





**Building A Better Community** 

# Regular Meeting of the Board MINUTES Wednesday, January 25, 2017 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

Total Present: 22 Quorum: 15

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

2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
7-12 Private Schools		
John Amato		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
Kathy Copcutt	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
Jason Spradlin	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
Jamie Hall	X	
Stephanie Savage	X	
Cathy Wayne	X	
Tony Tucci	X	
Members-at-Large		
Dan Love		X
Chuck Maginnis	X	
North of Sunset		
Luis Pardo	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
Robert A. Ringler	X	
Dan Palmer	X	
Roscomare Valley Association: Now known as "Bel Air	r Hills Association"	(BAHA)
Robin Greenberg	X	
Michael Kemp	X	
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.		X
Total:	22	7

- 1. **Call to Order:** Robin Greenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. **Roll Call:** Robert Ringler, Secretary, called the roll with 17 present initially; five members arrived shortly thereafter with 22 members present by 7:36 pm, 7 absent, quorum met.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. **Approval of January 25, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20) Moved by Robert; seconded by Kathy Copcutt; approved by unanimous consent.
- 5. **Approval of December 21, 2016 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda. Moved by Larry; seconded by Kathy Copcutt; approved by unanimous consent.
- 6. **Public Comment: Pam Pierson** related that this evening there is traffic control on corner of Nicada and Mulholland. André Stojka noted that this is an experiment.

**Luis Pardo** expressed his great concern about the executive orders signed on this day and in these days against immigrants and refugees, and urged everyone to fight the good fight.

**Charlie Melvoin** spoke on behalf of his brother, Nick Melvoin, a young candidate running for School Board District 4 on the Westside.

**Pamela Pierson** gave update on the encroachment by the neighbor on Mulholland with gas lines, etc., noting that an excellent engineer with Public Works has gone in and shown the deficiencies between the gas & water service; they are putting the utilities where they belong, and will then resurface the street.

**Mark Herd** is running against Paul Koretz for the CD5 seat; grew up in Westwood. "I'm the only Measure S candidate... am big on Historical Preservation... mansionization ordinance was very weak."

#### **Reports of Officers & Representatives:**

- 7. **President's Report** Robin Greenberg
  - a. **Update from the President:** Please return name card to Cathy if you leave the meeting early.
  - b. **Board Member Trainings:** See <a href="https://empowerla.org/babcnc/">https://empowerla.org/babcnc/</a> for expiration dates on ethics. Some of you are due February & March 2017. See <a href="https://empowerla.org/self-serve">www.empowerla.org/self-serve</a> for trainings.
  - c. **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)
  - d. Homeless Count January 24, 25 and 26: <a href="https://www.lamayor.org/greater-los-angeles-homeless-count">http://www.theycountwillyou.org/</a> (WLA is January 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - e. **Report on "Clean Streets" Awards Ceremony of Saturday January 14, 2017** Robin gave update on the event downtown, where a certificate was given to her and others who completed the challenge.
  - f. Introduction of and Presentation by New Webmaster, Rob Adams of Web Corner: Rob introduced himself and the new website's capabilities.
  - g. Report Back On Council File 15-1022-S2 Regarding Online Voting Pilot For Neighborhood Council Elections: (Discussion, Possible Motion & CIS)

<u>Motion</u>: To approve proposed changes to NC Bylaws & Election procedures Citywide for 2018 Election, including but not limited to online voting; reducing minimum voting age; restricting number of different types of ballots. (Letter from Grayce: <u>Attachment "F"</u> + links below for complete Council File & 78-page Report)

https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-1022-S2

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-1022-s2\_rpt\_DONE\_01-18-2017.pdf

Larry Leisten introduced this item, noting that we do not have to make a motion at this time; that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is seeking our input and comments.

<u>New Motion</u>: We would encourage the city to explore mail-in voting in addition to continuing in-person voting. The BABCNC is appreciative of the ability to interact face-to-face with people who vote in person, and wish to continue in-person voting for future elections. We will look into the concept of having a high school rep. We do not like having a maximum of three ballot types. Jamie <u>moved</u> & Luis <u>seconded</u>. <u>Discussion included but was not limited to the following:</u> Larry recalled past problems with the elections in 2016; Chuck noted the pros of having increased outreach versus the cons that a small community can ramrod through the process

without vetting. Donald Loze reminded everyone that because of the uniqueness of this NC representing a number of HOAs and interest groups, our responsibility is to respond back to those groups. Jamie stressed that if we participate in online voting there needs to be a predetermination that the person is eligible. Larry is concerned that many of the choices on the stipulation worksheet will be removed. A vote was taken with <u>22 yes</u>, <u>0 no</u>, <u>0 abstentions</u>; <u>7 absences</u>. <u>Passed</u>, with a CIS to be submitted to include the following:

- I. <u>Online Voting</u>. General consensus was to not rule out online voting as a voting alternative, but to also provide for mail-in-ballot voting in addition to holding in-person voting on Election Day.
- II. <u>Self-affirmation Based Upon Picture ID Only.</u> BABCNC rejects and opposes recommendation. BABCNC overwhelmingly, if not unanimously, expressed preference for verification of Stakeholder status by documentation. Unless a Community Interest Stakeholder, verification of Stakeholder status requires documentation evidencing voter residency, ownership or employment within territorial boundaries of BABCNC. This requires documentation evidencing a street address. A street address is not always present on a picture ID such as a driver's license. Moreover, a driver's license or other picture ID (i.e. corporate employment ID), does not evidence property ownership, which documentation is required of a non-resident owner claiming BABCNC Stakeholder status.
- III. <u>Voter Age Lowered to 16 Years of Age</u>. BABCNC supports recommendation. BABCNC encourages young Stakeholders to participate in the civic process. Lowering minimum voting age from current 18 years of age to 16 will afford a greater number of high schools students the opportunity to participate in the public election of certain BABCNC representative. Moreover, the BABCNC intends, in the next revision of the bylaws, to create a seat specifically designated to be filled by someone currently in high school.
- IV. <u>Maximum Number of Three Ballot Types</u>. BABCNC rejects limitation to three (3) ballot types. Impossible for BABCNC to comply with such restriction given composition of publicly elected seats on Board. BABCNC holds public election for five (5) residential districts; one (1) public schools representative; one (1) commercial/enterprise representative; and two (2) at-large representatives. Ballot within each residential district will be unique given Stakeholders within each residential district may only vote for candidates running for that residential seat. Ballot within each residential district will include names of candidates running for three (3) other positions: (i) public schools; (ii) commercial/enterprise and (iii) at-large. In addition to a unique ballot for each five (5) residential districts, governmental structure of BABCNC requires a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) unique ballot to be used by all other voters not living within a residential district. Such ballot will only include the three (3) non-residential seats: public schools; commercial/enterprise and at-large.

[Maureen Smith arrived at 7:36 pm.]

h. Updates on Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues (Updates & Discussion)

Wed. Jan. 18, 2017 Special PLUM Meeting @ City Hall: Robin related that she, Bob, Stephanie, Don & Dan attended and spoke on the following items. Robert explained that these three items do not yet have a date set to go to City Council.

1) <u>BMO/BHO</u> See Council File, with updated BMO-BHO Ordinance signed by Vince Bertoni: <a href="https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0656">https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0656</a>

#### 2) R1 Variations See Council File:

https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1460
The PLUM Committee has continued this item to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.
Stephanie Savage related that the R1 variations do not appear to have been well thought out.

3) <u>Hillside Construction Restrictions (HCR)</u> Council File: (*Motion below on agenda*) https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S1 The

PLUM Committee has continued this item to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance. Don Loze related that we were there to support the "Bel Air Overlay" in general. The purpose of the overlay is to create a maximum for hauling and grading but they did not split out the hauling aspect of it. He noted that we have had discussion to minimize the hauling, consistent with what is currently in effect, asking for that to be given special consideration, and the Councilman's office was very open to that discussion today.

<u>Friday Jan. 20, 2017 10:00 a.m. Meeting at City Hall RE: Protected Tree Code Amendment</u> Tony Tucci attended; they are adding two trees, no other reform, "we need to talk about this."

- i. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)
  - i. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz Gurmet was absent.

Faisal Alserri gave update at this time, beginning with the Bel Air Overlay, having spoken this afternoon with Bob, Don and Stephanie in a first round, addressing the most impactful issues. He noted that this started with an amendment to the BMO affecting single-family homes and then the BHO; that "one size does not fit all, even in the hillsides." They first heard about construction impacts; truck traffic. The new overlay zone will limit construction hours and days, with no Saturdays for exterior construction. It will provide a day of reprieve, two days of significantly less construction on the weekends, and limited hauling hours, which are separate: Currently 7-6pm, reducing to 9am-3pm; reducing cement truck usage, a battle Paul Koretz is in favor of. He related that this has been successful in tackling the initial objective: To have EIR for homes over 17,500 square feet to keep those homes for single-family usage; that if we are able to pass this, it will be huge, not just for Bel Air, and a template to Laurel Canyon.

Faisal added that he had a very good discussion with Maureen about protected tree regulations. "She pointed to some good examples; now we can tailor regulations for specific areas." "I don't think it would have been possible without you guys; the Councilman is consensus building; your neighborhood has really stepped up and provided feedback that we were able to utilize in creating new laws."

Faisal concluded with an update from Gurmet that So Cal Gas is replacing some meters on Mulholland.

**Commendations**: Faisal presented Certificates of Commendation from CD5 with BABCNC:

Robin welcomed **Principal Sean Teer from Wonderland Avenue School** (in CD4), thanked him for joining us, and expressed appreciation for the good things he has done with this school. Faisal presented the commendation certificate from CM Paul Koretz, for Wonderland School achieving **Blue Ribbon Status**. Mr. Teer accepted, noting "we are an example of what a public school can be if you have great kids, a staff and a neighborhood behind you."

Faisal then presented commendation certificates from CM Koretz to **Tony Tucci & Alison Simard** for being very valuable members of the community, and for their ongoing work with **Citizens of Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW).** Faisal expressed his appreciation to Tony and Alison, for providing him feedback about the need for wildlife corridors, helping make the information accessible, e.g., doing maps and showing him everything on the ground. "This has made it easier to approach the City Attorney or departments and say this is why this needs to be important, and why we need to allocate funding." They have allocated for the Wildlife Corridors and are almost ready to spend those funds.

Tony noted that we were able to come into a relationship with the Planning Department, with SMMC, and are now rethinking what they are doing: not looking for the little corridor line where the animals travel but looking at habitat blocks. He noted that the City is around this concept, and SMMC just formally adopted maps, a sample of which Tony gave to Faisal.

Chuck asked about the owls, from the owl boxes we supported in the past. Robin noted that she attended a Benedict Canyon meeting and saw a lot of owls there.

ii. Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for the Hollywood Hills area of CD4, CM David Ryu: Updates – <u>Big News:</u> Laurel Canyon is partially closed after a 9,000-pound concrete retaining wall and deck slid down the hill during the rain, sitting in the middle of the northbound lane. Traffic is still open southbound. They are working nonstop with DOT, LAPD, LAFD to make sure there is still emergency vehicle access, and to enforce the overweight limit: trucks over 6,000 pounds are not supposed to go up that route; they are trying to encourage them to take the freeways, and have DOT & LAPD enforcement there to enforce. They need to do an assessment of one red-tagged and one yellow-tagged house on top of the hill, as well as the slope. They were waiting until the rain subsides; still has not happened. They are looking at other mitigations including timing of the light at Kirkwood, parking possibilities, which the DOT and LAFD went out to look at today. She'll have more information in a week or two, and will continue to send updates as she gets them.

Jamie Hall related from the news that the owner of the red-tagged houses tried to do a fire sale and dropped the price significantly. He recommended putting a lien on the property ASAP; otherwise that person can sell it, to get rid of a liability. He noted that they are legally responsible for things that fall off their land and that the City should immediately act on this.

Cathy Wayne asked about the barriers from 2005, there for 12 years. Catherine related that once pending litigation was wrapped up, they got clearance to remove them before the storm, and that the Bureau of Engineering has been looking at this; first seen as extra mud. Now that storms have passed, they'll see what else is going on. They are working on this.

Catherine related that they have been working with the neighbors in the "Bird Streets" who are here tonight, who have been subject to a ton of construction and haul routes, in an area without an ICO. Recently, they had a haul route denied at the committee level that ended up going through with a number of very restrictive conditions. While waiting for the Hillside Construction Zone and other BHO updates to be put into place, they are working on an interim solution that CD4 and neighbors can work on to try and mitigate this public safety issue in that area.

Catherine offered her congratulations again for Wonderland Elementary, having attended the ceremony when they were presented with the Blue Ribbon. Jamie noted that "Catherine has been working nonstop for two weeks, above and beyond: We all love you and thank you!"

- iii. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz (As noted above)
- iv. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu Not present
- v. Janet Turner, Representative for 33<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman Doing homeless count
- vi. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station Not present
- vii. Brian Gallagher from the Department of Transportation:

Larry introduced Brian Gallagher, who was here to talk about proposals in place to inhibit/reduce traffic. Mr. Gallagher introduced himself, noting that this was requested by residents in the Sherman Oaks community. He explained the threshold for traffic, 4,000 to 8,000 vehicles a day. Peak hours' traffic extends back more than one block. He noted that this area is designated as a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." He passed out a map with Plans A, B and C, the details of which he explained, including but not limited to turn restrictions, start times of schools; they will do a traffic study and some type of forecasting; they'll see if legally allowed to say "carpool exempt" to be exempt from turn

restrictions. "Even if it is 50% reduction, it is better than three hours of bumper to bumper." They are working with the WAZE app. "In time it will be corrected." Jamie asked if they could bring the program back that used to put in speed bumps and traffic circles to slow down traffic. He noted that they can't get speed bumps in the hills. André noted that we are making a motion that we do not want action until a thorough study takes place; our concern is the added traffic to Beverly Glen, and that they do not do anything until they do a traffic study. Robert Ringler noted that the neighbors on Beverly Glen for 20 years have not been able to get out of their driveways. (Action was taken on this below, under Agenda item #19.)

- 8. **Vice President's Report** Nickie Miner Nickie gave tribute to Wonderland Avenue School, which she described as one of the best schools in all of LA, and thanked Principal Teer.
- 9. **Secretary's Report** Robert Ringler No report.
- 10. Treasurer's Report (Discussion, Update & Action) Lonnie Mayfield
  - a. Update from Treasurer Lonnie was absent. Robin read the numbers from the MER.
  - b. Consideration of December 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (Attachment B) Moved by Larry Leisten; seconded by André Stojka. Roll call vote was taken and the MER was approved with 21 yes from Irene, André, Robert S., Don, Nickie, Matthew, Jamie, Stephanie, Cathy W., Larry, chuck, Robert R., Dan P., Robin, Mike, Jason, Maureen S., Jacqueline, Luis, Kathy C., and Leslie; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absent, Gary, Lonnie, Teresa, John, Travis, Dan L., Maureen L., and Tony who stepped out.

Larry discussed benefits of Vonage; Chuck offered to find a good price; Jamie encouraged this.

#### 11. Reports of BABCNC Representatives (Updates & Discussion)

#### a. North of Sunset District – Luis Pardo & Guest Speaker: Stella Jeong

Luis introduced Stella, who related that she has lived in the Doheny neighborhood; she now understands the importance of critical mass; is learning how to get stuff done. She thanked Maureen Levinson and Marcia Hobbs. She noted that because of the lack of an ICO, beautiful views and close historical ties to the Sunset Strip area, the neighborhood is very hot. There are 41 haul route projects going before the Department of Building and Safety. She applauded CD4, Catherine Landers and Julia Duncan who have taken an active interest in their plight. They started in the spring of last year. They were the first neighborhood to have a haul route denied. B&S Commissioners realized that **safety is as important as building**; PLUM upheld B&S's findings. Stella related that they would love to attach themselves to our Overlay, to be a part of the conversation. Bob Schlesinger offered his card. She's part of the lower Doheny area. Luis related that there are 41 haul routes, 125,000 cubic yards.

b. Custodians of Open Space - Travis Longcore - Absent

#### 12. Liaison Updates

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary Plotkin & Travis Longcore Absent
- b. Department of Public Works Dan Love Absent
- c. Film Liaison Dan Love Town Hall at City Hall January 26, 2017 @ 6 pm Absent
- d. Homelessness Leslie Weisberg (formerly was Jacqueline Le Kennedy) No report
- e. Purposeful Aging Jacqueline Le Kennedy: Town Hall at City Hall January 31, 2017 @ 6pm

#### 13. **Budget Advocate Report & Report on Civic U** – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

Jacqueline related that there will be a Candidates Forum for CD5. If you attend Budget Day, you'll have

an opportunity to ask the candidates. She is attending Civic U, and learned Los Angeles has a different structure of government from New York. Theirs is vertical and ours is horizontal in structure.

#### **Reports of Committees**

- 14. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee (Update) Chuck Maginnis, Chair
  - a. Update by Chair Outreach with Survey Monkey
  - b. Next EP Meeting: February 15<sup>th</sup> (Generally meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every other month) Chuck relayed a message from Len Shaffer, BONC President, and Grayce Liu, DONE General Manager, about the upcoming meeting on Saturday @ 10:00 a.m., on Temple, at the Emergency Management Department, with regard to getting emergency bins placed around the city. Irene will try to attend. Chuck related a recent incident, where he came upon four busloads of protestors and 28 police cars, which was scary, which information he was able to relate to individuals on his open EP email list. "The core of the government is safety." Chuck is hoping for new HOAs, which do not have EP groups set up, to attend his EP meeting. He noted that the Bel Air Association is gearing up again to have street captains. He provided a brief summary of survey questions. Irene noted that we also have ham radio, and Chuck invited anyone interested in this to contact him.
- 15. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee** Larry Leisten, Chair (Update & Discussion)
  - a. Update / Report by Chair
  - b. Review of Bylaws Deferred due to time constraints.
- 16. Planning & Land Use Committee Update on 01/10/2016 Meeting Bob Schlesinger, Chair
  - a. Although there was no quorum at the PLU Committee meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>, the following two projects are brought to the full board for update, discussion and action:
  - i. 2570 Benedict Canyon Dr. ZA-2016-4657-ZAA-ZAD ENV-2016-4658-CE 12/06/16 BCA SFD, w/attached 2 car garage (1 covered, 2 uncovered). Lot 50,817. Multiple ret walls: #1, 2A & 2A, 2B,3 on new plot plan. Also construction of additional walls and fences and solar panels per attached Addendum 'A'. App/Owner: Elizabeth Cooper <a href="mailto:ekcooper@earthlink.net">ekcooper@earthlink.net</a> 310.276.1241 Agent/Rep: Karen Zindler-Shuler Spock, Bardwell Case & Associates, Architects; Karen@bardwellcase.com 818.784.5355

**Background:** Ms. Karen Zindler-Shuler Spock, Architect, and homeowner, Ms. Elizabeth Cooper, presented to the PLU Committee. Ms. Spock related that they are requesting a variance needed to build additional retaining walls. The existing site has three (3) existing low retaining walls (behind pool, in front of house, along street frontage and driveway). The applicant looked into connecting the proposed low retaining walls, yet LADBS required separation. The owners had the option to tear down existing walls to make one wall, yet they felt that was excessive. Their three (3) proposed retaining walls are for required toe of slope walls for house addition, clear space needed to back out of new garage and low retaining walls for soccer field to replace tennis courts. All proposed walls vary in height and were said to not exceed 6'. All walls to be planted, per owner. Owner has signatures of approval from all five (5) abutting neighbors for proposed walls. No protected trees are being removed. Questions were asked and answered. No official vote from the PLUC was taken due to lack of quorum. The presenters were invited to the full board, as their request was felt to be very simple, though the situation was unusual.

Bob explained the issue of the existing wall in the back yard. Karen Spock clarified comments. **Motion**: To support. **Moved** by Nickie **seconded** by Jason; **19 yes**; **no 0**; **no abstentions**. **Approved**.

ii. 9366 Flicker Way 90069 ZA-2016-3349-ZV 90069 ENV-2014-419-MND-REV1 Rec'd 9/15 NPH 1/17/17 Lot area 68,628.9 SFD Zone Variance to allow the construction, use & maintenance of an additional kitchen within a Single Family Home. One personal kitchen 665 sf and one guest

kitchen 190 sf in size. Covenants, affidavits or easements YES. Property in the Hollywood Community – CD4 zoned RE11-1 Very low residential. Permit history: was an existing SFD permitted in late 40's/early 50's, 86 building permits added over 17 years. New permit for construction of a new SFD (or 2) has been approved and currently under construction. 3 story sfd w/ attached 5 car garage/pool/spa deck/ attached 5'1" wide x 285 ft long trellis. Set of Plans. Owner: Bruno & Kyara Mascolo Family Trust, Kyara Mascolo kyaramakeup@icloud.com 424.324.7511 Rep: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com 408.655.0998 Staff: Nuri Cho 213-978-1177 nuri.cho@lacity.org (Notes from 12/13 meeting: COVENANT: NO LOT SPLIT, NO PARTIES 12/13) Hearing January 17th, following our PLUC meeting.)

**Background**: Tony Russo returned to the PLUC on 01/10 with printouts with elevations of the house, accessory living quarters and calculations, as requested, including the site plan, hillside referral form, signed and notarized covenant agreement to not rent out to anybody like airbnb or others, and no subdivision; however the covenant runs with the life of the buildings only. There will be no hauling. Total square footage 14,700 flat pad. Variance request is for a second kitchen in one of the accessory living quarters, for family to have more privacy. Questions were asked by the Committee and answered. Steve recommended approving subject to the signing, however, no official vote from the PLUC was taken due to lack of quorum. Tony was invited to this meeting as his hearing of 01/17/2017 has passed and he reports being given only until 01/26/2017 for input to the ZA file.

Bob gave update on this.

<u>Motion</u>: To support the project. <u>Moved</u> by Bob; <u>seconded</u> by Jason. Discussion held. Tony noted that they had the hearing on 01/17, and put it under advisement per this meeting; the ZA didn't have problem. Mike noted "if the building is gone, the issue is gone." Robert read the covenant aloud. If the buildings are demolished, the covenant will be deemed void. <u>10 yes</u>; <u>2 no</u>: Don & Nickie. <u>7 abstentions</u> Tony, Larry, Irene, Stephanie, Jackie, Chuck, and Luis. Motion <u>passed</u>.

## b. <u>Re-Consideration & Re-hearing</u> 50 Beverly Park Way, following this motion having failed at the 11/16/2016 Board Meeting (Update, Discussion & Action)

[Explanation of requirements for reconsideration of a motion, per Bylaws can be seen at bottom of agenda. A letter of explanation has been provided by Robert Schlesinger, and upon receipt of a majority vote, the Board may debate and vote on the underlying motion again.]

i. <u>Motion for Reconsideration:</u> To re-hear and vote on 50 Beverly Park Way: <u>Moved</u> by Robert Schlesinger; <u>seconded</u> by Cathy Wayne; <u>19/0/0</u> <u>approved.</u>

50 Beverly Park Way, 90210 ZA-2016-2258-ZV-ZAD-F, ENV-2016-2259-CE-ZV-ZAD-F Lot: (33) 113,017.3, Project 26,444 sf. Over-height & multiple walls; multiple kitchens, over-height building. Over-in-height residence due to multiple light wells in basement; over-in-height fences/ walls in the required front yard. Two additional kitchens, multiple retaining walls. To allow a building height of 58' due to multiple light wells. The building has to be measured from the bottom of the lowest light well, which will add an additional 13'0" to the residence. The building height from grade will be 45' and 58' from the bottom of the light well. To allow 2 additional kitchens in a SFD in lieu of the one already by code (service & staff kitchens). 14' front gate, 10' wall, 6'8" pedestrian gate, (2) 3'x3' x 12 feet high pilasters w/3'6" lights on top and a rear yard wall up to 10' high in lieu of 3'6" allowed for a front yard and 6' allowed in the rear yard by code. Contact: Jaime Massey jaimesmassey@gmail.com 818-517-1842 Applicant: Armen Dolvantian (owner's rep)

**Background:** When the BABCNC heard this at the 11/16/2016 Board meeting, it was noted that the PLU Committee recommended at its 11/08/2016 meeting, by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no from Don Loze, and 0 abstentions, that the BABCNC support this request. It was noted that this item had gone back and forth for a couple of months; the issue was a question of the light wells; Beverly Park had approved it and they

had reviewed the information from their CC&Rs. Light wells were discussed. Following the presentation and discussion at the 11/16/2016 Board meeting, at which expediter, Jaime Massey, was <u>not</u> present to answer questions, the motion to support failed by a vote of 1 yes; 12 no; 9 abstentions.

Bob related that when he last presented this, we all misunderstood. He subsequently spoke with architect who was not at that meeting. The architect explained the light wells. Bob noted that he sent a letter, as Chair of the PLU Committee, to the City, prior to being approved by the board, for which he apologized. Architect, Suzanne Shepla from Landry Design, answered questions.

Motion: To approve above project Moved by Bob; seconded by Kathy Copcutt; 19/0/0 approved.

- 17. **Outreach Committee** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action) Robin Greenberg, Chair & <u>Members</u>: Kathy Copcutt, Larry Leisten, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith, André Stojka & Jacqueline Le Kennedy a. Update by Chair: As above, Robin & BABCNC were honored for completing Clean Streets Challenge.
- 18. **DWP Update** André Stojka & Don Loze No report due to time constraint
  - a. Update & Discussion on meetings of Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee
  - 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 <a href="Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Don Loze">Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Don Loze</a>, André Stojka & 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.

#### Motions and Resolutions (Update, Discussion & Possible Action with CISs where appropriate)

19. Proposed West Sherman Oaks Hills Traffic Neighborhood Management Plan See letters from Bel Air Ridge (Attachment C) & CM Paul Koretz (Attachment C.i.)

<u>Motion</u>: Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes any and all restrictions proposed in Sherman Oaks between Valley Vista and Mulholland Drive until further studies by the Department of Transportation and other City agencies document and consider how to eliminate the impact on communities south of Mulholland. [Letter to CM David Ryu, CD4 & LADOT.] <u>Moved</u> by André; seconded by Chuck; 16 yes; 0 nos; 3 abstentions: Cathy Wayne, Leslie and Jason; Motion approved.

20. Measure "S" Neighborhood Integrity Initiative

http://www.mrca.ca.gov/pdf/attachment3937\_Staff%20Report.pdf (Attachment D)
http://www.mrca.ca.gov/pdf/attachment3937\_Resolution.pdf (Attachment D.i.) Link to
Neighborhood Integrity Initiative http://www.mrca.ca.gov/pdf/attachment3937\_Attachment.pdf

<u>Motion:</u> To support Measure "S" the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative <u>Moved</u> by Irene; <u>seconded</u> by Robert Ringler; discussion was held. Luis Pardo and Mike Kemp are opposed to Proposition S. Luis noted that it is misguided, poorly written, a lot of people will be hurt and lose their jobs and that construction is an economic engine which is needed. Mike feels a two-year moratorium doesn't make sense. Vote taken with <u>11 yes</u>; <u>5 nos</u>. <u>3 abstentions</u>. <u>Passed</u>. Letter to be sent.

21. <u>Hillside Construction Restrictions (HCR) (Overlay)</u> https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S1

<u>Motion</u> To support Letter & Matrix submitted by Robin Greenberg to Council File, #16-1472-S1 regarding overlay, for CIS submission (**Attachment E**) <u>Moved</u> by Robert and <u>seconded</u> by Larry; Discussion was held. Don would like to limit export and will provide additional clarification for the CIS. **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**.

#### 22. Accessory Dwelling Units

For background, please see the Council File which indicates that on 12/27/15, documents were referred by the CPC to PLUM including <u>Proposed Ordinance</u>, <u>Planning Recommendation Report</u>, <u>Findings</u> including but not limited to <u>General Plan Charter Findings</u>, <u>Environmental Exemptions</u>.

https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1468

<u>Motion:</u> To oppose new ADU proposal put out by the City Planning Commission. <u>Moved</u> by Robert; <u>seconded</u> by Larry; <u>19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed</u> – Language for CIS summary: The proposed ADU Ordinance dramatically increases the allowable size of second dwelling units in a manner that is incompatible with single-family residential neighborhoods. It leaves areas out of the partial ban on hillside ADUs that are in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and have steep slopes. Furthermore, ADUs represent a series of adverse environmental impacts in terms of reduction in tree cover, increase impervious surfaces, and increased energy consumption that are not in the public interest.

### 23. Updates on Neighboring NC & Alliance Meetings

<u>WRAC</u>: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: – <u>Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner 3rd Weds</u>. 8:30 am @ Lenny's Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. <u>www.westsidecouncils.com</u> (Meeting of 01/18/2017: No motions were approved at WRAC)

<u>Hillside Federation</u>: <a href="http://www.hillsidefederation.org/">http://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">http://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> – <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/">https://www.hillsidefederation.org/</a> <a href="https://www.hillsidefederation.org/"

<u>VANC:</u> Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: <a href="http://empowerla.org/vanc-2/2">http://empowerla.org/vanc-2/2</a>
<a href="mailto:2nd Thursday">2nd Thursday</a> 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1st Fl. Doctors' Conf. Rm. Validated parking in structure next door. <a href="mailto:jbbarad@roadrunner.com">jbbarad@roadrunner.com</a> — <a href="mailto:Irene Sandler">Irene Sandler</a>

<u>LANCC</u>: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <a href="http://www.lancc.org/">http://www.lancc.org/</a> 1st Saturday 10:00 am @ LADWP Headquarters Bldg., Caf Level, 111 N. Hope <a href="https://www.lancc.org/">André Stojka</a>

**<u>BONC</u>**: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <a href="http://empowerla.org/commission/">http://empowerla.org/commission/</a> See website for upcoming meetings at locations including South LA, City Hall North Valley & Central

<u>Plan Check NCLA</u> <a href="http://plancheckncla.com">http://plancheckncla.com</a> Nickie Miner & Cathy Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10:30–12:00 pm Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way Reseda

<u>NCSA</u>: Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: <u>NCSA@empowerla.org</u> Jacqueline Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 1:00 pm Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way Reseda 91335

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

- 24. Good of the Order Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council.
- 25. **Adjournment:** Robert Schlesinger moved; Dan Palmer seconded; the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.
- 26. Next Meeting: Wednesday February 22, 2017 @ AJU (4th Wednesday)