



General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 23, 2014 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
with Meet & Greet Honoring Special Guest, Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky
Mulholland Tennis Club
2555 Crest View Drive Los Angeles, CA 90046

Present: 12

Quorum: 12

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

2014 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer *</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:	12	9

* Arrived after the meeting for the Meet & Greet

Cathy Wayne, of the Laurel Canyon Association, was brought to the table and became a member of the Board this evening, as appointed by LCA.

City Officials

From DONE: *Thomas Soong*, Project Director: Not Present
 From CD5 Office: *Jeff Ebenstein*, Field Deputy: Not Present
***Noah Muhlstein*, Planning Deputy: Present**
Gurmet Khara, Council Deputy: Not Present
Shawn Bayliss, Director PLU: Not Present
 From CD4 Office: *Sharon Shapiro*, Deputy: Not Present

Guest of Honor: Zev Yaroslavsky, Retiring Supervisor, LAC Board of Supervisors

Guests in Attendance of Meeting and/or Meet & Greet, Included but not limited to:

- *Dawn Langdon, LMA*
- *Maureen Smith, BABC Emergency Preparedness*
- *Marjarie Heidsick*
- *Larry Miner, spouse of Board member, Nickie Miner*
- *Sebastian Bassett, Youth Rep with LCA*
- *Robert Schlesinger & Spouse, BCA*
- *Nick Colachis, LCA*
- *Cathy Wayne, LCA*
- *Ellen Hargitay*
- *Anthony Sabeolla, Laurel Canyon*
- *Shelly Steier, RVA*
- *Bruce Kuyper*
- *Patricia Bell Hearst*
- *Janet Tinkler, LC*
- *Elyse Wyman, LC*
- *Scott Wyman, LC*
- *Cynthia Ford*
- *Katherine Bard*
- *Sheila Irani, LHHA*
- *Janet Carper, CLAW*
- *James Scanlon*
- *Nancy Plotkin*

- *Bill Roen*
- *Dan Love*
- *Blanche D'Souza, LCA*
- *Tensie Palmer*
- *Richard Niederberg*
- *Maria Chong-Castillo, Assistant Chief Deputy to Zev Yaroslavsky*
- *Captain Evangelyn Nathan, WLA Police Station*
- *Darryl Ito, WLA Police Station*

Speaker Cards:

- *Janet Carper, CLAW*
- *Sheila Irani, Running for CD4*

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. **Call to order** – President, Gary Plotkin, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Council Member roll call was taken by Secretary, Robin Greenberg. Gary related that Grayce Liu from DONE will allow us to keep a quorum at 12 until bylaws are passed; they've acknowledged being behind. In November we'll do amendments; it'll go to BONC in December.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of the September 17, 2014 Minutes:**

MOTION: *Robert Ringler* moved; *Andre Stojka* seconded.

Larry Leisten asked that the following changes be made: 1. Under Bel Air Alliance Update, the PR mailer that *Gary* passed around should be characterized as "high quality" rather than "expensive." 2. Under Status of Red Flags, where *Larry* suggested a visual sketch accompany the language on the No Smoking signs, that it additionally state that the specific design will be determined and approved by the Board at a later point in time.

The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously as amended with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, and Michael Kemp*; 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

4. **Approval of tonight's October 23, 2014 Agenda:**

MOTION: *Robert Ringler* moved; *Chuck Maginnis* seconded.

Larry commented that with respect to approving a new representative on the agenda this evening, based on the bylaws, the Board does not approve appointment by privately selected residential stakeholder group, only announces it has received writing from Stakeholder Group appointing named representative. *Larry* asked if we will have a Bylaws report, to which *Gary* replied that we will be skipping the bylaws.

Vote was taken, with no objection to changes, no abstentions, no nays, and passed unanimously as amended with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp*.

At this point, *Tony Tucci* introduced *Cathy Wayne* (see #8 Fast Track item 1 below)

5. **Public Comments** (This was done toward the end of the meeting, following Agenda Item #17)

Sheila Irani spoke on behalf of herself as a candidate for the CD4 LaBonge seat.

Janet Carper introduced herself as a new board member for CLAW Citizens for LA Wildlife.

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

7. President's Report – Gary Plotkin

8. Fast Track

- a. *Tony Tucci* introduced **Cathy Wayne** as a LCA resident since 1961, who went to Hollywood High School and is passionate regarding hillside issues.
MOTION: BABCNC approves *Cathy Wayne* as BABCNC replacement delegate for *Monica Weil* as a representative of the Laurel Canyon Association.
Amended MOTION: BABCNC “acknowledges” rather than “approves” *Cathy Wayne* as BABCNC replacement delegate for *Monica Weil* as a representative of Laurel Canyon Assoc. Vote was taken, with no abstentions; no nays, and motion passed unanimously as amended with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, and Michael Kemp.*
- b. **MOTION:** BABCNC authorizes *Michael Kemp* and *Gary Plotkin* to have BABCNC parking spaces at City Hall. *Robert* moved; *John Amato* seconded. *Nickie* asked for an amendment, to add her name; and withdrew it as *Gary* noted we can only have two spots & will share. Vote was taken, with no abstentions; no nays, and motion passed unanimously with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, and Michael Kemp.*

9. Secretary's Report – Robin Greenberg – No report

10. Treasurer's Report (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) - Alan Fine

Alan related that DONE had approved our audit records through June 2014; that the balance of our surplus funds from the last fiscal year will be put in a special account and for which any expenditures from that need to be approved by the Board, including the following motion:

- a. **MOTION:** Whereas the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council paid Lloyd Staffing \$1,312.74 out of the current year's funds for services rendered in the prior fiscal year, the Board hereby requests that this sum be reimbursed by Empowerment out of the 2013-14 unspent funds of \$3,144.66.
Alan moved; *Andre* seconded. Roll call vote with no abstentions; no nays, and motion passed unanimously with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp.* (Of note, *Gary Plotkin* votes only to break a tie.)

- b. **MOTION:** BABCNC approves the September 2014 expenditure report & bank statement. *Alan* moved; *Robert* seconded. Roll call vote with no abstentions; no nays, and motion passed unanimously with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp.* (Of note, *Gary Plotkin* votes only to break a tie.)

11. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis

(Taken out of order, following Public Comments, which followed CD5 report)

- Senior Lead Officer 8A29 - *Chris Ragsdale*, WLA Community Police Station
- Senior Lead Officer - *Ralph Sanchez*, Hollywood Community Police Station
- **Report on October EP Committee Meeting** – *Chuck* related that the EP Committee is meeting every other month now; info can be found on our BABCNC.org website, under Committees, and includes minutes, pictures, descriptions of what they've covered, including recently UCLA, if you could get admitted to Ronald Reagan Hospital when the “Big One” hits; info on presentations by Red Cross, US Geological Survey, Skirball, Getty, and Bel Air Crest which is a fortress of 25,000 plus in supplies, liability to notification, among others.

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

- Report of the October 14, 2014 PLU Meeting – **Continued to November 19, 2014**

13. West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) – *Robin Greenberg*

Report of October 15, 2014 WRAC Meeting:

1. **WRAC MOTION: Amendment to Outdoor Dining “R” Permit Motion:** BABCNC supports WRAC’s request that the LA City Council amend the Outdoor Dining "R" permit ordinance to include requiring a window sticker advising the public they have a permit. [The purpose of this motion is to allow NC members, street inspectors, or whomever, to be able to identify illegal outdoor dining.]
Robin moved; Andre seconded.
Vote was taken with no abstentions; no nays, and passed unanimously with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, and Michael Kemp.*
2. **WRAC MOTION: Investigation RE: Offsite Parking Motion:** BABCNC supports WRAC’s request that the City Council investigate the Planning Department circumventing Code by allowing offsite parking with only a lease agreement and not a covenant agreement or variance. [The purpose of this motion is to ensure that the Planning Department and the CPC are not violating code and/or law by allowing users to “Lease” required parking spaces off site, when Code requires them to have a covenant agreement or file for a variance.]
Robin moved; Robert seconded.
Vote was taken with no abstentions; no nays, and passed unanimously with 11 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Alan Fine, Nickie Miner, John Amato, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, and Michael Kemp.*

14. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)
- *Travis Longcore* – **Continued to November 19, 2014**

15. Outreach Committee Report – *Robin Greenberg* – **Continued to November 19, 2014**

16. Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action) - *Larry Leisten*

- Update on Bylaws - **Continued to November 19, 2014**
Gary spoke with *Thomas Soong* and stated that it looks like the bylaws will be approved in November; and in December the BONC will be done.

17. Council District 5 Report Planning Deputies, *Gurmet Khara & Noah Muhlstein*
Noah Muhlstein gave update, stating that Council passed the motion to amend the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO), and have given an official directive to all departments to provide feasibility reports for amending items such as increasing the bond amount for haul routes, looking at closing loop holes of exemptions for grading, etc. They have been working with Building and Safety (B&S) and hope to have a meeting with all departments next week. He thanked everyone for working with their office. *Gary* thanked *Noah* and those at CD5 for their work in this area.

18. Council District 4 Report Field Deputy & of Housing & Transportation – *Shapiro* - No report

19. Traffic Committee Report & Police Advisory Board Report – *Robert Ringler*
Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee: Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue (**was later cancelled**).

20. Old Business - None

21. New Business/General Announcements

Robert Ringler announced the upcoming fund raiser “**WLA Night**” on November 1st, at the Hyatt (Century Plaza) Hotel, for which *Sharon Stone* will be spokesperson. Funds raised will support kids’ programs that the WLA Police Station supports, including but not limited to cadet training and tutoring programs. He added that these programs have even helped to send kids to college.

Robin thanked *Tony Tucci* for helping us get the rooms here at the Mulholland Tennis Club and she acknowledged *Larry Leister’s* help with this evening’s event.

22. Comments by Guest Speaker, Zev Yaroslavsky (given after meeting adjourned)

23. Meeting adjourned at 7:15. Everyone was encouraged to enjoy the Meet & Greet with City Officials and Neighbors!

After the meeting adjourned, *Tony Tucci* introduced *Sebastian Bassett*, the first youth rep of LCA, who spoke to the Board. He stated that he is raising awareness for youth who are affected by decisions made at City Hall and Washington.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

November 19, 2014: Board meeting with Special Guest Speaker, Council District 5 Councilman, *Paul Koretz*, at American Jewish University

Of note, the BABCNC moved the November meeting date back one week and (later) cancelled the December meeting altogether due to the holidays. Meetings resume on the 4th Wednesday of the month in January 2015.