



MINUTES of Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 7:00–9:00 P.M.

Present: 21/25

Quorum: 12

2015 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association		
<i>Michael Chasteen</i>	X	
<i>Alan Fine</i> (Notified of absence)		X
<i>Bob Schlesinger</i> (Alternate for <i>Alan Fine</i>)	X	
<i>Don Loze</i> (Notified of absence)		X
<i>Kerry Welland</i> (Alternate for <i>Don Loze</i>)	X	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i> (Notified of absence)		X
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Vicki Kelly</i>	X	
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
<i>Jamie Hall</i> (Arrived after roll call)	X	
<i>Cassandra Barrère</i>		X
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	X	

2013 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Members-at-Large		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>		X
Roscomare Valley Association		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i> (Notified of absence)		X
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	
Bel Air Stakeholder Representatives		
<i>Dan J. Love</i>	X	
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	X	
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Total:	21	6

City Officials and Guests

- *Felicia Park-Rogers* for Los Angeles County Supervisor, *Sheila Kuehl*, 3rd District
- *David Ryu*, Candidate, Running for Los Angeles City Council, Council District 4
- *Patricia Bell Hearst*
- *Bruce Kuyper*
- *Katherine Bard*
- *Cynthia Ford*

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by the President, *Travis Longcore*, at 7:04 pm.
2. **Roll Call** was taken by *Irene Sandler*, Past Board Secretary, covering for *Robin Greenberg*, Secretary, who could not be here tonight. There were 20 present at the roll call and 21 present by 7:24 pm. Notwithstanding the BABCNC Bylaws, per approval of the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), the quorum necessary for BABCNC to conduct business is 12 members and that quorum was met.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the April 22, 2015 Agenda** – Board President, *Travis Longcore*, recommended moving agenda Item #23 a. & b., on the Special Olympics Donation and the Fire Department Event up to #8. This was so moved by *Robert Ringler* and seconded by *André Stojka*. There were no objections and the agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.
5. **Approval of the March 25, 2015 Minutes**

The March 25, 2015 draft Minutes were circulated with the draft agenda (Attachment A) however, were not circulated prior to the draft agenda in order to give Board members a chance to make corrections. President *Longcore* opened the floor to a motion to postpone approval of the March Minutes so the Board can have an opportunity to review them before they are circulated for approval.

Motion: To Postpone Approval of March Minutes for one month: *Nickie Miner* moved, *John Amato* seconded; discussion was held, and motion was unanimously approved.

Travis Longcore opened discussion regarding how the minutes are being done since he has become Board President: *Cathy* takes draft minutes and sends them to him for review. This time, he didn't have time to review them before they went out. He has directed *Cathy*, based on Roberts Rules, that the minutes should reflect what was done and not everything said; that voice recordings are the actual records and noted that many cities and boards don't adopt minutes but direct people to the recordings; however, some detail may be given for educational items, such as announcements of substance. *Travis* requested assistance from one or two people on the Board to go through the minutes before circulating to the Board, as a procedure.

Tony Tucci requested "quick notes" right after the meeting. *Travis* mentioned possibility using *Robin Greenberg's* notes. *John Amato* suggested calling them "Notes of the Meeting."

Larry Leisten commented that as *Cathy* is not necessarily looking to the tape in producing the minutes, voice-activated software to transcribe the meeting from audio to text may be useful to assist her. *Travis* replied that we could look into this. *Larry* further commented that he takes exception to the use of Roberts Rules as guide to the minutes, as it may sometimes be important to know who said what and how something was arrived at. He called for balance.

There was no objection to have *Larry Leisten* and *Nickie Miner* take a first crack of the minutes and *Travis* concluded that this protocol will go forward.

- 6. Public Comments** – BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic that is not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

Patricia Bell Hearst: *Ms. Bell Hearst* has spoken with members of DWP, Metro and DOT regarding the DWP work, projected to begin on June 15th. She'd like to inform people in the Valley, NCs and the WLA Brentwood Community Council about it. *Gary Plotkin* responded that he had a meeting today with the department heads, and would speak on this later. *Patricia* asked if *Cathy* could put out the information to those on her contact list. *Gary* responded this will be done through the City; all NCs will get copies of everything. *Travis Longcore* welcomed *Ms. Bell Hearst's* written communication.

David Ryu: *Mr. Ryu* introduced himself as a candidate running for Council District 4. He described himself as local; worked in public service for 15 years, six with Supervisor, *Yvonne Brathwaite Burke*, as Social Services Deputy; for the last six years, for the second largest mental hospital in LA County, and with the largest homeless outreach contractor for South L.A. He shares concerns about planning, land use, infrastructure, lack of communication and access to City Councilmembers. He has taken a "no developers contribution pledge," a "transparency pledge" and will "share the discretionary funds with the community." *Tony Tucci* related that Laurel Canyon Association, had a candidates' open forum with *David* and *Carolyn*. *Travis* noted the lack of any CD4 deputies at this NC meeting for a long time, particularly regarding planning issues.

Reports of Officers

- 7. President's Report** – *Travis Longcore*

a. Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies

- i. Felicia Park-Rogers*, Senior Field Deputy, West Los Angeles, with County Supervisor *Sheila Kuehl*, 3rd District –
Supervisor Kuehl's website is www.supervisor.kuehl.com. She is on Facebook and will send an email update to those who sign up for it. *Ms. Park-Rogers* related that there are a million people in the 3rd district. The *Supervisor* ran on transportation, health, child- and family welfare issues. She noted that April is Earthquake Preparedness Month. There will be a 3rd District Community meeting of the Civilian Sheriff Task Force on April 30th at West Hollywood County Library 6:30 to 8:30. The Board of Supervisors will take public comment on raising minimum wage in the County, from 6:00 to 7:30 on May 7th at Topanga Library. Approximately 7,000 LAC employees earn minimum wage. There are about 100,000 LAC employees. They're looking for office space; possibility at WLA Municipal building. They have a Deputy of Housing and Homelessness, *Ms. Molly Rysman*, for outreach to chronically homeless. They have a 211 County Services telephone number (like 311 City Services number) which people can call to get an outreach team to those who are homeless needing help. *Chuck Maginnis* asked *Ms. Park-Rogers* if they could partner on getting legislation to provide liability coverage for HOAs. She'll check into it for him.
- ii. Noah Muhlstein*, Planning Deputy, Council District 5 – *Noah* gave a brief update, that Building and Safety is on 1003 Beverly Glen. He related that there was a successful meeting with DWP, DOT, CD5 and stakeholders on the trunk line project at Sunset and Hilgard. He promised that CD5 will let areas from the Valley know about this.
- iii. President Longcore* announced that he had spoken to CD5 CM *Paul Koretz* who had introduced a motion, just this morning, on biodiversity on plants and animals. (For further information, see Council File #15-0499, pending in the Energy & Environment Committee, "Protecting Biodiversity / City Practices / Working Group").

b. Code of Conduct Compliance – Of note, the entire board of the BABCNC is currently 100% up to date with Ethics, Funding and Code of Conduct requirements.

c. Nomination of *Chuck Maginnis* and *Larry Leisten* as interim appointments to fill vacancies created by expiration of term as Elected At-Large Members, and vote on nomination until City-run elections -- *Travis* noted we don't have elections until the new bylaws are approved. Meanwhile, we'll nominate and vote on the interim appointments until the City run elections.

Motion: *Travis Longcore* nominated *Chuck Maginnis* and *Larry Leisten* as interim appointments to fill vacancies created by expiration their Elected At-Large Member positions and to vote on the nominations until City-run elections. *Tony Tucci* seconded; *Gary Plotkin* called the question, and the motion passed unanimously with 20 yeas of all present except Board President, *Travis Longcore*, who votes only to break a tie.

8. **Vice President's Report** – *Nickie Miner* – None

9. **Secretary's Report** – *Robin Greenberg* – None

10. **Treasurer's Report** – *Alan Fine (absent)* – *Bob Schlesinger Alternate present*

a. Approval of March 2015 Expenditure Report

Consideration of March 2015 Expenditure Report (MER) and bank statement (Attachment B).

Motion to approve the March 2015 expenditure report and bank statement was made by *Robert Schlesinger*, seconded by *Kerry Welland*; roll call vote count was taken as follows: **20 yeas** by *Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Gary Plotkin, Lonnie Mayfield, Vickie Kelly, John Amato, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Michael Kemp, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Robert Schlesinger and Kerry Welland*, **0 nays, 0 abstentions, and the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Budget Package (1st 3 due July 1, 2015 & 4th item due September 1, 2015) Fine & Greenberg
Due on July 1st: Strategic Plan, Council Outreach Survey, and Council Budget.

Due on September 1st: Self-Assessment.

Travis related that we need a first draft to include consideration of *DONE*'s priorities, e.g., outreach, number of stakeholders we're reaching, participation in elections, process-oriented things and other priorities people think we should concentrate on in the coming year.

Task Force Volunteers: *Gary Plotkin, Kerry Welland, Dan Love, André Stojka, Robin Greenberg and Alan Fine.* They'll be contacted in two weeks to see if they have started. City documents will be provided to them.

Reports of Committees

11. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC) Report – *Michael Kemp, Chair*

Update on April 14, 2015 PLUC Meeting

a. Items recommended for which PLUC recommends that BABCNC “take no position” (will be considered together unless objection is heard).

i. 1609 Viewmont Drive ZA 2014-2158

New raised pool and attached deck that is 16' in height above natural grade. Pool and deck will be 1' away from the side-yard at the east property line and 2' from the South property line. The deck will be 9'-8" from the rear property line. The lot coverage to be 59%. Request reduced side yard, rear yard and lot coverage from 40% to 59%.

PLUC Representative: *Michael Kemp*

ii. 8569 Appian Way ZA 2015-0613-ZAD

New 2 story rear addition to existing 1 story (971 s.f.) SFD. Substandard Hillside Street.

PLUC Representative: *Jamie Hall*

iii. 9550 Heather Road ZA 2015-655-ZAA

Construction of new over-height front yard gates, fences and hedges. The fence height will vary from 7'-7'10". The hedge will grow to 7'11" max. Gates to max. height 8'-2" with pilasters/finals to 11'-10".

PLUC Representative: *Michael Chasteen*

Motion to take no position on the above three was made by *Mike Kemp*. There was no objection to voting on these together as in a consent calendar; doesn't require a second. The motion was approved by unanimously by all 20 board members voting.

b. 10220 Scenario Lane AA 2014-2724-PMEX

The PLU Committee at its March 10, 2015 meeting voted unanimously to support the appellants in the appeal of the approval of the above noted lot line adjustment.

PLUC Representative: *Nickie Miner*

Public Comment from those who filled out speaker cards was given by the following:

Owner, Jorge Bisbal and his wife, Svetlana: He asked for a lot line adjustment to make the lots more efficient. They have three lots; they want to live there and will create four parking spots. He stated that they will increase the safety of neighborhood by putting in a fire hydrant, dedicating 8 feet from the property to the street to make it wider, and paving the whole street. He stated this is not to increase density. They want to make the lot smaller, and square to provide the parking spots. They have three lots, but will build two houses, one smaller than the other. They don't want a McMansion. He referenced the house that burned down on that lot.

Katherine Bard: There will be a hearing on May 6th. Katherine related that they're putting in a fire hydrant because the City said they have to; that the fire trucks had trouble getting to the property that burned three years ago and she's concerned about fire hazards and narrow streets.

John Campbell: He is concerned about safety; two houses instead of one will increase density. It is on a substandard road with grading nearly 40%, 12 feet wide, on a cul de sac with no exits except one way out. An extra house will provide an element of danger that doesn't exist now.

Mike Kemp related that the lot line adjustment has been appealed by people in the community.

Motion: The BABCNC **supports** the pending appeal and appellant's position in Los Angeles City Planning Case AA 2014-2724-PMEX. (See also subject Attachment C.)

This motion is to support the appeal of the lot line adjustment, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee, as moved by *Michael Kemp*. Discussion was held. *Larry Leisten* related that he'd like the opportunity to see the property or a photo. *Mike Chasteen* responded that this was taken under consideration by the PLU committee and this is their recommendation. Questions were asked and answered and the question called.

A roll call vote was taken, with **19 yeas** by *Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Gary Plotkin, Lonnie Mayfield, Vickie Kelly, John Amato, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Robert Schlesinger and Kerry Welland, 0 nays, 1 abstention* by *Michael Kemp*, and **1 recusal** by *Jamie Hall*, and **the ayes carried**. A letter will be sent supporting the appeal, per the PLUC.

c. 11201, 11077, & 10995 Chalon Road ZA 2014-4882-ZV-ZAA

1. Zone variance to permit an accessory living quarters (guest house) to have a kitchen in addition to the two kitchens already permitted by the Dept. of Bldg. & Safety within the main dwelling.
2. Zoning Administrator's adjustment to permit elements within the required front-yard setback to a max. height of 8'5" including pilasters, consisting of two segments of wrought-iron fence a total of approximately 300 feet in length and a portion of the main gate, in lieu of 3'-6" otherwise permitted.

PLUC Representative: *Dan Love*

Motion: The BABCNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator **deny** the application in case #ZA 2014-4882-ZV-ZAA.

Moved by *Mike Kemp*. There was no public comment and no discussion for or against the motion, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

d. Nomination for PLU Committee membership

Nomination of *Maureen Levinson* as a member of the BABCNC PLU Committee was made by *Mike Kemp*, seconded by *Larry Leisten*, and *Maureen Levinson* was unanimously acknowledged as a PLU Committee member.

e. Update on pending case/project summary tracking chart.

Mike Kemp related that he is putting together a spreadsheet with all their cases, which should be ready to go at their next PLU Committee meeting, and will post it to the website. *Travis* thanked the work of the Committee.

12. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – *Chuck Maginnis, Chair*

- a.** There was no April meeting. **The next EP meeting will be on May 20th at Bel Air Ridge,** RoBG has allowed them to use their facility for the last meetings. *Larry Bogatz*, Battalion CERT leader, will discuss how to get people involved in EP. *Chuck* encouraged attendance in May.

Chuck stated that LA RICS couldn't be here tonight. A subcommittee of his EP committee is trying to get communications between HOAs and the Fire Department on a citywide basis. They handle between 405 and Laurel Canyon. They have Getty and Skirball on the west and need someone on the east.

Maureen Levinson provided *Chuck* with a PulsePoint system which gives a list of what Emergencies being worked on at any given time.

Upcoming EP events include Thursday at 5:45, Mayor *Garcetti* will be in Mar Vista with the US Geological Survey. An EP Fair in Van Nuys will be coming up.

Larry Leisten asked *Chuck Maginnis* about liability issue for HOAs. *Chuck* related that they're trying to get *Richard Bloom* and *Paul Koretz's* office to work on legislation. He'd like more people to work on liability. He isn't aware of the insurance aspects of this.

13. Outreach and Education Committee – *Robin Greenberg, Chair* -- No report

14. Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee – *Larry Leisten, Chair*

- a. Case #5042 - NC Administrative and 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet Due June 1, 2015 (Attachment D)**

Larry Leisten explained that this must be completed by the Board; the Board must approve it and must be submitted to Empowerment no later than June 1. He went through various items that will be on the agenda next month, with a proposal for recommendations. He asked the Board to be prepared next month to nominate someone who may be interested to serve on pool of panelists to sit on any one of seven Neighborhood Council Grievance Panels. Some of the items on the list noted by *Larry* include that the City is now changing how we vote and have adopted new language consistent with our new bylaws; that DONE no longer has a grace period for Board members to vote if they have not met Ethics & Funding requirements, and he asked the Board to be prepared to discuss whether you want online and telephone voting identification of candidates. Please send input to *Larry* in an email before next month so he can put in recommendations with likely chance of Board approval.

- b. Motion and possible action on proposed Bylaws revision to provide mechanism to adjust residential stakeholder group number if residential unit count falls below specified**

thresholds in biennial survey. (Attachment E: Full copy of the Bylaws & E.1: Cover letter)

Larry explained that DONE requires that we conduct a survey of our representation every other year and this has not been done since certification. This language puts in a hypothetical if we ever find ourselves with an extra seat apportioned to an appointed seat and if there's an over-estimate where that group doesn't merit that extra seat, then the seat will become an elected at-large seat. *Travis* clarified this is in the event that the number of seats in selected residential stakeholder groups falls under the thresholds specified in the bylaws adopted last month, that we need a mechanism to address that, and to convert that seat into an at-large elected seat. *Larry* agreed and stated that the exception to that is if in the same survey we also determined one residential group was underrepresented, then the extra seat would just be reassigned to the underrepresented group. The motion is to approve this condition.

Larry Leisten moved, *André Stojka* seconded. No one objected to adding this provision to the bylaws, and the **motion was unanimously approved by 20 voting.**

[*Larry* wanted add to the motion to change the existing provision in the bylaws of a 55 day grace period before meeting ethics and funding training, to no grace period; *Travis* agreed; however, as it was not noticed in the agenda, it couldn't be a motion this evening.]

c. Update on submission of the Bylaws

Larry related that BONC wouldn't meet to approve our bylaws until end of May, which is why he was able to submit these proposed changes.

15. Ad Hoc Committee on Mansionization – *Gary Plotkin, Chair*

a. Update on meeting with City officials on DWP trunk line replacement project and intersection with traffic caused by residential development in Bel Air

Gary related that he met with the various departments, who discussed primarily waterlines coming in at Sunset and Hilgard. The meeting was very positive. DWP will go back and make some changes, get back to us and we'll meet again in 30 days. All info on construction to begin on June 15th will be disseminated in the greater area by mass notification. We'll have DONE send out notices to affected NCs. Questions were on how to mitigate the problem, the best way of moving traffic. They hope to have monthly meetings with department heads on activities that relate to transportation, mansionization and hauling, etc. *Noah* and *Shawn* will pursue this via their councilmembers' office, so we have direct communication throughout. We will have a list of all contact persons involved in this project. They'll work Monday through Saturdays, early morning to 9:00 pm those days. He concluded that they are sensitive to the problems of Bel Air.

Dan Love asked about very specific communications plans; what their time-phased hauling route plans would be, and to have them coordinated into this, including those from Bel Air and Holmby Hills, as Hilgard is going to be one way, north. *Larry* asked if someone from DOT will come to our meeting next month. *Gary* said he'd inquire and ask that DWP return.

Travis reminded the Board that *Robert* will have a next Traffic Committee meeting dedicated to this and he encouraged the Board that the more people engaging in these and other opportunities in committee, the less time we need to spend on them at board meetings.

Larry mentioned that this is a good opportunity for Board members and stakeholders to communicate to these committee chairs. He wanted to ask last month about signage for traffic coming down Beverly Glen at Sunset; *Gary* stated that he will send that message.

Bob Schlesinger asked about DWP haul routes, to which Gary responded that we've gotten that info; there will be traffic officers and DWP is paying freight for that.

Robert asked *Gary* about his mansionization committee taking on traffic issues, to which *Travis* responded that the more people covering these issues, the better; to have complementary efforts and different approaches to this issue, on haul routes and impacts from construction the better, and that we're lucky to have two committee chairs going after this together. He recommended proceeding in a spirit of cooperation; that two committees on this is better than one.

Gary explained that there is a problem with mansionization with various departments communicating with each other. He spoke to CD people, *Joan* and *Shawn*, who agreed to have the department heads come in. Department heads and certain designated people are now looking to have a permanent committee to continue to work together.

Chuck Maginnis related that DWP has blocked off the second block of Bel Air Road for the last month or so. Copa De Oro which leads to Hilgard has a green light of maybe three seconds. *Gary* said they spoke about that today; and they'll have traffic officers for more movement.

Nickie responded to *Larry's* question as to whether DOT will come back, stating she spoke to *Moh*, and was told that the City doesn't pay overtime for reps to come to meetings after hours.

b. Other updates from the committee -- None

16. Ad Hoc Committee on Budget and Finance – *Jamie Hall, Chair*

a. Report from the committee – *Jamie* related that the committee has been inactive, which he takes responsibility for. He recommended setting up a time to get together and presenting ideas at the next meeting. *Larry* offered to attend. *Travis* recommended giving suggestions to *Jamie*.

b. Deadlines:

06/22/15: Last day to request any approvals for purchases

06/30/15: Last day to purchase anything

05/15/15: Last day to submit any renewals of contracts or new contracts.

Reports of Representatives

17. Traffic Committee Report – *Robert Ringler, Chair*

a. Report on Traffic Committee meeting of March 11, 2015 – Nothing to report on this.

b. Update on next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee meeting on Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, in the Roll Call Room, at 1663 Butler Avenue: This meeting will be dedicated to addressing the impacts of the DWP trunk-line project with LAPD traffic officers, commanding officers, DWP, LADOT, UCLA, and UCPD. It is open to the community.

Irene asked if he'll address cumulative impacts of other projects going on simultaneously, such as the California Incline that affects Palisades, to which *Robert* replied these just went into effect this week. *Cathy Wayne* asked about the area this traffic division covers, to which *Robert* replied 63 square miles from La Cienega to the 10, to the beach, Santa Monica, parts of the Sunset Strip.

18. West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – *Nickie Miner (for Robin Greenberg)*

Update and Possible Actions regarding the April 15, 2015 meeting

WRAC Motion: WRAC requests that controls over approvals, transparency of the process and staff training for both city and state coastal exemptions be strongly improved and the copies of the coastal exemptions be made immediately available to, or be immediately provided to applicable neighborhood and community councils. Potential motion to endorse WRAC position.

Motion to support moved by *Nickie Miner*, seconded by *Vickie Kelly*. No discussion; no objection to calling the question, and no objection to unanimous consent; the BABCNC supported the motion by 20 members voting.

19. Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) Report – *Robert Ringler*

a. Report on C-PAB Meeting of April 21, 2015

Robert related that the last meeting was devoted to discussion of the homeless count and issue.

For next week's C-PAB meeting on April 28th, someone from the South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency (SAHARA) will talk about domestic violence.

The next C-PAB Meeting will be on Tuesday May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

Irene mentioned that Bel Air Crest for the last year and a half has been asking from help from CD5, CD11, and Skirball, because of a homeless issue south of Bel Air Crest, where they have seen a homeless encampment. She noted that SMMC from Franklin Canyon came to investigate and removed 5,200 pounds of lumber and trash, from four wood buildings built with lumbar from the 405. *Irene* is concerned that we have such difficulty in finding any organization that would jump in and help, and she is grateful to SMMC. *Travis* related that this came from *Gurmet* to him, to the Conservancy and back. This was near the Getty at the 405 ramp.

20. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report – *Travis Longcore*

a. Update from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, including recent purchase

Travis gave report, stating that he became aware that seven parcels at the end of Caribou Lane in Beverly Glen were put for sale, and developers were looking at it. He brought it to the Conservancy. He knew the realtor representing the seller, who then worked with the Conservancy; they got close on the price but were short, and *Travis* raised \$5,000 amongst residents in that area, and closed the escrow. He stated that the Conservancy funds came out of those property taxes that everybody has on the parcel, so monies do come back to these communities. If there are things that really need attention that are in the Conservancy territory, up for sale, that are achievable, they can push for them. The package was around \$400,000.

21. Budget Reps' Report on Budget Advocates – *André Stojka & Nickie Miner*

a. Report from Budget Representatives –

André related some of the contents of the White Paper prepared by the Budget Advocates which is presented to Mayor Garcetti and the City Council. He shared some 11 points which he noted

have parallels to the 2020 recommendations, including zero-based budgeting, a five-year plan; the City to reaffirm its commitment to the NC system by giving money and to secure those jobs that DONE asked for; that the City establish an independent Citizen's Committee to address increasing pension and healthcare obligation to City employees, to be totally independent of the City. They are asking an individual or team coordinate the IT of the City; that the City compile an accurate cost analysis to repair and maintain infrastructure and suggest placing it on the ballot. He added that they're asking to establish an automatic payroll system, and plan for the next five years of hiring. They're suggesting the City cross-train employees so they can be shifted from one department to another, depending on the load. They suggested that the city establish an Inspector General to identify collectibles from the city, which they've done, and have identified 75 million dollars' worth of funds that the city should be getting in taxes but are not. They suggest making a permanent position for the Inspector General. The city should, as a philosophy, try to attract new green, high-tech and creative enterprises, and finally, the City should have methodology to see whether plans are successful. These are good ideas that *André* thought we'd be pleased to know about.

b. Election of two Budget Representatives for the next fiscal year

Motion: To re-nominate *André Stojka* and *Nickie Miner* to continue as Budget Representatives for the next fiscal year – so moved by *Larry Leisten*, seconded by *Bob Schlesinger* and passed unanimously by 18 members present (Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Tucci were not present this vote).

- c. Budget Day is Saturday June 27, 2015: 7:30 to 12:30 P.M.** Registration and full breakfast 7:30; program starts at 8:30 at City Hall. Link to register and provide info to be able to park: <http://form.jotformpro.com/form/50966183808970?> (Attachment F) For additional info, please go to www.empowerla.org website.

d. Possible Support of Budget Congress of Neighborhoods and Neighborhoods Council Budget Advocates.

Motion: BABCNC supports the Budget Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$250 and the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of \$250 from the funds. Moved by *Nickie Miner*, seconded by *Mike Kemp*; question called; and the motion passed by unanimous consent by all 18 members present: *Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Gary Plotkin, Vickie Kelly, John Amato, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Michael Kemp, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Robert Schlesinger and Kerry Welland*, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

22. Unfinished Business

a. Red Flags – *Jamie Hall, Cassandra Barrere & Dan Palmer*

Update on status of signs and poles to accompany red flags to be deployed in BABCNC territory under red flag conditions –

Jamie stated he'd like to take his name off this item as it was not his idea; that *Cassandra* should take responsibility for it. *Travis* said this will be put at the beginning of the agenda next month.

b. Google Apps: Status – *Jamie Hall*

Update on use of Google Apps for BABCNC email services. Postponed to next month.

23. New Business

- a. **Support of Special Olympic World Games 2015 – Gary Plotkin** (This agenda item was taken out of order, after the President’s report.)

Gary Plotkin introduced the motion, as an excellent opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause. He has cleared it with *DONE* who is supportive of the Special Olympics; three NCs have provided money to support it. This takes place in July & August, with the major place being at UCLA. *John Amato* related that Harvard-Westlake is supporting and hosting Cuba and Czech Republic, and they’ll be having a very large festivity on the first day that is Citywide.

Original Motion: That Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council contribute \$1,000 to the Special Olympic World Games 2015 (Attachment G)

Gary Plotkin moved, *Chuck Maginnis* seconded. Discussion was held.

Larry Leisten brought up need to keep donations to things with a direct impact and feedback to our stakeholders, and making donations on an individual basis. *André Stojka* agreed to be very careful on how we spend taxpayers’ money. *Robert Ringler* noted need for equipment for law enforcement and recommended individuals making private donations. Both *Larry* and *Robert* mentioned the possibility that we may need to hire someone to do the job of treasurer. *Jamie Hall* supported the motion. *Kerry Welland* has ideas of how to spend these funds. *Tony Tucci* proposed an amendment to give alternative amount of \$500 for now, and it was noted that the amount can be added to at a later date.

Amendment of Motion: To take a vote on the Amended Motion to reduce the amount of donation to the 2015 Special Olympics from \$1,000 to \$500:

So moved by *Gary Plotkin*, seconded by *Larry Leisten*. Discussion was held.

Larry brought up that this is the reason we had the committee; we’ve heard some ideas on how that money might be spent, and he agreed with *Tony’s* amendment. *Robert* asked if we could also create a council resolution in support of the Special Olympics. *Travis* invited *Robert* to bring the resolution next month. *Dan Love* is against the amendment. *Chuck* asked if this passes and we still have the funds, can we make another amendment to increase it, and the answer was “yes.” *Travis* clarified the first vote will be whether to accept *Tony’s* amendment.

Roll call was taken with 12 yeas by *André Stojka, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Lonnie Mayfield, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Michael Kemp, Maureen Smith, Robert Schlesinger and Kerry Welland; 8 nays* by *Irene Sandler, Gary Plotkin, Vickie Kelly, John Amato, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson; 0 abstentions*, and the yeases carried.

New Amended Motion: To donate \$500 to the 2015 Special Olympic World Games at UCLA in July and August 2015: Gary Plotkin called for the question.

Roll call was taken with 18 yeas by *Irene Sandler, Nickie Miner, Michael Chasteen, Gary Plotkin, Lonnie Mayfield, Vickie Kelly, John Amato, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Michael Kemp, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Robert Schlesinger, 2 nays* by *André Stojka and Kerry Welland*, and 0 abstentions. **The motion passed.**

- b. **Fire Station #99 Open House – May 9th 10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Discussion and Possible Action: Need 2 volunteers per 2-hour shift to staff BABCNC booth, 10–12, 12–2 and 2–4, plus one to serve popcorn and one to serve cotton candy throughout day.
Volunteers: 10-12 Maureen Smith, Dan Love, Nickie Miner. 12-2: Robert, Gary, Bob. 2 to 4:

Larry, Gary. We will also take community volunteers.

Good of the Order -- *Travis Longcore* reminded everyone that there is a reason for Roberts Rules of Order, to use parliamentary procedures, and uses proper titles to depersonalize things, suggested saying “I disagree with the gentleman from ...” *Larry Leisten* agreed with *Travis*’ comments, to not take things personally.

24. **Adjournment:** Moved by *Chuck Maginnis*, seconded by *Larry Leisten*; the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

UPCOMING MEETING – Wednesday May 27, 2015 at AJU