer - *Ralph Sanchez*, Hollywood Community Police Station (3 minutes)
- July 2014 EP Committee Meeting – *Chuck Maginnis* (10 minutes)

14. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) *Leisten* (3 minutes)

15. Outreach Committee Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) *Greenberg* (3 minutes)

16. West L.A. Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

- *Robin Greenberg* (3 minutes)

Update on July 16, 2014 WRAC Meeting:

BABCNC supports the following motion approved by WRAC at its monthly meeting held on July 16, 2014:

MOTION: Resolved that the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports the establishment of emergency measures to control excessive truck activities in the hillsides, including the enforcement and monitoring of permits, haul routes and truck staging areas on the Westside of Los Angeles.

17. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

- *Travis Longcore* (5 minutes)

a. SMMC Report

18. Ad-hoc “I-405 Sepulveda Widening Improvement Project” & Metro Update on Sidewalks @ Skirball Bridge to Mulholland -- *Irene Sandler & Gary Plotkin* (1 minute)

19. Ad-Hoc Standing Committee on Los Angeles 2020 Report “Monitoring City’s Solutions & Actions” (established on 01/22/14) – *Co-Chairs, Andre Stojka & Tony Tucci* (3 minutes)

20. Ad-Hoc Transit Committee (established 01/22/14) – **Select New Chair – *Gary Plotkin* (1 min)**

21. Council District 5 Report Planning Deputies, *Noah Muhlstein & Gurmet Khara* (5 minutes)

22. Council District 4 Report Field Deputy of Housing & Transport *Sharon Shapiro* (5 minutes)

23. **Traffic Committee Report & Police Advisory Board Report** – *Robert A. Ringler* (2 minutes)
Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee: Wednesday August 13, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.
24. **Private and Public Schools News** (1 minute)
25. **New Business / General Announcements:** (Discussion & Possible Action) (5 minutes)

L.A. City Central Collections System - Don Loze
Council File #: 14-0600 (FY2014-2015 City Budget Proposal)
26. **Adjourn meeting**

UPCOMING MEETINGS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE

August 2014: No Meeting!

September 24, 2014 @ AJU: NEXT MEETING

October 22, 2014: Planned meeting with Special Guest Speaker, Council District 5 Councilman, Paul Koretz, and Reception for Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky, to be held at the Mulholland Tennis Club

AGENDA POSTING LOCATIONS

These are the posting locations on file with the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:

- Bel Air Foods (formerly “Bel Air Market”), 2323 Roscomare Rd · L.A., CA 90077
- Glen Center Postal Service 2934 1/2 N Beverly Glen Cir L.A., CA 90077
- Laurel Canyon Country Store 2108 Laurel Canyon Blvd, L.A., CA 90046
- Glen Market, 1603 N Beverly Glen Blvd., L.A, CA 90077
- Bel Air Bar & Grill, 662 North Sepulveda Blvd., L.A., CA 90049



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General Meeting Minutes DRAFT for Board Approval on 07-23-14
Wednesday June 25, 2014 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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Present: 19

Quorum: 12

2014 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>Janet Glucksman, Alternate (completed funding requirements)</i>	X	
<i>Andre Stojka (Notified of planned absence)</i>		X
Benedict Canyon Association		
<i>Michael Chasteen</i>	X	
<i>Alan Fine</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze** (arrived at 7:13 pm)</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Vicki Kelly</i>		X
K-5 Public Schools – Open Seat Pending		
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
<i>Jamie Hall (Notified of planned absence)</i>		X
<i>Lizzie Ziegler, Alternate*</i>	X	
<i>Cassandra Barrere</i>	X	
<i>Monica Weil</i>		X
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	X	
Members-at-Large		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer, Alternate* (arrived at 7:13 pm)</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	
Total:	19	4

City Officials

From DONE:	<i>Thomas Soong, Project Director:</i>	Not Present
From CD5 Office:	<i>Jeff Ebenstein, Field Deputy:</i>	Not Present
	Noah Muhlstein, Planning Deputy:	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

Guests Who Signed In:

- *Cynthia Ford*
- *Judy Sher*
- *Linda Williams*
- *Janet Turner, District Representative, Senator Ted Lieu, 28th District*
- *Oscar Winslow, Oscar Winslow for City Council, CD4*
- *Dan Love, Bel Air Alliance*
- *Patricia Bell Hearst]*
- *Bruce Kuyper*
- *Katherine Bard, Beverly Glen*
- *Maureen Levinson, BAHA*

Special Guest Speaker:

- *Debbie Weiser: Science Application For Risk Reduction (SAFRR), USGS Pasadena*

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. **Call to Order:** Council President, *Gary Plotkin*, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Roll** was called by Secretary, *Robin Greenberg*. 16 members and 3 alternates were present, for a total of 19 present; a quorum of 12 was met.
 *Two newly appointed alternates, *Lizzie Ziegler of LCA*, and *Dan Palmer of RBG*, have been named alternates by their stakeholder groups and are presently under obligation to complete the ethics training and funding training within three months.
 ***Don Loze* completed the ethics training prior to the meeting and will complete funding.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
4. **Approval of April 23, 2014 Minutes of General Meeting** – *Larry Leisten* moved, *Travis Longcore* seconded; a roll call vote was taken with 11 yeas by *Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp*, 0 nays, 2 abstentions by *Irene Sandler & Travis Longcore* (due to not having been here) and the minutes were approved.

Larry Leisten requested a point of privilege for the Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee Report to be moved up to on the agenda to accommodate his schedule that required him to leave at around 8 pm. (Of note, the Bylaws report was moved up but remains in its original position on the agenda.)

5. **Approval of April 23, 2014 Minutes of Special Meeting** – *Michael Chasteen* moved, *Robert Ringler* seconded; question called; a roll call vote was taken with 11 yeas by *Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp*, 0 nays, 3 abstentions by *Irene Sandler, Chuck Maginnis & Travis Longcore*, and were approved.

6. **Submittal of May 28, 2014 Informal Meeting Minutes:** The May minutes are deemed informal, and submitted but not voted upon since there was no quorum.

(At this point, *Don Loze* of BCA & *Dan Palmer*, Alternate for *Bel Air Ridge*, arrived.)

7. **Approval of June 25, 2014 Agenda:** *Chuck Maginnis* moved and *Robert Ringler* seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 15 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore*, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and was approved.

8. **Public Comments – Non-agendized**

Patricia Bell Hearst: *Patricia* stated that Senator *Darrell Steinberg* is trying to gut CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and asked everyone to look at their website to see what he is trying to do.

Oscar Winslow: *Mr. Winslow* introduced himself as an LA City Council candidate for Council District 4, to replace *Tom LaBonge*. He is a retired Police Officer, and currently one of the deputies at the Los Angeles City Attorney's office. He offered cards and to remain after the meeting to answer questions.

Janet Turner: *Janet* introduced herself as a Representative for State Senator *Ted Lieu*, Past President of Palisades Community Council, and a member of WRAC. She'll be coming to give reports and listen to our concerns to take back to the Senator. She noted that *Ted Lieu* is working on the issue of building on fault lines and to get the legislature to put more money in the budget for State geologists. He has big concerns with regard to climate change, able to get \$1.5m in grants for people with innovative ideas on mitigating effects of climate change and he is a big supporter of wildlife and CEQA. *Robert* asked about motorcycle with no mufflers, because State laws are almost nonexistent. She'll bring this concern back to the Senator.

9. **(Agendas, brochures, & public service handouts available)**

10. **President's Report – Gary Plotkin**

FAST TRACK – REPORTS: (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

a. **Vacant Seats:** Public Schools K-5 Rep & Business Rep: No update

b. **White Paper Generated by the NC Budget Advocates Exhibit "A" dated April 7, 2014**

Review & vote to support paper and its findings and file a CIS supporting the paper.

MOTION: BABCNC supports the findings and request for execution of those matters contained in the White Paper generated by the Budget Advocates dated April 7, 2014.

Robert Ringler moved to defer this to the next meeting to give time to review it; *Chuck Maginnis* seconded; and **this item was deferred to the next meeting by a unanimous hand vote.**

c. **MOTION to approve Farewell Event Honoring Retiring Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky** – *Robert Ringler* so moved and *Larry Leisten* seconded, with details to be determined. Voice count was taken with 18 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and passed.

(*Robin Greenberg* & *Gary Plotkin* will chair this committee; *Robert* volunteered to be on it. *Gary* noted that we will have a short meeting and a reception at the October meeting when *Paul Koretz* will be here.)

11. **Guest Speaker, Debbie Weiser: US Geological Survey Presentation**

Debbie is with the Science Application for Risk Reduction (SAFRR), USGS Pasadena, and she is a PhD candidate at UCLA. dweiser@usgs.gov -- Please note, on April 16, 2014, *Debbie* gave the same presentation to BABCNC Emergency Preparedness Committee. **Please go to the babcnc.org website under EP Committee, to find *Chuck Maginnis*' excellent minutes dated 04/16/14** detailing information of this presentation, with a Dropbox PP link.

- *Debbie* spoke in detail about earthquakes in Southern California, discussed the hypothetical “Big One,” that we “cannot predict but can forecast,” need to take personal responsibility preparing for an earthquake, can do cheaply.
- **Next “Great California Shakeout” is October 16, at 10:16 a.m.,** an annual drill to practice for a large earthquake.
- Get a kit, make a plan, have plenty of water on hand, “drop, cover and hold on.”
- Do not run outside; stay where you are if it’s safe and protect yourself. Expect “Northridge-sized aftershocks.”
- Earthquake early warning objective is to detect and give warning.
- *Gary* asked that something be sent to him and *Cathy* to send out to the stakeholders.
- *Chuck* invited everyone to get in touch with him if interested in upcoming CPR training.
- *Debbie* discussed and demonstrated the prototype of an early warning notification system, not operational until funded; when it is, there will be warnings on cell phones. In Japan there are alerts. BART in SF is a “test user” of this system and have stopped trains at least a dozen times as a result of the notifications.
- A good place to be during an earthquake = “a big open field” & the least safe place = an adobe or brick house.
- *Debbie* encouraged thinking about what you would do if you had advanced notice. The Board thanked her.

12. Guest Speaker, Jay Beeber, Los Angeles Parking Freedom Initiative Presentation

Jay was not present to give a presentation; however, last month, he gave Public Comment, and subsequently submitted a motion and further information on the initiative. See **Exhibit “B”** for details.

<http://www.ParkingLosAngeles.org/reform>

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Contact: LAParkingFreedom@gmail.com (657) 464-7275

MOTION: The Los Angeles Parking Freedom Initiative has been conducting outreach and research since November with the goal of understanding and identifying problems and solutions to the parking issues facing our city. We support their goal of developing a reform plan that mandates that the City manage our parking resources to facilitate commerce, ease of transit and livability.

Robert Ringler so moved, *Alan Fine* seconded, discussion was held. *Robert* called for the question. A roll call vote was taken with 15 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore*, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and passed.

13. Secretary’s Report – Robin Greenberg - No report

14. Treasurer Report & Funding Expenditure Requests – (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Ad-Hoc Special Committee on Financial Surplus - Jamie Hall, Chair, & Alan Fine, Treasurer

Jamie was absent; however, *Alan* reported that due to the help of *Jamie* and others, most of the proposed expenditures were approved, and we will plan earlier in the next fiscal year; *Cassandra* recommended listing potential suggestions when making the budget. *Alan* mentioned the new checking account still needing to sign more forms and mentioned upcoming annual funding package requirements with **DONE**, due on September 1st.

b. Software Administration Plan by Aaron DeVandry per his email dated 05/20/14 – Gary Plotkin

(1) The Base Plan \$100/month: This is your basic plan, where I will host your website, handle software upgrades, be on-call if your website requires my expertise, and teach board members how to maintain the site themselves. I will also maintain your board emails, as well as your stakeholder email list. Also included with this plan is an annual re-design of your NC website. You will be able to do all maintenance of the website on your own, including uploading agendas and minutes.

You must have this basic plan to have any of the other options listed below.

(2) Website Content and Social Media Updates \$75/month: Add this to your basic plan, and I will continue to add relevant content to your website weekly. I will stay in contact with your local representatives and post content to the website that is appropriate to your NC, much like I currently do now. I will also continue to add informative and intriguing content to your social media (Facebook and Twitter). I counted separate 28 posts to one of my NC’s Facebook pages in the past month, and other NCs have a similar rate of social media posts. So I believe the value is there.

(3) Calendar Updates \$75/month: This addition to your plan is for maintenance of your website calendar. Currently I use the Trumba Calendar web software, which is costly to me. This plan includes additions of events to your calendar (both community events and your NC events like board and committee meetings). It also includes the weekly calendar email that is sent early Saturday morning.

If you choose to not have this, I can provide another calendar, with no cost attached, that you can maintain on your own, though it does not have the functionality to email itself each week.

(4) Email Blasts - 1 free per month/each add'l \$20: I will send one email blast per month to your stakeholder list, inviting them to your monthly board meeting, and highlighting items of interest on the agenda. Additional

email blasts will cost \$20/each. If you want, I can show your board members how to use the Mailchimp email system to send email blasts on their own. **These new rates will take effect July 1 with the new fiscal year.**

MOTION: BABCNC approves the full Software Administration Plan with New Web Pricing Options, as set forth in email of Aaron DeVandry dated May 20, 2014, items 1-4 (see details above).

Robert so moved, Cassandra seconded. Discussion was held and Gary suggested that the motion be amended that the plan would be on a “month-to-month basis only.”

A roll call vote was taken with 13 yeas by Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, and Janet Glucksman; 0 nays, 1 abstention by Don Loze, and was approved as amended. (Larry Leistein & John Amato left)

[Of note, expenditure totals \$350.00/month, if we use 5 email blasts/mo @ \$20.00 each, after one free blast.]

Gary took this time to ask that anyone who has not gotten onto Google Apps, please contact Jamie to get on it; people who are not signed up are apparently not getting emails sent to board@babnc.org. Chuck added that this is a very easy process; Jamie will get set you up on it remotely in 5-10 minutes.

c. Approve Treasurer’s Reports – Alan Fine

(1) MOTION: BABCNC approves the April monthly expenditure report & P-Card Statement:

John Amato moved, Travis Longcore seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 15 yeas by Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, and Janet Glucksman; 0 nays, and 1 abstention by Don Loze and passed.

(2) MOTION: BABCNC approves the May monthly expenditure report & P-Card Statement:

Robert Ringler moved, John Amato seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas by Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore & Janet Glucksman; 0 nays, and 1 abstention by Don Loze, and passed. (Larry Leisten left.)

(3) MOTION: BABCNC approves Letter of Acknowledgement for DONE to open checking account.

John Amato moved, Chuck Maginnis seconded; discussion was held; a roll call vote was taken with 15 yeas by Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore & Janet Glucksman; 0 nays, 1 abstention by Don Loze, and passed.

[Please note that Dan Palmer and Lizzie Ziegler, alternates today, were not called upon for funding votes this evening (as well as several non-funding related votes) as they had not yet taken the ethics and funding trainings; however, according to BABCNC Bylaws, they could have voted on non-funding actions provided that they complete their trainings within three months. At a certain point their votes were taken. This is duly noted for future meetings with alternates.]

15. Planning & Land Use Committee Report (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Update on 05/13/14 & 06/10/14 PLU Meetings - Michael Kemp - The BABCNC Planning & Land Use Committee, from their May 13 & June 10, 2014 meetings, recommended the following to the BABCNC board:

15a.1: Support and Congratulate Councilman Koretz in his effort to have four (4) new positions to the LA City Planning Dept. (2 for BMO revisions, and 2 for Historic Overlay Zones) added to the upcoming City Budget.

Motion to support: Tony Tucci moved, Robert Ringler seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 18 yea votes by Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer & Lizzie Ziegler; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and the motion to support passed unanimously.

15a.2: PLU Supports Councilman Koretz's motion 14-0518, Exhibit "H"

Note: This motion was set up by Travis Longcore under Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Agenda item #20b, along with this PLU item, 15a.2 by Michael Kemp, and WRAC item #19.3, but was only voted on here, under PLU, this evening:

Motion: PLU Committee motion (Kemp) to support Councilman Koretz's motion 14-0518, to the City Council, for the investigation into, and creation of Wildlife Corridors, as they relate to new construction and development; also incorporating Agenda item #20b Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Representative's motion to Support Council Motion 14-0518 to preserve the wildlife corridors and file a CIS supporting the motion as detailed in the 06-25-2014 Board meeting minutes, and that the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

Details of the Motion:

WHEREAS, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council territory includes natural lands and low-density residential neighborhoods that allow wildlife movement in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the process of land development in the BABCNC territory often involves actions that might affect wildlife movement, and

WHEREAS, viewing and enjoying wildlife is a unique experience characteristic of the quality of life in the BABCNC territory, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a motion (Council File 14-0518) to establish a process to develop an ordinance that would clearly delineate the responsibility of potential land developers to map maintain wildlife connectivity on properties to be developed to ensure that wildlife such as deer and bobcats can range through the eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and

WHEREAS, said motion was seconded by four City Councilmembers representing broad support across the City, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has begun to undertake the development of wildlife corridor maps within its territory and already currently advocates for measures similar to those being proposed by Councilmember Koretz,

WHEREAS, both private property interests and environmental considerations benefit by definite and consistent guidance on the environmental constraints and considerations in real estate development, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Koretz's wildlife connectivity motion and requests to be consulted by the City Attorney and Planning Department in the development of said ordinance should the motion be passed by the City Council.

So moved by *Travis Longcore*, seconded by *Dan Palmer*; roll call vote was taken with 17 yea votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer & Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions and passed unanimously.

(At this point, alternates, *Janet, Dan & Lizzie*, were included in vote counts.)

15a.3: 2166 & 2170 Stanley Hills Drive, ZA 2013-2087-ZAD: (Three (3) new Single Family Homes).

PLUC voted 6 – 0 at their May meeting: Michael related that quite a few neighbors came to the May meeting; no one from applicant attended. They want to build three new single family homes on a lot that's on a substandard street.

Motion to oppose: *Robert Ringler* moved, *Nickie Miner* seconded; a voice count was taken with 17 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and the motion to oppose the project passed unanimously.

15a.4: 1857 Benedict Canyon, ZA-2014-0620: (Over in height wall in front yard)

Michael related that the architect for the applicant came to PLUC and BCA; they made some modifications based on our recommendation and the PLUC voted 5 for, 1 against at their June meeting:

Motion to take no exception: *Robert Ringler* moved, *Michael Chasteen* seconded. Discussion was held. A voice count was taken with 15 ayes, no noes, and 2 abstentions by *Don Loze* and *Nickie Miner*; motion to take no exception carried.

[Of note, the architect requested Board vote to also take no exception to asking to waive public hearing. It wasn't agendized. *Michael Chasteen* recommended writing to BCA to write an additional follow up letter to ZA, we don't take any exception to their current presentation, and let this be dealt with by the ZA. *Gary* added it was not properly agendized, but that we were aware of it, and we're not going to take a position. *Robert* concurred with writing to HOA; *Michael Chasteen* added that it's not even necessary, but let ZA make a determination; he didn't anticipate opposition.]

15a.5: 1602 N. Clear View Drive, Z A-2013-3044-ZAA (Reduced side yard for a new pool house) PLUC voted 6 – 0 at the May meeting:

Motion to oppose the project: *Nickie Miner* moved, *Robert Ringler* seconded, a voice vote was taken with 17 aye votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer & Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and the motion to oppose the project passed unanimously.

15a.6: 10040 Reevesbury Drive, ZA-2013-3981-ZAD: (Conversion of storage building to dwelling unit) PLU voted 6 – 0 at the May meeting: Michael K & Michael C have looked at this extensively and have grave concerns.

Motion to oppose the project: *Nickie Miner* moved, *Michael Chasteen* seconded, A voice vote was taken with 17 yea votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer & Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and motion to oppose the project passed unanimously.

15a.7: 1300 N. Sepulveda Blvd., 90049, (Leo Baeck Temple) ZA-2005-4805-CU-ZAA-ZAD-PA1:

Revise site plan and specify phasing for previously approved project (in 2005). PLUC voted 6-0 at June Meeting:

Motion to support: *Robert Ringler* moved, *Cassandra Barrere* seconded. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with 13 aye votes by *Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Janet Glucksman* and *Lizzie Ziegler*; 2 nays by *Irene Sandler & Dan Palmer*, 1 abstention by *Michael Chasteen*, and the motion to support carried.

[Discussion included but was not limited to the following: *Gary* passed the gavel to VP, *Robert Ringler*, to express serious concern that there is no public bus stop on the northbound side of Sepulveda; so when public bus stops, Sepulveda becomes one lane going northbound. *Patricia Bell Hearst* offered Public Comment that this be directed to the LA City Department of Transportation. *Don Loze* noted this is only one of many such roads in the city.

- *Irene Sandler* asked to see the site plan, recommended moving this to the next meeting, stating that Bel Air Crest has grave concerns about open fires on the property and about management. *Michael* will distribute site plan. *Don Loze* clarified that this is a separate issue from the motion before us. *Dan Palmer* asked if anything can be done to create a bus stop, to not jam this project through, and lose the chance for a negotiation.

- *Nickie Miner* mentioned focus is the temple wants to build a smaller sanctuary deep into the land, to not have to open the big sanctuary for small numbers of people; there will be room for cars. *Michael* will share site and phasing plans.]

15a.8: 10615 W Bellagio Road, ZA-2013-3686-F: (Over in height wall in front yard)

PLUC voted 5 for, 1 against; at June meeting: **Motion: to take “no exception”** This is an existing wall. He met with the applicant and architect.

Motion to take no exception: *Robert Ringler* moved, *Michael Chasteen* seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 17 aye votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer & Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions and the motion to take no exception passed unanimously.

15a.9: 11767 Bellagio Road, VTT-72465-SL (Small Lot Sub-Division project)

Michael Kemp reported, since the last Board meeting, the determination letter is in process but we have not received it. Public Comment period is closed, and per the Planner, whatever position we take would go into appeal. See:

Exhibit “C” E-mail dated April 16, 2014, @ 6:11 pm addressed to *Heather Bleemers* & 3 pdf images of site

Exhibit “D” E-mail between *Bruce Kuyper* and *Farhad Ashofteh* from April 2014 RE: Bellagio Road

Exhibit “E” Paper by *Donald Loze* urging opposition to 11767 Bellagio Road from April 22, 2014

MOTION: BABCNC supports the developer’s project at 11767 Bellagio Road, in accordance with Draft Plans and Design set forth in architect’s email dated April 16, 2014, @ 6:11 pm addressed to *Heather Bleemers*, as per **Exhibit “C”** and 3 pdf files with images of site.

Robert Ringler so moved; *Cassandra Barrere* seconded for discussion. A hand vote count was taken with 0 aye votes, 15 nay votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer* and *Lizzie Ziegler*, 2 abstentions by *Michael Chasteen* and *Robert Ringler*, and the motion to support was defeated.

[Extensive Discussion on this subject included: *Nickie Miner* noted that new information has come to light, that this is not a “by right” project, SLs are subject to discretionary reviews and are not by-right, per *Debra Kahen*, City Planning Dept.; it violates the subdivision map, is inconsistent with our Community Plan, as clearly presented in writing by *Don Loze* and others. It doesn’t encourage development for housing for all income levels, as per the General Plan. According to the application for the project at 6 units, the price range would be from \$700,000 to \$900,000, and if it goes down to five units, the prices will be greater. These prices are not in keeping with the stated need for affordable housing for all income levels.

She quoted Section 900 of the City Charter, indicating that NCs should have an advisory role on issues of concern to the neighborhood. She strongly urged a no vote. She added that there is a separate item to support a moratorium.

- *Irene Sandler* urged a no vote on this project, the Small Lot Subdivisions for affordable housing is not compatible with this neighborhood, and that there are City officials in favor of a moratorium on the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance because of the unintended consequences. *Don Loze* also urged a no vote, this being inconsistent with the Community Plan. The policy of this NC is to support the neighbors' position in connection with the planning applications before us.

- *Cassandra* asked if we are being asked to support the project. *Michael* reviewed: there were two votes, the first to oppose which was defeated, and second to support with conditions which conditions were not spelled out. Then, they entered negotiations with developer and homeowners; developer went down from 6 to 5 units, made some changes, but still not compatible with neighborhood; so there was not agreement between neighbors and developer. The committee did not take a vote on whether by right or not; last vote of the committee was initial April one to approve with conditions.

- *Tony Tucci* asked for the status of the momentum of the SLS guidelines and moratorium to which CD5 Deputy Planner, *Noah Muhlstein*, replied that the updated guidelines are with the City Attorney and haven't yet been approved.

- *Tony* asked why take a position on this project and why not abstain if there is a bigger issue – a moratorium, to which *Don Loze* replied that we can take both positions, to oppose and for a moratorium.

- *Tony* noted that the developer was asked to make some adjustments and he did but why do we need to support?

- *Michael Kemp* noted that *Tom LaBonge* has a motion before City Council to make revisions on the SLS Ordinance. *Noah* believes they updated the guidelines, but they are only guidelines.

- *Michael Kemp* noted that this project was set up prior to the guidelines set up by the Planning Department in February, and it doesn't fall under those guidelines. (See exhibit summarizing guidelines.) He noted if this project did adhere to these guidelines, he believes it would be more palatable to the neighborhood, noting that this is a very complicated issue.

- *Travis* clarified that the present motion on the floor is to support the project. If the Board votes no, we have not opposed, we just did not approve the motion to support it. It would take a second motion and vote to actually oppose the project. That leaves us with no position on this project and the opportunity to vote on other motions agendaized relative to SLS.]

15a.10: Additional conditions to be imposed by the City of Los Angeles Building and Safety and Planning

Departments to be placed on large scale residential projects (houses over 25,000 square feet) as proposed by the Bel Air Homeowners Alliance. See supplemental documents. **Motion** to support: See **Exhibit "F"** Draft Motion for Hillside Regulations by *Dan Love*, Bel Air Homeowners Alliance

MOTION: BABCNC shall support the motion submitted by the Bel Air Homeowner's Alliance requiring the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to promulgate rules and for the City of Los Angeles, City Council to adopt the special ordinance relating to the development and construction of homes in accordance with Exhibit "F" attached.

Don Loze so moved and *Larry Leisten* seconded. Discussion was held. *Travis* mentioned that the language needs some work. *Gary* responded that we can always amend the motion at the next meeting. The Board agreed that there is no objection to support this in concept. *Chuck* called for the question. A roll call vote was taken with 17 aye votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman and Dan Palmer*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions and the motion to support passed unanimously.

[*Extensive Discussion on this item included: Gary* introduced this motion drafted primarily by *Dan Love* and Bel Air Homeowner's Alliance with some input from *Michael Kemp, Gary* and others, regarding limitations on hauling, cement trucks and other conditions occurring in Bel Air which activities pose threats to health and safety. He has had substantial input from *Joan Pelico*; if passed, *Joan* can help get this to Building & Safety, to have them promulgate rules and cover the issues which would put a damper on things going on without City approval. They don't have enough enforcement or Police to monitor the situation, which creates additional problems. *Gary* found some of the developers are pulling out the "No Parking" signs so that contractors can park. A lot of these are being replaced now. *Gary* has spent a lot of time out there with *Dan* and has spoken with some of the homeowners. If approved tonight he'll take this to some of associations along the Mulholland Corridor, then to WRAC, and Council. The only objections would be from developers. The current situation affects everybody, is dangerous: two people have been killed, and it bottles up canyon roads.]

Gary thanked *Dan Love* as the prime mover, for all he has done and thanked the Councilman's office for their input. *Dan* thanked the Board for support on this health and safety issue. *Travis* will work with *Mike* to improve the language.

15a.11: 11749 to 11767 Bellagio Road: Request by *Mr. Bruce Kuyper* for a Zone Change on four lots from RD1.5 to R-1: See documentation submitted by *Mr. Kuyper* at 5/13/14 PLU meeting in Agenda Supplement package. PLUC voted at June meeting (4 yeas, 1 abstain): *Michael Kemp* related that *Bruce* had come to previous meetings; neighbors and *Noah* attended, and they heard quite a bit of discussion; however, two of the neighbors were absent.

Bruce gave Public Comment on this at the start of meeting: He is asking that the 4 lots currently zoned RD1.5 be rezoned as R1. They are single-family homes between R3 apartments and RE9 single-family homes. Across the street is an R1 zone between R3 and RE9 zones. Nobody in the neighborhood knew that these 4 single-family homes were zoned for a higher density. He stated that a zone change has to be made through the City Council, and therefore met with *CM*

Koretz on 04/24, who said he would support us. *Shawn Bayliss* asked him to start with the NC, and he has therefore gone to the last 3 PLU meetings to seek support. He stated that he would be happy to draft a CIS if that would help.

Motion: to “take no exception”

Irene Sandler moved and *Michael Chasteen* seconded. Extensive discussion ensued (as described above). The question was called. A hand count vote was taken with 12 ayes, 0 nays, 5 abstained (*Alan, Nickie, Lonnie, Travis & Janet*) and the motion to take no exception passed.

[Extensive Board Discussion took place after the motion was made and seconded to include the following:

- *Tony Tucci* noted that there are two residents being represented in this motion who are not here this evening.
- *Michael Chasteen* related his concern that Board members continue to use (*or misuse*) the word “support” and that we need to understand the meaning of the word and the legal ramifications of its use in a land-use matter. He clarified that “take no exception” means we do not support or oppose. He stated that this is a complicated issue regarding changing zoning, and we don’t have time for this issue in the PLU committee.
- *Michael Kemp* clarified there were two votes at the PLU committee meeting; the first to support and that was defeated, then a second motion came up that said this is a very complicated issue, well beyond us, and we didn’t have all the homeowners supporting it. So we said we will take no exception; if you can bring all the justifications and get people involved, we may be able to look at it.
- *Michael Kemp* mentioned when we say “take no exception” we want to bring these items to the Board so you are aware of it; otherwise, if we keep continuing, it sits on the PLU calendar, never gets out of committee, and can blow up.
- *Noah* stated that the Councilman typically follows the lead of the community, and if the NC can figure out what they can do, his office could assess and see what it would take to get these parcels rezoned, but stated that you are changing the General Plan, and it could take several years.
- *Don Loze* took exception to *Noah’s* comment that this would be a change in the General Plan, and stated that this would be making something consistent with the General Plan. *Don* apologized for not being at the last PLU meeting, and asked *Bruce* if the owners of the four houses are all in favor of this.
- *Bruce* noted that one neighbor, *Emerson Torres*, who lives next door to this proposed project, is for it, and *Farhad* sent an email, that he would support a downzone or an upzone, but he has not heard from the other two.
- *Nickie* warned that there is a movement afoot to do away with R1 zoning and it behooves us to save those portions of our neighborhoods that have been in use of R1 for 50 years.]

15a.12: Moratorium on Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance – *Nickie Miner*

Exhibit “G” Paper on Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance New Design Guidelines from WLANC

MOTION: THAT THE BABCNC SUPPORTS A MORATORIUM ON THE SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION: That members of the Los Angeles City Council promptly enact a moratorium on the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance until a complete staff report can be commissioned to review the merits of the 2004 ordinance and to see if current construction is meeting the intent of the original ordinance for in-fill density and affordable housing options. The process would include Town Hall meetings in the five geographical areas to hear input from Neighborhood Council officials & the public. In the report, the following needs to be addressed:

- Goals for in-fill density.
- Goals for affordable housing options utilizing the small lot subdivision ordinance.
- Study of the impact and the sustainability of these subdivisions on current and future.
- Resources in the affected communities.
- Development of an actual ordinance that defines small lot subdivisions, not just guidelines.
- Plans for outreach to the communities most impacted by small lot subdivisions.
- Creation of a small lot subdivision ordinance that meets the needs of Los Angeles and still retains the quality of life and character of neighborhoods and communities of Los Angeles.

Additional documentation in this evening’s packet regarding Agenda Items 14 (7) & (8) includes:

Nickie so moved, *Chuck* seconded; a voice count was taken with 17 aye votes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman and Dan Palmer, and Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions and the motion to support passed unanimously.

15a.13: 8935 Wonderland Avenue: Pending Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Residential Group Treatment Home (aka: Community Care Facility)

MOTION: BABCNC supports the Planning and Land Use Committee with drafting up a Community Impact Statement to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the proposed pending Ordinance to regulate Community Care Facilities in Single Family Residential Zones and the impact of these facilities in the Hillside areas.

- *Michael Kemp* stated that, per *Jamie*, no CUP is pending; **no motion at this time**, continued by a unanimous hand vote.

15.b. JMB Century City Proposed Project at 1950 Avenue of the Stars - *Michael Kemp* - Continued

16. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee (Update) – Chuck Maginnis

- Senior Lead Officer 8A29 - *Chris Ragsdale*, WLA Community Police Station
- Senior Lead Officer - *Ralph Sanchez*, Hollywood Community Police Station
- April 16 & June 18, 2014 EP Committee Meeting (no May meeting) – *Chuck Maginnis*
- *Chuck* noted that *Maureen Smith*, resident of Bel Air, *Dan Palmer*, Residents of Beverly Glen and *Irene Sandler* are attending meetings. *Morgan Moore*, a coordinator for Red Cross, spoke at the meeting, is looking for an ambassador for Red Cross. They discussed CERT and liability concerns, for which *Susan Reuben* is seeking answers. *Chris Cooper* is in Century City, *John Ignatczyk*, has taken his place and will send a battalion chief to every EP meeting.
- *Cassandra* mentioned CERT for kids & teens through the Fire Department, and would like to share info on this.

17. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) – Larry Leisten

a. **Update on Approval of Bylaws:** *Larry* stated that since the time of the Special Meeting of April 23, 2014, when this Board most recently adopted Bylaws, he has submitted a redline of the proposed Bylaws along with the minutes of the April meeting to *Thomas Soong* at Empowerment. We will be following up by informing Thomas that those minutes were just approved by the Council this evening.

b. **Update on Request by “Save Sunset Strip” for a seat on the BABCNC Board:** *Larry* related that, as he has mentioned previously, they are not interested in joining the council at this time.

c. **Request by Bel Air Alliance for a seat on the BABCNC Board:** *Larry* noted that he is not familiar with the request by Bel Air Alliance for a seat on the Council. *Gary* stated that he made an executive decision that we cannot consider bringing in a new association until those Bylaws are approved. If we have a new group who wants to join, we will have to amend the Bylaws. *Larry* concurred, stating, because the size of our Board is now fixed, per the recently adopted Bylaws, we have specified what privately selected representatives will have seats on the Board based on representation from various HOAs, and what areas otherwise not represented will be represented by publicly elected seats. If a new group wishes to join, we will have to amend our Bylaws. If they want to run for an elected office we can address that at a later time.

18. Outreach Committee Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) Robin Greenberg -

Robin displayed the tote bags and summarized positive outreach at Fire Station 71’s recent pancake breakfast.

19. West L.A. Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) - Robin Greenberg

Update on June 18, 2014 WRAC Meeting

1. WRAC MOTION: “The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to resume and adequately fund the recruitment, hiring and training of new firefighters at full strength by June 2019. The strength of the Los Angeles Fire Department is reduced by over 100 firefighters per year due to retirement, injury or death. The Los Angeles Fire Department has not hired new firefighters since 2008, and the current force is stretched to a point that places both its health and the safety of Angelenos at risk. Furthermore, the reduced strength of the force contributes substantially to the LAFD’s overtime budget to adequately staff each shift, especially on “red flag” days. The current evaluation and reconfiguration of LAFD recruitment and hiring practices should be completed without delay. The structural deficit in personnel cannot be easily overcome without a substantial effort placed on accelerated hiring to address the foreseeable and increasing shortfall in staffing. Hiring must occur at a faster rate than attrition to overcome the force’s structural personnel deficit.”

Robin so moved, *Robert* seconded; discussion was held; a voice vote was taken with 16 ayes by *Irene Sandler*, *Alan Fine*, *Don Loze*, *Nickie Miner*, *Michael Chasteen*, *Lonnie Mayfield*, *Cassandra Barrere*, *Tony Tucci*, *Chuck Maginnis*, *Robert Ringler*, *Robin Greenberg*, *Michael Kemp*, *Travis Longcore*, *Janet Glucksman*, *Dan Palmer* and *Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and was approved.

2. WRAC MOTION: The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports WRAC’s position as follows: “The WRAC wishes to express deep concerns regarding the Chief Legislative Analyst report 14-05-0361, dated May 13, 2014, relative to various recommendations relating to the City’s Street Vending Policy. WRAC believes the following issues must be resolved before any ordinance moves forward:

- Overlapping regulatory responsibility and possible gaps in enforcement requirements
- Liability, Trash, Locations and/or zones where permitted
- Resources for permit compliance given the mobility aspects of these carts
- Allocation of scarce sidewalk space - other uses must be permitted to use the public right of way
- ADA compliance/obstruction of public right of way
- Noise, odors, hours of operation

Sanitary conditions for food vendors – restrooms; hot water, etc.
Impacts upon brick-and-mortar stores and JOBS – BIDS have to pay for services, and sidewalk vendors pay nothing. Sales taxes are not necessarily collected.”

Robin Greenberg so moved, *Nickie Miner* seconded. Discussion was held; hand vote count was taken with 16 ayes by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer and Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and was *unanimously* approved.

3. WRAC MOTION: Support Council Motion to preserve the wildlife corridors.
- This was voted on above, under PLU Committee #15a.3. The motion passed.

20. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) - *Travis Longcore*

a. **SMMC Report** *Travis* gave report:

(1) The City purchased 1.75 acres, and has asked the MRCA to manage that.

(2) The Conservancy sent a sternly worded letter to the City expressing concern about the City disposing of surplus property in the hillside areas and not giving the Conservancy first right of refusal on property within its territory, even slivers. *Tony Tucci* mentioned slivers being sold to a developer, even if they are biologically sensitive lots and he will be speaking on this tomorrow a.m. at the Municipal Facilities Committee. He referred to “Own a Piece of Los Angeles” wherein the Department of General Services only is selling property to adjoining property owners, and states this program needs to be changed. He recommends asking *Paul Koretz* to remove our hillside inventory from this as each could be potentially biologically sensitive.

(3) *Travis* has sent a letter requesting information on the tree canopy project with the Fire Department, requesting documents, relevant to the Council, especially Benedict Canyon, as per the meeting earlier this year.

(4) A motion brought to him by *Andre Stojka*, to ask the SMMC if they would please add “no smoking” to their signs, is listed below (item “c”).

b. **Wildlife Corridors** – *Robin Greenberg, Travis Longcore & Tony Tucci*

- Support of the Wildlife Corridors Motion Signed by *Paul Koretz* “**Exhibit “H”**”: was voted on above, under PLU Committee #15a.3. The motion passed and a CIS will be prepared.

c. **Fire Hazard Zone** – *Travis Longcore & Andre Stojka*

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council territory is recognized as a Very High Severity Fire Hazard Zone by the State of California, and

WHEREAS, the greatest source of fire risk in southern California is human-caused fires, and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of commuters and residents drive through the BABCNC territory each day, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy owns a number of prominent properties within the BABCNC territory, and

WHEREAS, the SMMC properties already have posted signs that are seen by thousands of drivers each day and which direct people to report “suspicious activity” but do not mention smoking and

WHEREAS, smoking in a Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zone violates the law and a fire started by a smoker poses a significant danger to the BABCNC community,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that BABCNC requests that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy include the text “NO SMOKING” to all of its property signs.

Travis moved; *Irene* seconded; discussion was held. Discussion was held; hand vote count was taken with 16 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Alan Fine, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, Cassandra Barrere, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Janet Glucksman, Dan Palmer and Lizzie Ziegler*; 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and was *unanimously* approved.

21. **Ad-hoc “I-405 Sepulveda Widening Improvement Project”** & Metro Update on Sidewalks @ Skirball Bridge to Mulholland -- *Irene Sandler & Gary Plotkin* - No report.

22. **Ad-Hoc Standing Committee on Los Angeles 2020 Report “Monitoring City’s Solutions & Actions”** (established on 01/22/14) – *Co-Chairs, Andre Stojka & Tony Tucci* - Defer to July.

23. **Ad-Hoc Transit Committee** (established 01/22/14) – **Select New Chair** – *Gary Plotkin* - Defer to July.

24. **Council District 5 Report** Planning Deputies, *Noah Muhlstein & Gurmet Khara*

- *Noah Muhlstein* was present and gave a brief update, including but not limited to:

- The contractor at 944 Airole Way will hold back on cement loads for about 8 weeks.

- Issues with parking at Copa D'Oro and Bellagio are clear today. They have to replace parking enforcement signs.
- He is happy that the motion passed, will work on some of these things with DOT, Street Services, City Attorney's office.
- *Dan Palmer* noted last Saturday he called LAPD about excessive dump truck traffic through Beverly Glen; no response.
- *Robert* replied that he has dealt with Commercial Enforcement Unit and this was part of paving project on Mulholland.
- *Gary* spoke to *Joan* and related that if you see a problem, email *Noah* or *Gurmet*.
- *Noah* left some service books in the back with every contact for the City. Feel free to call his office, at CD5.
- *Gary* asked for a copy for Michael & himself, as they're in constant contact with Noah's office.

25. **Council District 4 Report** Field Deputy/Deputy of Housing & Transport – *Sharon Shapiro* – No report

26. **Traffic Committee Report & Police Advisory Board Report** – *Robert A. Ringler*
Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee: Wednesday July 9, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.
 - *Irene* would like to be sure Getty to Mountaingate is paved.

27. **Private and Public Schools News** - No report

28. **New Business / General Announcements:** (Discussion & Possible Action)

L.A. City Central Collections System - *Don Loze*

Council File #: 14-0600 (FY2014-2015 City Budget Proposal) - Deferred

Footer for All BABCNC E-Mails - *Larry Leisten* - Deferred

29. **Adjourn meeting:** Tony Tucci moved to adjourn for Special Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

[Please note, the General Meeting adjourned and a Special Meeting was briefly held to discuss a motion on No Smoking Signs in Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zone. Please see the special meeting minutes for information on that item.]

NEXT BABCNC MEETING: July 23, 2014 @ AJU

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

- **August 2014: Dark / No Meeting**
- **September 17, 2014: Meeting one week early this month due to AJU closing for holiday.**
- **October 22, 2014 –Special Guest Speaker, CD5 Paul Koretz, and plans are being made to hold a reception for Zev Yaroslavsky at Mulholland Tennis Club for this meeting.**



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Special Meeting Minutes DRAFT for Board Approval on 07-23-14

Wednesday June 25, 2014 7:00-9:00 p.m.

American Jewish University 15600 Mulholland Drive Bel Air, CA 90077

Present: 17

Quorum: 12

2014 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
Irene Sandler	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
Janet Glucksman, Alternate	X	
Andre Stojka (Notified of planned absence)		X
Benedict Canyon Association		
Michael Chasteen	X	
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
Gary Plotkin	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
Lonnie Mayfield	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
Vicki Kelly		X
K-5 Public Schools – Open Seat Pending		
7-12 Private Schools		
John Amato		X Left
Laurel Canyon Association		
Jamie Hall (Notified of planned absence)		X
Lizzie Ziegler, Alternate*	X	
Cassandra Barrere	X	
Monica Weil		X
Tony Tucci	X	

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Members-at-Large		
Larry Leisten		X Left
Chuck Maginnis	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
Robert A. Ringler	X	
Dan Palmer, Alternate	X	
Roscomare Valley Association		
Robin Greenberg	X	
Michael Kemp	X	
Save Our Strip: Pending		
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	X	
Total:	17	6

1. **Opening Remarks by Gary Plotkin, President, BABCNC** – Gary noted that there is only one agenda item on this special meeting agenda this evening, brought by Tony Tucci.
2. **Call to Order:** Council President, *Gary Plotkin*, called the meeting to order at 9:08 p.m.
3. **Roll Call:** The roll call was taken at the start of the General meeting at 7:06 pm; subsequently Larry Leisten and John Amato left; therefore, no new individual roll call was taken, with 17 in attendance and a quorum of 12 met at the start of this meeting.
4. **Introduction and Review of Procedures:** *Gary Plotkin*, President
5. **Koretz Motion to Review City Fire Signs** (Discussion & Possible Action) *Tony Tucci*

MOTION: WHEREAS, smoking in a Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zone violates the law and a fire started by a smoker poses a significant danger to the BABCNC community,
THEREFORE, be it resolved that BABCNC supports Councilmember Koretz’s motion to review our existing “no smoking” sign inventory, establish a \$1000 fine for smoking violations and include the penalty amount on updated city signage.

See **Exhibit “I”** http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0713_mot_05-30-14.pdf

Robert Ringler moved, and Cassandra Barrere seconded; discussion ensued; the question was called. A vote was taken and passed unanimously with none opposed and no abstentions.

[Discussion included that this motion involves Public property of the City, not private property and changing the language on the signs to include a fine. It’s asking for a survey with the Fire Department as to where we’re at with the inventory; asking the City Attorney to create a fine that is enforceable, and asks about the feasibility of all this. Tony stated that he is bringing it up now because Joan Pelico has asked him to ask this Board to take this home to your HOAs and come to the Public Safety Committee, because this is an item this Friday at 8:30 a.m., and there’s no Community Impact Statement. He recommends supporting this with a CIS.]

6. **Adjournment:** The special meeting adjourned at 9:30.