



**Regular Meeting of the Board MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2016 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**American Jewish University**

**15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077**

Accessible from the west side of Casiano Road; park at lower parking (Lot 1) below the security kiosk

**Total Present: 18**

**Quorum: 15**

<b>2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air District</b>		
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Bel Air Glen District</b>		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Don Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Matthew Post</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Beverly Park Estates District</b>		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Commercial or Office Enterprise District</b>		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>		<b>X</b>

<b>2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
<i>John Amato</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Public Educational Institutions (K-12)</b>		
<i>Kathy Copcutt</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Holmby Hills Association</b>		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Laurel Canyon Association</b>		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Dan Love</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>North of Sunset</b>		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Roscomare Valley Association</b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</b>		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	<b>X</b>	
Total:	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>

Eight guests signed the guest sheet and/or filled out speaker cards.

**Current HOA Representative Alternates:**

Bel Air Ridge HOA: Desirée Lapin  
 Benedict Canyon Association: David Scott Kadin

**Needed HOA Representative Alternates:**

Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association  
 Casiano Estates Association  
 Holmby Hills Association  
 Laurel Canyon Association  
 Residents of Beverly Glen  
 Roscomare Valley Association

1. **Call to Order** While awaiting a quorum, Robin Greenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at which time the floor was given to Daniel Tamm, from Mayor Garcetti's office (see 7.b below).

2. **Roll Call** At 7:37 pm, Robert Ringler, Secretary, called the roll with 18 present, 11 absent, quorum met.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of December 21, 2016 Agenda** Moved by Travis; seconded by Robert. Approved.
5. **Approval of the November 16, 2016 Minutes** (Attachment “A”) Copy was circulated with agenda. Moved by Cathy Wayne. Larry Leisten noted that he received the minutes late Friday; they should go out earlier (per protocol, which he reviewed). He’d amend minutes: 1) change tally from 22 present & 9 absent to 22 present & 7 absent since those absent with alternates present are not considered absent, and 2) remove comments at top of page 3 as to approval of agenda. Larry explained the reason for this, which is in our bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20. **Motion:** To approve the minutes as amended. Moved by Cathy Wayne; seconded by Dan Palmer. **Yes 18; 0 no; abstentions 0; approved as amended.**
6. **Public Comment (non-agendized):**

**Zuma Dogg** introduced himself as on the ballot for Mayor. He is concerned about worsening homelessness and City plans for \$300,000 housing units; noted that a company in Venice turns containers into livable homes, two per unit, and recommends having these stacked on lots & properties. [zumadoggformayor.com](http://zumadoggformayor.com)

**Mark Herd** is running against Paul Koretz for the CD5 seat. He grew up in Westwood, was a board member of the Westwood NC. As to homelessness, he noted that with HHH, homeowners will be hit with a residential & commercial property tax; HHH subsidizes developers’ high rises; he recommends opening all shelters 24/7/365 and putting \$10,000 into prebuilt houses. He is for Measure S and to lower taxes. [voteherd@yahoo.com](mailto:voteherd@yahoo.com) [www.voteherd2017.com](http://www.voteherd2017.com)

**Wayne from Encino** is backing Mr. Creed for CD5; he opined that Paul Koretz has had eight years of over-density, a broken relationship between Bel Air and the City of Beverly Hills, broken promises, and overdevelopment; that he should take a stand against Herb Wesson, who is running CD7 and illegally. He commended Paul Koretz for his effort to stop the eviction of elderly in the convalescent home in Westwood.

**Marc Romain** supports Mark Herd’s approach for cheaper housing units.

## Reports of Officers

### 7. President’s Report – Robin Greenberg

#### a. Update from the President:

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

##### i. Daniel Tamm, Mayor’s Office Public Engagement [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)

Daniel is liaison between the Mayor and us; covers a huge area on the Westside, looking for significant things for the Mayor to be part of. They’ve done walk-throughs in areas including but not limited to Venice, Westwood & Mar Vista, bringing City Hall to the neighborhood, asking for solutions. The Mayor came up with the “Great Streets” initiative.

Traffic and transportation: There will be another 405 expansion. The Mayor lobbied Washington to finish projects to bring us into the present age.

Homelessness: Since Prop HHH passed, we will have a couple of billion dollars to build permanent supportive housing and services over 10 years.

Development: He and the Mayor’s office are working on hastening the update of general plans, last updated in 1948. He listens to the community, communicates with CD staff, Mayor’s office & developers, bringing everybody to the table. He has dealt with the huge LAX project.

- Larry Leisten asked, what will motivate the homeless to accept the housing that the City will provide, and where will it be? Daniel noted that the days of criminalizing the homeless are over; a lot of people don't like to go to shelters, as they can't bring their belongings; permanent housing has not been consistently offered. "Hope Teams" with LAPD and caseworkers are building relationships. They are building housing anywhere they can find the land and buildings to be "re-purposed," not in one area.

- Travis Longcore asked if they will "spot zone." Daniel did not know; said they'll take it as it comes; and that all of us share responsibility to solve this problem.

- Dan Love expressed concern and noted how differently homelessness is handled in England. Daniel noted that "supportive permanent housing" is not transitory, not a shelter, and is surrounded by services. He expects thousands of people will come to self-sustainability with the help of the Hope Teams.

- Maureen Levinson would like to see the Mayor place a priority on working with school districts, as some have over 50% homeless and they need to be addressed first. She noted that we have to keep an eye on the survivalists who sometimes start fires, etc.

- Chuck Maginnis suggested having Daniel back to address just homelessness issues. Daniel invited everyone to send him questions and said he will respond.

- Don Loze related that our problems have been ignored, noting that the Planning Department ignores DOT's problem of getting 750,000 cars a day across the hills, through our neighborhood, and the Mayor brought in the WAZE app; "if you are going to use WAZE, charge them a lot of money and put it back in the streets." Don noted that development and transportation are linked to the thousands of trucks that have gone through here. In four years of analysis by the Planning Department, as limited as it has been in the discussion with the BMO/BHO, more than a million yards of dirt have been hauled out of this area. He noted the importance of the Santa Monica Mountains, as a major asset of the city. "People come here because we are a city with mountains that run through the center of it, but we're being raped and we're not getting any help at all from the Mayor's office." Don would like Daniel and the Mayor to come up here to see what it's like at 8:00 a.m., with trucks and traffic coming through, and the inability of people to get out of their houses. Don requested cooperation from the Mayor's office to work with us and take on the Planning Dept., which seems to be taking positions without any studies, without any verification or any discussion with us, except for a minute at a time, when we're allowed to go to a speaker's platform for a hearing, ...in places, none in the hills or at places where we normally go. Don concluded that we have been trying to get a Ridgeline Ordinance for 12 years; we get no support from the Mayor's office whatsoever. Don made himself available to come down to the Mayor's office.

ii. **Catherine Landers Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu:** Catherine was unable to attend but sent word via email that yesterday they were able to get the proposed haul route at **1561 Blue Jay Way denied** by the Board of Building & Safety Commissioners due to the cumulative effects of so much construction; though will likely be appealed by the developer to City Council. She noted that they look forward to moving forward on the proposed construction overlay zone and other measures in the Planning Department like the new hillside zone to better coordinate and mitigate these situations in the future for neighborhoods like the Bird Streets and others impacted by so much construction. She invited questions, and wished this board Happy Holidays on behalf of Councilmember Ryu & CD4.

- iii. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu – Not present
- iv. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz – Not present
- v. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz – Not present
- vi. Janet Turner, Representative for 33<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman – Not present
- vii. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station – Not present
- viii. Jacqueline Le Kennedy, DONE Budget Advocate – Jacqueline announced that **Regional Budget Day is on Saturday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ West L.A. Municipal Building.**

**Jasmine Elbarbary**, our Field Representative from DONE, came to talk about "Civic U," (agenda# 7.f). She related that we are 100% up to date on our Code of Conduct.

c. **Representatives of Community Organizations and Institutions**

i. **Maya Zutler, The Getty Center, Community Relations and Neighborhood Relations:** Robin introduced Maya, thanked her for the special tour at the Getty. Maya thanked those who came on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> and hopes to do it again next year. She brought handouts of small gift books and said that she looks forward to a wonderful neighborly relationship with BABCNC. Robin brought photos. Chuck recalled the special Emergency Preparedness event at the Getty in the past. Maya stated that they want to partner. She announced new exhibition January 10<sup>th</sup> & Pacific Standard Time Part II on L.A. coming in September. She welcomed all.

d. **Mayor Garcetti's "Welcome Home Project/The Big Move In."** Please bring a household item for homeless families settling into new homes. (Pick up every 3 months FS#37)

e. **Updated Code of Conduct Policy** [www.empowerla.org/self-serve](http://www.empowerla.org/self-serve) Board Member Trainings BABCNC is 100% up-to-date with trainings.

f. **Designate 2 Board members for Civic U Jan. 17, 24, & 31, 2017** 6pm–9pm @ Ron Deaton Aud. 100 Main Street to sign up for course on how the City works & NCs fit in LA government. **Jasmine Elbarbary** came to ask that one man & one woman sign up for this class, which takes place over three Tuesday evenings, as led by Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein, (Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at CSULA). There will be parking. Maureen Levinson attended and found this eye opening. One board member said she'd attend if closer.

g. **Appoint a Film Liaison** who will attend the January 26, 2017 Town Hall at City Hall at 6 pm to engage on Filming in LA. **Dan Love volunteered.**

h. **Appoint a Purposeful Aging Liaison** who will attend the January 31, 2017 Town Hall at City Hall at 6pm to engage on Purposeful Aging in LA. **Jacqueline Le Kennedy volunteered.**

i. **Homelessness Liaison** Update on 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on Homelessness 11/30 - Jacqueline Le Kennedy Jacqueline asked if **Leslie Weisberg**, would take this over. (Leslie later accepted.)

j. **Webmaster Change: Motion:** To change webmaster from Kristina Smith to Robert Adams with "Web Corner" to begin immediately, as of December 22, 2016. Robin noted that our current webmaster is in San Pedro; Robert is in Tarzana and does many NCs in this region. He was going to come tonight but had to cancel. She highly recommends making this change.

**Altered Motion:** Larry introduced moved the motion on the agenda to terminate Kristina Smith for webmaster services. Cathy Wayne seconded. Further discussion noted that the current website is not up to our standards. Chuck echoed that Matt would like to have Rob Adams take over. Chuck would like to see what the website will look like before offering our \$2,000. Larry called the question to have contract with Kristina terminated; **18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained; passed.**

**Motion:** To have Rob with Web Corner and to approve \$2,000 for website set up; paid as divided over 24 months = \$83.00/mo. + \$150 monthly maintenance operation fee = \$233.00/mo. Moved by Larry; seconded by Nickie; discussion was held.

**Amended Motion:** To maintain Rob at \$150 a month and hold off on the website. Moved by Chuck; seconded by Tony. Further discussion was held. Robin has seen the website; Lonnie noted that we have to pay this over six not 24 months, at \$332/mo., to which Larry noted that Rob has to have the website up in six months. Travis related that the offer was to amortize \$2,000 over two years but because we cannot enter into a contract that allocates money over a fiscal year, we may want to pay up front, then continue with ongoing monthly rate.

**Amended Motion:** To authorize the \$2,000.00 one-time expenditure to design a new website and a \$150/month ongoing expense to manage that website. Part of the executive function of managing this relationship is an invitation to the designer to come here and workshop this for a half an hour or an hour before a meeting some night so that everybody is comfortable.  
**Moved** by Travis. Larry responded with the following amended motion:

**Amended Motion** To approve the hiring of Rob with Web Corner, to approve \$2,000 for website set up; to pay him \$83 a month towards that website design plus \$150 monthly maintenance fee, with project to be completed and paid in full by end of this fiscal year.  
**Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Tony. Motion **passed** by with **16 yes:** Irene, Andre, Don, Nickie, Lonnie, Cathy, Tony, Larry, Robert R., Dan P., Robin, Travis, Dan L. Maureen L., Maureen S., Jacqueline; **0 no;** **1 abstention:** Chuck; **12 absent:** Robert S., Matthew, Gary, Teresa, John, Jamie, Stephanie, Michael, Luis, Kathy, Leslie, & Jason who left.

k. **Updates on Neighboring NC & Alliance Meetings**

**WRAC:** Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner  
**3rd Weds.** 8:30 am @ Lenny’s Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. [www.westsidecouncils.com](http://www.westsidecouncils.com)  
(No meeting in December)

**Hillside Federation:** <http://www.hillsidefederation.org/> – Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall  
**1st Weds. 7:00 pm** @ Pinz Bowling Center 12655 Ventura Blvd.

**Note:** Each HOA President has a name card and a place at the table, (Matt BCA), (Jamie LCA)  
Update on their Annual Christmas Party at the Mulholland Tennis Club:  
Cathy Wayne reported that a lot of people attended, including Mike Feuer, David Ryu, Paul Koretz, and about four other City people, who spoke about hillside issues. We had a great time. Jacqueline noted that Cal. Senate President pro Tem, Kevin De León, spoke.

**VANC:** Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2/>  
**2nd Thursday** 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Doctors' Conf. Rm.  
Validated parking in structure next door. [jbarad@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbarad@roadrunner.com)

**Appoint a Representative to attend VANC meetings:** Irene Sandler volunteered.

**LANCC:** Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <http://www.lancc.org/>  
**1st Saturday** 10:00 am @ LADWP Headquarters Bldg., Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St.  
**Appoint a Representative to attend LANCC meetings:** André volunteered. He attended; they made a motion to support the 2020 Commission report on the finances of the City.

**BONC:** Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <http://empowerla.org/commission/>  
**1st Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. @ Various or Marvin Braude Constituent Center 6262 Van Nuys Blvd.  
**3rd Monday** 1:00 p.m. @ City Hall, 10th Fl. Conf. Center, #1050, 200 No. Main St., LA 90012  
**Appoint a Representative to attend BONC meetings:** No one volunteered.

**Public Comment** given by Wayne from Encino that it would be a tremendous hardship on anyone to go to these meetings as they meet at City Hall, and all over town.

**Plan Check NCLA** <http://plancheckncla.com> Nickie Miner & Cathy Wayne  
**2nd Saturday** 10:30–12:00 pm Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way Reseda  
Cathy Wayne noted that she and Nickie attended, found it extremely informative and well attended; they addressed second dwelling units (accessory dwelling units). Matt Glesne from Planning answered questions and gave out info but was not specific. Cathy suggested to him that they update infrastructure before including more people within a unit. He discussed minimum

lots, mentioned there are no second dwellings in the hillsides for certain-sized lots; talked about a 50% allowable for the current size of the house, up to a cap of 1,200 square feet on all large properties. She met Planning Marketing Person, Yeghig Keshishian, who works with Vince.

**Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance** [NCSA@empowerla.org](mailto:NCSA@empowerla.org) Jacqueline Kennedy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 1:00 pm Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way Reseda 91335  
Jacqueline noted that they meet only occasionally, and just did happy hour. She is waiting for a council file to be created so we can send a CIS on the letter that we amended.

**Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance** <http://empowerla.org/calendar/>  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; location TBD

**Appoint a Representative to attend NCEP Alliance meetings.** Irene noted that she and Chuck attended several meetings, found that our Emergency Preparedness Committee is so far ahead and feels that we can't impose our program on them but have to join things that we can help with or that can help us, but at this time we're not there. **No volunteers.**

8. **Vice President's Report** – Nickie Miner Nickie thanked those who came to the Getty; it was wonderful; she hopes next time more people may come as it was educational, cultural and beautiful.
9. **Secretary's Report** – Robert Ringler None
10. **Treasurer's Report** (Discussion, Update & Action) – Lonnie Mayfield
  - a. Update from Treasurer
  - b. **Motion:** Consideration of November 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (**Attachment "B"**) **Moved** by Dan Love; **seconded** by Robert Ringler; Roll call vote was taken and passed **17 yes**; Irene, Andre, Don, Nickie, Lonnie, Cathy, Tony, Larry, Chuck, Robert R., Dan P., Robin, Travis, Dan L. Maureen L., Maureen S., Jacqueline; **0 no; 0 abstentions: 12 absent**; Robert S., Matthew, Gary, Teresa, John, Jamie, Stephanie, Michael, Luis, Kathy, Leslie, & Jason who left. **Passed.**

## Reports of Committees

11. **Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee** (Update) – Chuck Maginnis, Chair
  - a. Update by Chair – Outreach with Survey Monkey – Chuck noted that he received only eight responses to his first survey; Maureen L. filled it out for her community in Bel Air. He suggested others with communities (e.g., 200+ individuals or faith-based organizations, etc.) may answer for their group. Chuck will re-send the survey with a better explanation. Some results: Zero out of seven communities are prepared if a nearby hillside fire were imminent or after a major earthquake where you could be without services for several days to weeks. There was interest in sending an individual to an EP meeting focused on steps for start-ups and/or to answer specific questions. Please respond to the next survey.
  - b. Next EP Meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> is cancelled (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. every other month).  
In the future, Chuck plans to have a meeting with a 5-step plan for EP for groups that don't have it.
12. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee** – Larry Leisten, Chair (Update & Discussion) (15 minutes)
  - a. Update / Report by Chair
  - b. Review of Bylaws – Deferred due to time constraints
13. **Planning & Land Use Committee** – Update on 12/13/2016 Meeting – Bob Schlesinger, Chair
  - a. **The following action is recommended by the PLU Committee from their December 13 meeting:**

**1629 N Kings Rd, 90069 ZA-2016-2899-ZAA ENV-2016-2900-CE Lot area: 13,286.3 sf, 2 story addition including an attached 2 car garage to an existing 2 story SFD. Request: allow 5' front yard setback in lieu of the prevailing setback of 15'- 11". Allow additional 20% in height increase from required 24' max height for the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 feet from frontline property line measured from the center of the street for lots located on substandard street. Owner: Guy Phillips 310-871-5241 Agent/Rep: Brian Noteware, AIA Inc 310-452-6500 [andrew@briannoteware.com](mailto:andrew@briannoteware.com) Staff: Nuri Cho 213-978-1177 [nuri.cho@lacity.org](mailto:nuri.cho@lacity.org)**

Motion approved by the PLU Committee: To support with the stipulation that there should be some sort of staging plan that the property can accommodate 8 spaces, and if there will be a need for more that there should be a plan; moved by Leslie; seconded by Jason; approved by 7 yes; 3 no; 0 abstentions. Applicant is asking for a variance for 5' setback from the street in lieu of 15'.

Mr. Brian Noteware gave a brief presentation, noting that this is a property on two lots, with an existing house; they want to do a two story-addition; want to minimize grading; other houses in the area have setbacks within 5 feet, some to property line. Our PLUC requested he provide a staging plan for eight vehicles. It was explained that our approval is "contingent upon" staging. He'll provide a plan prior to the ZA meeting (not scheduled); come back to PLU in January, provide the plan ahead.

**Motion:** To support with the stipulation that there should be some sort of staging plan that the property can accommodate 8 spaces, and if there will be a need for more that there should be a plan, and this is to support the request to allow a 5' front yard setback in lieu of the prevailing setback of 15'- 11"; to allow an additional 20% in height increase from required 24' max height for the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 feet from frontline property line measured from the center of the street for lots located on substandard street.

**Moved** by Travis. Public comment was given by Wayne from Encino who expressed concern if possible zone changes will be made to decrease setbacks to 5' for all, noting that there is no parking or sidewalks in hillside neighborhoods normally. Board discussion was held. Maureen noted that other houses have 5' setbacks; his request doesn't create blind spots; they'll use a pad to put cars to keep street clear during construction. Mr. Noteware clarified there will be a 1,400 sf addition to 2,624 sf residence to 4,000 sf. Board vote taken with **16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention** Irene, and motion **passed**. (He'll return with plan.)

**b. Updates on Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues - Bob, Stephanie, Jason, Don & Robin**

**i. Weds. Nov. 30th, 2016 Meet & Greet Vince Bertoni @ Encino Community Center**

**ii. Thurs. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City Council Meeting at City Hall RE: BMO/BHO**

Robin provided printout of the action taken by City Council, which moved to adopt PLUM Committee report relative to modified single family development standards for properties zoned R1, RA, RE, and RS Citywide, and update the existing BMO & BMO, as well as the "Amending Motion 15A".

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0656>

This returns to PLUM at City Hall on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**iii. Thurs. Dec. 15th 2016 City Planning Commission (CPC) Meeting in Van Nuys RE:**

**- Environmentally Sensitive Hillside Area (ESHA) District (Overlay)** Maureen Levinson noted that they lowered threshold of environmental review of homes from 20,000 to 17,500 square feet, and they chose to maintain all the other recommendations that we had asked them. There will still be hauling on Saturdays. Dan Love related that Chairman of the CPC, Dave Abrahams, lives next to a cement plant and expressed that he was not sympathetic to our not wanting building and construction on Saturdays. Maureen noted that it is different in the hillsides. Dan noted that we'll go back to Paul Koretz on this.

**- Accessory Dwelling Units (2nd dwelling units)** Robin read change from previous legislation in the updated 12/15/2016 report which states, on p2, (5) "No Accessory Dwelling Unit is permitted on parcels



located in Hillside Areas as defined by the Hillside Area Map per LAMC 12.03, except in instances where: i. The parcel is located within one-half mile of a transit stop, including but not limited to bus stops and rail stations, and; ii. The parcel is adjoining a street meeting standard roadway dimensions.”  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1468>

#### iv. Update, Discussion & Possible Motion & Submission of CIS on Short-Term Rentals

**This Housing Committee motion was not discussed at PLUC but agendized as a follow up:**

**Motion to support action by Housing Committee on 12/07/2016, in Council File 14-1635-S2, which states:** “Housing Committee approved as amended to amend the draft ordinance to remove all references in the draft ordinance that permits Home-Sharing in non-Primary Residences, and to clarify that the prohibition on Home-Sharing in units subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance applies to all units, not just those that are renter-occupied; and, to direct the City Planning Department to report to the City Planning Commission one year after the adoption of the Home-Sharing Ordinance, and propose any recommended changes.”

Public comment was given by Wayne from Encino on the homelessness created by home sharing, particularly in Venice. Don noted that he’d like Faisal to come and discuss this at our next meeting.

**Motion to table or postpone to next meeting moved by Travis; seconded by Tony; **passed**.**

14. **Outreach Committee** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair & Members: Kathy Copcutt, Larry Leisten, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith, André Stojka & Jacqueline Le Kennedy  
a. Update / Report by Chair: Robin shared our recent outreach efforts, trifold brochure will be printed and mailed out; our event with the Getty; we successfully completed the Clean Streets LA Challenge and will be awarded \$750, and sending of holiday cards with photos. Chuck reminded us that we can use Survey Monkey to assist with outreach.

#### **Reports of Representatives** (Update, Discussion and Possible Action)

15. **Open Spaces Report** – Travis Longcore  
a. Update / Report

Public Comment: Wayne from Encino expressed concern about homeless staging encampments in the Sepulveda Basin off the 405, Burbank Blvd. between Balboa and 405, with cars, generators, propane tanks and RVs, which may result in fires up the mountain; “the City knows it and is doing nothing.”

Travis Longcore gave report from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, with information provided by Paul Edelman that they are looking into a property recommended by Steve Twining off Linda Flora and on Nalin; they’re tracking the “Hadid Franklin Canyon Coldwater Ridgeline” and there are some items that might of be of interest on the Mulholland Design Review Board in January, north or south of Mulholland. They did outreach to people buying in various places who are pro open space.

Irene Sandler noted that Travis helped us with the homeless situation where 2,000 pounds of trash was removed from a homeless campsite just south of Bel Air Crest. Irene stated that “the gentleman brought up some very important points and we are sitting here very vulnerable.” Irene asked that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy take a more pro-active position on this. Tony commented that that is what Measure GG was all about and passed. Irene noted that when she lived on Beverly Glen she paid \$35.00 a year for brush clearance, which was voted upon, but there was no brush clearance. Travis noted that the initiatives passed will increase temporal coverage of the certainty of ranger presence. He reminded us that we have a coordinated fire response system, between the MRCA and the local fire department. In terms of specific encampments, if we highlight those, we can get activity if they are on MRCA or SMMC land. Irene suggested we may need our communities to have leadership on this; perhaps

something could be sent out to them. Travis noted that where we have specific instances of people living on MRCA or SMMC land, get that information to him; he'll pass it along and they'll get rangers out there.

**16. DWP Update – André Stojka & Don Loze**

- a. Update & Discussion on meetings of Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee

Public Comment was given by Wayne from Encino who related concerns about the DWP lawsuits filed three years ago. He recommended that we should ask DWP for a plan to spend the money to upgrade our electrical and our piping systems, and freeze all rate increases for five years; otherwise, they will raise their rates, and give it to their “union thugs.”

André gave report, noting a survey on DWP salaries will be released in January. The assumption is that DWP employees are paid more than other people, but we don't know.

- b. DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report (Established September 28, 2016 to monitor work of the DWP & its contractors, to establish a liaison between the DWP and this NC Committee Members: Don Loze, Andre Stojka and Leslie Weisberg  
- February/March DWP will choose contractors and bring them back to the Board
- c. DWP Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)  
MOU Oversight Committee meets even months; Advocacy Committee meets odd months.

**17. Good of the Order – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council.**

Schedules were provided for the regular board meetings and PLU Committee meetings for next year. Board meetings and the PLU meetings will also be here at AJU, until further notice. Robin noted that Pam Pierson, who has been so kind to attend all of our meetings lately, gave us a card thanking the Board for their unique skills and knowledge. Robin thanked Pam for her attendance and participation, and for help cleaning Mulholland on our Clean Streets event. Robin noted that we have our t-shirts to take home and wear, especially whenever we go to a public event. Larry noted that this room is accessible; discussed signage as to meeting site. Larry mentioned the event honoring Alan Fine. Robin stated that it was beautiful and that Hilary & Howard Fine loved it; it was on his birthday.

18. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:31pm, remembering Alan & with good wishes for the holiday season.

19. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 25, 2017 @ AJU (returns to the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

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