



MINUTES Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 7:00–9:00 P.M.

American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

Present: 20

Quorum: 15

ATTACHMENT “A”

2015-2016 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Reps	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i> (planned absence)		X
Benedict Canyon Association		
<i>Matthew Post</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>	X	
<i>Bob Schlesinger</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>		X
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>	X	
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Cassandra Barrère</i>		X
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	X	

2015-2016 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Reps	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>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Dan J. Love</i>	X	
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	X	
Beverly Park Estates		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Totals:	20	5

Guest Speakers & Guests:

Gurmet K. Khara, Muhlstein, Planning Deputy, , for Councilmember, *Paul Koretz*, CD5

Janet Turner, Field Representative for Congressman *Ted W. Lieu*, CA 33

Catherine Landers, Senior Field Deputy, Hollywood Field Office, for Councilmember, *David Ryu*, CD4

Chris Ragsdale, LAPD / West Los Angeles Police Station 310-444-0702

Four stakeholders signed the guest list and/or speaker cards

1. **Call to Order:** Board President, *Travis Longcore*, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Board Secretary, *Robin Greenberg*, called the roll with 18 present initially and a quorum met. By 7:15 p.m., 20 were present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the October 28, 2015 Agenda:** *Robert Ringler* asked that SLO *Ralph Sanchez* be placed back on the agenda, under Emergency Preparedness along with *Chris Ragsdale*, has been done in the past. The agenda was unanimously adopted, as written.
5. **Approval of the September 16, 2015 Minutes:** Copies of the September 16, 2015 Minutes (Attachment A) were circulated with the draft agenda. There were no comments, additions, deletions or corrections, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
6. **Public Comment:** There were no speaker cards for non-agendized public comment.

Reports of Officers

7. President's Report – Travis Longcore

a. Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussions)

- i. *Mike Fong*, BABCNC'S new DONE Empowerment Advocate, replacing *Tom Soong*
Correction: *Mike Fong* will be replacing *Thomas* at WRAC, not at BABCNC. *Thomas* is still with us at BABCNC!
- ii. *Janet Turner*, Field Representative for Congressman *Ted W. Lieu*, CA 33
janet.turner@mail.house.gov (323) 651-1040.
 - *Janet* related that the VA has released a Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan on 10/16/15 with 45 days for written public comment on or before December 7, 2015. PDF can be found bottom of page @ <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=VA-2015-VACO-0001-0251>. Website www.Helphouselavets also allows comments.
 - *Janet* briefly mentioned highlights to include four zones: 1) recreational, 2) veteran housing, 3) health-care, and 4) administrative mixed use; seven neighborhoods; 800-900 short term and 2,500 long term units and restoration of historic buildings. Land use must be veteran-centric.
 - *Janet* passed out a printout on Mail Theft and Crime Prevention and stated that there are two mail theft rings of which eight individuals have been caught “but it is much bigger.” USPS will be modifying collection boxes in targeted areas; recommends collecting mail before dark; depositing before final pickup.
 - *Janet* meets with the USPS regularly and welcomes your calls regarding mail and issues such as visas and IRS.
 - *Victoria Talbot* of the BH Courier stated she lives in Brentwood, which area has been compromised & inquired about targeted areas, which info *Janet* could not provide.
- iii. *Catherine Landers*, Senior Field Deputy, Hollywood Field Office, for Councilmember *David Ryu*, of CD4. (323) 957-6415
 - *Catherine* & *Adam Miller* cover Hollywood Hills to Griffith Park, Los Feliz & Silverlake. catherine.landiers@lacity.org. adam.miller@lacity.org
 - *Catherine* related that Councilmember *David Ryu* has been in office 100 days. They're preparing for town hall meeting on El Niño preparation.

CD4 El Niño Preparation Town Hall Meeting:

Mon. 12/07/15 6:30 p.m. @ Gardner Elementary School 7540 Hawthorn L.A. 90048

There are also numerous ones put on by the City including:

WLA El Niño Preparation Town Hall Meeting:

Weds. 12/09/15 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Westchester Rec. Center 9100 Lincoln Blvd.

- *Catherine* mentioned the Councilmember's Clean Streets program for community beautification, “conservation core partnering” and “ad hoc pickups.”
 - *Jamie Hall* expressed appreciation to Councilmember *Ryu*, who pledged a \$15,000 matching fund to “Let's Buy a Mountain” and to *Catherine* and the CM's office.
- iv. *Gurmet Khara*, Planning Deputy for Councilmember *Paul Koretz*, of Council District 5:
 - *Gurmet* related that the City will host Town Hall meetings, and encourages our input and partnering with CD4.
 - She explained that for the LADWP Pipeline project on Mulholland between Mulholland Drive & Beverly Glen, they need one more day, Friday, and are due to finish in two

weeks. Plates will be removed after project is over & BSS will patch the entire segment.
- *Gurmet* mentioned the new haul route moratorium app, “**Navigate L.A.**,” to view and help monitor haul routes: <http://ladbs.org/LADBSWeb/haul-route.jsf>.
- *Gary Plotkin* thanked *Gurmet* for her responsiveness to all of our needs.

- v. *Chris Ragsdale*, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station: **[310-444-0741](tel:310-444-0741)**
26690@lapd.lacity.org & website: **www.lapdonline.org**
- *Chris* gave update that crime is unchanged with an 18% increase for the entire area, on a downtrend from last year. No change in types: knock/knock thefts, bicycles, personal property. He advised taking security very seriously.
 - As to party houses, *Chris* stated that the noise laws are in force 24/7, so do not wait or hesitate to call, especially on habitual ones. The earlier the better. If chronic, pull him in so he could work on a follow-up basis with the City Prosecutor, setting up a process, and he will let them know it is under active investigation.
 - *Don Loze* asked what is being done about speeding and noise of hot cars on Benedict. *Chris* responded that the Department is statistically driven and will divert resources to smaller canyon roads from main thoroughfares on a “complaint basis versus statistics of collisions; there are competing priorities as there are not a lot of traffic cops out there.”
 - **West Traffic Division's Community Traffic Services Unit: [213-473-0215](tel:213-473-0215).**
 - **Officer *P. Menchaca* is the complaint officer for the area: 33169@lapd.lacity.org.**
 - Asked about permits for parties, *Chris* replied that permits are required only to cover staging, structures, and other items, not to have a party. Only noise laws are enforced.
 - *Maureen Levinson* asked about laser lights. *Travis* explained that there is an ordinance that limits the lights going through a bedroom window to no brighter than a 60 Watt bulb, and that this is a zoning and planning issue.

b. **Appointment of BABCNC Representative at C-PAB & West Bureau Traffic Committee** Deferred. (See Vice President’s Report.)

c. **Appointment of an Animal Services Liaison to work with the Department of Animal Services (DAS) as requested by DONE and DAS.** For Full Role Description: **(Attachment B)**
Gary Plotkin will be the Primary Liaison, and *Nickie Miner* and *Travis Longcore* registered as “Secondary” Liaisons.

8. **Vice President’s Report – *Nickie Miner*** *Nickie* announced that at the C-PAB meeting yesterday, an election took place and *Robert Ringler* will co-chair with *Commanding Officer, Captain Tina Nieto*.

9. **Secretary’s Report – *Robin Greenberg*** *Robin* reported that there was successful turnout and valuable information disseminated at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

10. **Treasurer’s Report – *Dan Love***

a. **Update from Treasurer** (Discussion)

b. **Consideration of September 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)** Board to consider approval of September 2015 expenditure report & bank statement **(Attachment C)** (Discussion & Action): *Dan Love* moved, *Robert Ringler* seconded; a roll call vote was taken with 18 yeas from *Irene Sandler, Bob Schlesinger, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Matt Post, Gary Plotkin, Teresa Lee, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson* and *Maureen Smith*; 0 nays, and 1 abstention from *John Amato* who stepped out when the item was introduced, and the September 2015 MER was approved.

(Consideration of Election Outreach Budget is under **Bylaws, Rules and Elections** below.)

Reports of Committees

11. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – *Chuck Maginnis, Chair* (Discussion)

- *Chuck* thanked *Gary Plotkin* for giving update at the last meeting. He reminded the Board of the need to prepare for El Niño, floods and fires from downed poles, earthquakes.
- **The Next EP Meeting is Tuesday November 17, 2015.** *Christie Adair*, CERT representative will speak.
- *Larry Leisten* brought up problem that catch basin screens get blocked by debris. Department of Public Works (DPW) Liaison, *Dan Love*, stated that Director of DPW, *Kevin James*, told him that teams are going into the hillsides from Laurel Canyon to Sepulveda to clean out the storm drains.
- *Maureen Levinson* renewed her license to use ham radios.

a. Liability and Good Samaritan Law – *Irene Sandler* (Discussion)

<https://rhopc.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Avoiding-Liability-When-Providing-Emergency-Services.pdf> &

<http://www.hoalawblog.com/08.23.10%20Article%20-%20CERT.pdf>

- *Irene* brought up the EP Committee's concerns that the Good Samaritan laws are being used to stop organizations from handling emergencies. They would like discussion of revising or amending the laws to cover organizations working on emergency preparedness.
- *Larry Leisten* has read the links and does not recommend referring to them for this goal.
- Noted was that *Tim Pershing* of Assemblyman *Richard Bloom's* office is working to create legislation for the next Assembly meeting. *Jamie Hall* concurred that this is the way to go: have the Assemblyman sponsor the bill, meet with the Assembly, and tell them it is important.

12. Planning & Land Use Committee Report – *Michael Kemp, Chair*

a. Update on October 13, 2015 PLUC Meetings (Update & Discussion)

b. **662 N. Sepulveda Blvd (aka: Bel Air Bar & Grill), ZA 2010-220-CUB**

"The instant request is an approval of plans to permit the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site sale, and to allow the off-site sale of beer and wine, in conjunction with a 5928 square-foot restaurant (plus 544 square-foot open deck) in the [Q]C2-1VLD Zone".

Motion: The BABCNC supports the applicants request as so noted in the above referenced case with the following additional conditions:

- A. Wine with an alcoholic content of greater than 16% shall be permitted to be sold in the main restaurant spaces; however, not in the take-out portion of the establishment.
- B. Additional signage shall be placed along the northerly edge of the establishment notifying patrons that parking in the adjacent alley is not allowed, and directing customers to the various on-site parking areas. Valet parking shall be maintained during the evening hours of operation.

Speaker Cards / Public Comments:

Susan Lord, Bel Air Bar and Grill owner, spoke for the motion, stating that she has asked for support of her CUP renewal application and has obtained close to 300 signatures.

Pat Nation provided general comments, referencing *Mr. Tom Jones*, who founded the Moraga Vineyards, who has passed away but had placed condition demands on the property, including that the Shack not be open on Saturday, and that the Shack has been open Saturdays for four years, selling beer and wine without a permit. She noted *Ms. Lord's* lack of provision for parking at the Shack, and continued problems created by the parking in the alley. Pat provided sheets about the parking signage. Pat added that she had not been called for the survey.

Bruce Kuyper stated that he is for the motion, as it is on the agenda, with dining not permitted in the entry lobby area and would like a modification of Condition B to add: "because lower level is used for Valet."

Marsha Hobbs spoke in opposition to sales at 6:30 a.m., and against continued use of the alley for parking. She asked why off-sale or any-sale alcohol at 6:30 a.m., near the freeway, where construction workers and other workers have access to alcohol, and when kids are around.

- *Ms. Lord* responded that she leaves the garage door open and that people park in the alley at their own risk. She stated that she has tried to get people to not park in the alley.

Board Discussion ensued which included but was not limited to the following:

- *Larry Leisten* asked about the condition of alcohol content. *Ms. Lord* stated that she would like to serve dessert wine with an alcohol content up to 20% in the main restaurant area, but the Shack would remain with a maximum of 16% alcohol for all take out sales.

- *Bob Schlesinger* asked, why sell single-serve 24- and 40 ounce (alcohol) in a residential neighborhood? *Ms. Lord* stated that she is not responsible for what happens when they leave.

- *Nickie Miner* asked about live music: *Ms. Lord* replied that music would be inside the Sunset Room only and only on Friday and the weekends.

- *Nickie Miner* asked, as *Ms. Lord* is now trying to make selling on Saturdays legal, if she'd consider a trade-off for selling later in the day or fewer hours. *Maureen Levinson* interjected to not sell alcohol to go. *Ms. Lord* replied that she would not want to give up her alcohol sales.

- *Jamie Hall* asked *Ms. Lord* how she explains being open on Saturdays, to which *Ms. Lord* replied that she had not read the conditions.

- *Irene Sandler* inquired about the liquor license to which *Ms. Lord* answered that it covers both the restaurant and the Shack. *John Amato* added that this is the building license.

- *Dan Love* stated that the Bel Air Alliance would not support extension of services at all due to their violation. He noted that the included conditions in BAA's letter of the 28th were not included in the motion. They do not think there should be single service in the mornings.

- *Mike Kemp* stated that he supports businesses in our community such as this.

- *Don Loze* asked shouldn't we be consistent with the conditions placed upon the gas station.

- *Robert Ringler* supports motion as originally written by the PLU Committee. *Gary Plotkin* wants to support our PLU Chair, and do whatever is necessary to enforce no parking in the alley.

- *Maureen Levinson* brought up the issue of monitoring high school students with take away of alcohol from the Shack. *John Amato* stated that there have been zero complaints from ABC.

- *Larry Leisten* asked *Mike Kemp* about the committee's vote to which *Mike* replied at subcommittee there are 5 members, *Mike, Dan, Bob, Jason and Gary*. *Pat* and *Bruce* were invited to attend a preliminary meeting at the site and told *Mike* that they did not want to attend. *Bruce Kuyper* stated that the meeting might be in violation of the Brown Act. *Mike* then cancelled the preliminary meeting while awaiting legal advice from the City Attorney on the matter. The case was then brought before the PLU Committee on 10/13/15.

- *Jamie Hall* asked to consider shortening the term of the CUB/P.

- **Amendment to Main Motion #1:** *Nickie Miner* proposed an amendment to the main motion to add a recommendation to the City that the CUP be limited to alcohol sales not before 10:00 on any day of the week and not before 11:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Seconded by *Bob Schlesinger*. Discussion was held and Amendment to Amendment #1 was made to amend motion to 10:00 a.m. on all days. *Larry Leisten* called the question and the ayes had it. Will add recommendation to the main motion of "No alcohol sales prior to 10:00 a.m. on any day."

- **Amendment to Main Motion #2:** *Jamie Hall* moved to recommend to the City to require the CUP to be reviewed in five (5) years. *Nickie Miner* seconded. All voted aye but *Robert Ringler & John Amato*, who voted nay, with one abstention from *Chuck Maginnis*.

- **The main motion was therefore amended to include no alcohol sales prior to 10:00 a.m. on any day and to recommend to the City of Los Angeles to require the CUP to be reviewed in five (5) years.** A roll call vote count was taken, with 13 yeas, 1 nay by *Dan Love*, 5 abstentions from *Irene Sandler, Nickie Miner, Theresa Lee, Chuck Maginnis, and Maureen Levinson*, and **the motion carried.**

- c. **1177 Tower Grove Road: AA 2015-567-PMLA Lot split.** Request by Applicant for a re-consideration of the BABCNC position.

Motion: The BABCNC supports the applicants request as so noted in the above referenced case only with the following additional condition(s):

A. That the applicant file a covenant and agreement with the County to so run with the land for perpetuity, prohibiting any adjacent property from securing an easement over the subject properties for the purposes of egress to the adjacent property.

Mike moved, all were in favor, none opposed; passed unanimously.

d. 10101-10107 Angelo View Drive: ENV 2014-4540 Project Update

Haul route to allow the total export of 51,050 cubic yards of dirt for the construction of a 41,206 s.f. SFD with a basement that includes 19,500 s.f. of habitable space and a 13,189 s.f. underground garage.

Motion: The BABCNC supports Councilman *Koretz's* request and recommends to the Los Angeles Board of Building & Safety Commissioners (BBSC) and City Planning Department that they require the applicant to prepare a full EIR (Environmental Impact Report) on the project, as originally promised by the applicant.

Mike Kemp moved; *Bob Schlesinger* seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Update on City Planning Neighborhood Conservation Team: Newsletter Issue #1 published. (Attachment D)

f. Consideration of PLU Committee General Information Memo to post on BABCNC website (Attachment E)

Mike Kemp moved to approve, *Larry Leisten* seconded, and motion was unanimously approved.

13. Ad Hoc Committee on Mansionization – Gary Plotkin, Chair (Update & Discussion)

a. Updates from the Committee – Gary Plotkin – Deferred

b. Status of Enactment of Ridgeline Ordinance – Don Loze

Don suggested inviting *Paul Koretz* back as it has been one year since we last had him.

14. Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair (Update, Discussion and Action)

a. Board will consider approval of the second stipulation worksheet for the Department of Neighborhood Councils (due by 10/31/15). (Attachment F)

- In addition to Attachment “F”, *Larry Leisten* prepared a more succinct and complete supplement to the “**2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet**” which was circulated via email prior to the meeting, and copies distributed at the meeting. Discussion of the polling location, hours and second language was held.

Motion: *Larry Leisten* moved that the BABCNC Board approve the 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Sheet which lists Harvard Westlake as first choice and Franklin Canyon as second choice for elections polls, polling hours from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and no second language translation. Vote taken with 20 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and motion was approved.

a. (i.) Budgeting for Election Procedures for the Stipulation Worksheet

- *Larry* explained that we have a total of 10 seats open: 2 Bel Air, 4 other residential districts, a Public School, a Commercial Enterprise rep, and two At-Large positions.

- As to outreach, we have an extra \$5,000 from the City. *Larry* was told the most effective way to reach stakeholders is by mail, not banners. However, funds can be used for flyers, posters, banners, notices in publications, and to host a town hall meeting to meet the candidates.

- *Travis* stressed to the Board that we need people to get excited to work with *Robin, Gary* and *John Amato*, outside of these meetings, and to form a committee.

Motion: To approve budgeting \$6,000 for elections: Moved by *Cathy Wayne*, seconded by *Chuck Maginnis*; a roll call vote was taken with 19 yeas from *Irene Sandler, Bob Schlesinger, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Matt Post, Gary Plotkin, Teresa Lee, John Amato, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson* and *Maureen Smith*; 0 nays, and 0 abstentions and the proposed elections budget was unanimously approved.

- b. TUX Boot Camp on Elections:** Board members are encouraged to attend these elections training sessions. For Workshops, see: <http://empowerla.org/tux-boot-camp/> Notes from Tux Boot Camp on BABCNC on Elections Timeline & More were provided by *Maureen Levinson* as **(Attachment G)**

15. Outreach and Education Committee – *Robin Greenberg, Chair*

Robin distributed previously written BABCNC pamphlets and price lists of previously printed outreach materials as examples of outreach materials and expenses.

Reports of Representatives

16. Budget Representatives' Report – *Nickie Miner for André Stojka*

- a. Report from Budget Representatives** (Update & Discussion)
Regional Budget Day was 10/17/15 & Change in Budget Advocates/Departure of *Jay Handal*

17. DWP Committee Update – *Don Loze*

- a. Report on DWP Rate Increases**
Don Loze gave report stating there will be an enormous rate increase. There are two DWP committees. They met this month and asked that nothing be done until the Rate Payer Advocates have been notified; and as information has not yet been given to them what they have is inadequate to advise the Councilmember of what they want to do.

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

- a. Update from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy** (Discussion) Deferred

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

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Actions from the October 21, 2015 meeting**
- b. Consideration of motion regarding short-term rentals that enumerates essential provisions that must be included in any ordinance legalizing short-term rentals.** **(Attachment H)**

Speaker Cards / Comments:

- *Bruce Kuyper* stated that we need to submit another Community Impact Statement (CIS) with conditions to include not in single-family zones and not in high severity fire zones.

Board discussion ensued to include but not limited to the following:

- *Gary Plotkin* related that the WRAC motion may be something right for our area.
- *Maureen Levinson* noted, for EIRs, the community has to hire own experts and who will pay for these?

- *Nickie Miner* stated that these short-term rentals compromise the security of the residents, that the Police cannot make policy. She stated that you cannot have Neighborhood Watch when you don't know who your neighbors are, and that we need to take a stand: Say No. Enforce what's on the books: 30 days and not less.
- *Irene Sandler* felt that that there is a need for even more arduous conditions. She mentioned additional insurance for the neighborhoods.
- *Travis Longcore* referred back to Attachment H, and the motion to support WRAC's limitations:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with 3 yeas from *Gary Plotkin, Tony Tucci* and *Robert Ringler*, 15 nays from *Bob Schlesinger, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Matt Post, Teresa Lee, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson* and *Maureen Smith*, and 0 abstentions and the nays carried.

20. Old Business – (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Update, Discussion and New Action on Short-Term Rentals – *Matt Post & Nickie Miner* (CF#: 14-1635-S2)

Motion: BABCNC opposes legalizing short-term rentals in the City of Los Angeles, supports enforcement of the existing no-less than 30-day rentals law on the books, and authorizes a Community Impact Statement or “Request of Electeds” to submit within 60 days.

Nickie Miner moved. A roll call vote was taken with 19 yeas from *Irene Sandler, Bob Schlesinger, Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Matt Post, Gary Plotkin, Teresa Lee, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Robin Greenberg, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Dan Love, Maureen Levinson* and *Maureen Smith*; 0 nays, and 0 abstentions and motion was unanimously approved.

b. Update on flag poles and signs – *Cassandra Barrère*

21. New Business – (Updates, Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Discussion and Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grants – *Gary Plotkin* – *Deferred*

b. Consideration of BABCNC support for Laurel Canyon Association's and CLAW's “Let's Buy a Mountain” initiative – *Jamie Hall* (Attachment I)

Jamie Hall moved; *Larry Leisten* seconded. *Jamie* related that this project involves purchasing 17 acres of open space in Laurel Canyon; requires 18 months to raise 1.6 million dollars. They had a huge press conference. They are asking for our support for preservation of open space and wildlife in our community. Once purchased, they will transfer the land to MRCA to manage all aspects. They have raised their first \$50,000 and have events planned including an art auction in February. The Board vote was unanimous in favor of supporting this project.

c. Veterans Administration Land Use – *Irene Sandler* For Discussion:

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/VA-Delays-Park-Closure-Agrees-to-Meet-First-With-City-of-LA--330801332.html> Not discussed here. (See notes above on *Janet Turner's* presentation, including link to the Draft Master Plan for public comment by December 7, 2015.)

d. Discussion and Possible Action on Opting In or Out to the Upcoming Homeless Count

Enclosed 14-page document with pages specific to BABCNC: (Attachment J).

The Board unanimously declined to opt into the upcoming Homeless Count.

- e. **Discussion and Possible Action to take position on the City Project “Wi-Fi across LA”**
This involves placing wifi at 20,000 lampposts across Los Angeles without community input.
Deferred.

Good of the Order - Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council. None.

22. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings @ AJU:

**Due to Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays, meetings will be held on
the third (3rd) Wednesday for the next two months: November 18, 2015 & December 16, 2015.**