



Building A Better Community

**Regular Meeting of the Board AGENDA
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

American Jewish University

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

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The public is welcome to speak. The meeting is being audiotaped. We request that any person wishing to speak, please fill out a Speaker Card, with or without your contact information, and agenda item #, and submit it to the presiding officer of the Council. These are a public record. A separate card should be filled out for each item on the Agenda. Comments on items not up for consideration on the Agenda will be heard during Public Comment. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please refrain from speaking unless and until the presiding officer calls your name to speak.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of May 24, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20)
5. **Approval of April 26, 2017 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
6. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes; comments limited to 15 minutes unless decided otherwise by Chair.

Reports of Officers

7. President's Report – Robin Greenberg

- a. **Update from the President**
- b. **Invitation for the 2016 Los Angeles Aqueduct – Owens Valley Tour:** This is a two-day trip along historic Los Angeles Aqueduct with visits to key facilities that help LADWP deliver reliable water and power to the people and businesses of Los Angeles. LADWP provides complimentary transportation, meals and single occupancy sleeping accommodations for all tour guests. Dates & details in attached invitation package; send to owensvalleytour@ladwp.com with a copy of your California driver license. RSVP as soon as possible.
- c. **Save the Date: Budget Day June 24, 2017 from 7:30am to 4:00pm @ L.A. City Hall**
- d. **Save the Date: Congress of Neighborhoods September 9, 2017 @ City Hall**
If you want to help out with this year's Congress, please email nccongress@gmail.com.
- e. **Recent Hearings/Meetings on Citywide Land Use Issues** (Updates & Discussion) – J. Hall Representatives from BABCNC met with CD4 & CD5 hillside issues, specifically, regarding the “Laurel Canyon Neighborhood/Bird Streets Neighborhood/Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use District” [Adopted 04/19/2017 & 04/21/2017 by City Council.]
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S2>

f. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update & Discussion)

- i. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz [Update Stone Cyn. Reservoir]
- ii. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
- iii. Alice Roth, Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu
- iv. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu
- v. Janet Turner, Representative for 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu
- vi. Semee Park, DONE Project Director
- vii. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station

8. **Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner**

9. **Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler**

10. **Treasurer's Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy & Lonnie Mayfield** (Discussion, Update & Action)

- a. Update from Treasurer
- b. **Motion:** Consideration of April 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (**Attachment B**)
- c. Important Funding-Related Deadlines:
 - 06/01/2017 Deadline Last day to submit a funding request (FRF) to NC Funding
 - 06/07/2017 Deadline Last day to issue a Union Bank Account online check payment
 - 06/11/2017 Deadline Last day to use the NC Bank Card.
 - 06/30/2017 Deadline Last day to submit Strategic Budget Package for FY 2017-2018

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Action)

11. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair** (Update, Discussion & Action)

- a. Update/Report by Chair

12. **Public Safety / Disaster Preparedness Committee (Update & Presentation) Chuck Maginnis, Chair**

- a. Update/Report by Chair on the April 19th EP meeting
- b. **Special Guest Speaker: Jim Mosely, Founder & CEO of "Sun Fire Defense" (10 minutes)**
- c. Next EP Meeting: June 21, 7:00 pm pending confirmation (Meets 3rd Wednesday every other month)

13. **Planning & Land Use Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Bob Schlesinger, Chair**

- a. Update & Report by Chair on May 9, 2017 Meeting

b. By a vote of 11/0/0 & 1 absent, the BABCNC Planning and Land Use Committee recommends to the BABCNC Board the following position: "that the ZA approve the application as submitted".

8221 W. SUNSET BLVD. (Marmont) ZA-2017-416-CUB ENV-2017-417-CE

A Conditional Use Permit for continued sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 60,461 sf hotel having 64 seats indoor and 123 outdoors. Andre Balazs (Chateau Holdings, Ltd.)

[Liz Opholt, Project Coordinator, with the Elizabeth Peterson Group, Inc., representing the Chateau Marmont, and Phil Pavel, Manager of the Chateau, presented their request for renewal of existing CUP, which is expiring, to the BABCNC PLU Committee. They related that there will be no update or changes planned for the new CUP; hours remain 6:00am to 2:00am and 24 hours for the hotel. Liz noted that this site is registered as a Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument. The original CUP was from 2008 with plan approval in 2011; expired in February of this year. Their ZA hearing is on May 24.]

14. **Outreach Committee (Update, Discussion & Possible Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair & Members:**
Kathy Copcutt, Larry Leisten, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith, André Stojka & J. Le Kennedy & Matt Post

a. Update & Report by Chair – Robin Greenberg: Robin, Nickie, Andre, Larry and Matt attended the Outreach Committee Meeting on Thursday May 11, 2017.

By a vote of 5/0/0 the Outreach Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board approve the following expenditure:

Funding Expenditure Motion: That the BABCNC approve purchase of 10 Pole Banners double sided, totaling \$5,591.44, taxes included. (**Attachment C**)

b. Next Outreach Meeting: Tentatively, the second week of June; 1:00 pm, exact date and time TBD

15. **WRAC: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner**

a. Update by WRAC Representative: WRAC asks that the BABCNC **approve** the following motion approved at WRAC’s Wednesday 05-17-2017 Meeting:

Motion: Transparency in General Plan:

- We request that Planning Department Work Group meetings now underway about our shared ideas and ideals for the Los Angeles General Plan and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; include a representative chosen by the Measure S campaign; and expand from the four meetings, now nearly completed in closed-door meetings, to four additional meetings that follow the above prescription.

- We further request, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand its closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the above prescription.

- In addition, we would like to have summaries of previous meetings, which were closed-door sessions.

16. **LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition - André Stojka** (*continued from last month*)

a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Representative: LANCC asks that the BABCNC **approve** the following:

i. **Motion:** The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) and Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes Mayor Eric Garcetti’s proposal to close part of the City’s \$250 million budget gap for next year by using an estimated \$50 million of Local Return money from Measure M, the permanent half cent increase in our sales tax that was approved by 71% of voters in November, 2016. We support that the funds be evenly distributed between the Council Districts to fix, pave, or repair our streets. We also support that the Neighborhood Councils have a more active role in the decisions of how the funds will be spent as they have considerable experience based on the Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) Program.

ii. **Motion:** The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) and Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the actions by LAPD to allow online reporting of certain, low level crimes, but it does not go far enough. According to the US Bureau of Justice statistics, in 2015 an estimated 35 percent of property crimes like burglary and motor-vehicle thefts were not reported to the police nationwide and these crimes are not reportable to LAPD online. LAPD asks residents to be the eyes and ears to help reduce crime, but residents need the tools to make the job easier. We ask City Council to open a Council File to look at expanding the Online Reporting Program for LAPD and other reporting tools to make Los Angeles safer.

New Business / Motions & Resolutions: (Discussion & Possible Action)

17. **Funding Expenditure Motion (Discussion & Possible Action)**

Motion: To approve purchase of sandwiches from AJU, retroactively for our last PLU Committee meeting, in the amount of \$95.16, and for our next PLU meeting on June 13, 2017 for \$95.16.

18. **Funding Expenditure Motion (Discussion & Possible Action)**

Motion: To approve retroactively, reimbursement to Larry Leisten for purchase of replacement battery for the timer, in the amount of \$11.95 with shipping.

19. **Funding Expenditure Motion (Discussion & Possible Action)**

Motion: That the BABCNC authorizes Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to transfer funds from our checking account into the Congress and/or Budget Advocacy Account(s) as follows:

LA Congress of Neighborhoods – 09/09/17: \$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other amount ____.

EmpowerLA Awards: \$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other amount ____.

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates: \$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other amount ____.

20. **Discussion & Possible Action discussed by the Outreach Committee – Stojka**

Motion: To request a traffic study report on what changes took place as a result of having traffic officers at the signal of Mulholland and Nicada. (**Draft Letter: Attachment D**)

21. **Discussion & Possible Action to support AB 1103, by State Assembly Member Richard Bloom – Leisten**

Motion: To support AB 1103.

Background: AB 1103 is a bill introduced by several legislatures, among them State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, representing the 50th District. The bill proposes to enact into law an “Idaho Stop” for bicyclists, which more or less permits cyclists to enter an intersection where there is a 4-way stop without coming to a full stop, but only when conditions are safe to do so. An analysis of the bill is attached for your reference. (**Analysis: Attachment E**)

Other Planning and Land Use Issues Not Voted on by the PLU Committee Meeting of 05/09/2017

22. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve Draft Letter to Superior Court Judge – Levinson**

RE: Case # 5PY03637B Criminal misdemeanor prosecution of Mohamed A. Hadid, James T. Zelloe, & 901 Strada LLC; Property: 901 Strada Vecchia Road, L.A. 90077

Motion: BABCNC resolves to respectfully ask the Court for the maximum penalty for Mr. Hadid’s crimes in order to show potential buyers that strict adherence to building codes in our hillside areas will be enforced, to make it clear on local, national and international levels that buyer confidence should not be diminished by rogue developers, and that the City takes strict adherence to building codes and regulations as a necessity to protect homes and lives. (**Complete Motion/Letter & Report: Attachments F & G**)

23. **Discussion and Possible Motion RE: CEQA Review in Hillside Areas – Jamie Hall**

Motion: To require environmental review under CEQA for single-family residences in the Hillside Communities where the proposed construction activity requires the issuance of discretionary permits by the City of Los Angeles.

24. **Discussion to Spotlight Procedure Concerns for Planning Cases where ZAD Requirements are not being Implemented – Tony Tucci & Stephanie Savage**

RE: ZA-2014-1621-ZAD-ZAA 2104 Stanley Hills (Example)

Case info - <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MTk2Nzc20>

Determination letter for ZA-2014-1621-ZAD-ZAA

<http://planning.lacity.org/PdisCaseInfo/Home/GetDocument/ZDZmZGYwYmEtZGE5Zi00NDlkLWEyNzItMjYwMTFkMWQzODRj0>

25. **Update and Discussion RE: Forthcoming Publication of the Draft Hollywood Community Plan – Hall**

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/cpu/hollywood/text/HwdCommunityPlan.pdf>

Reports of BABCNC Representatives & Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

26. Reports of Representatives

27. Liaison Updates

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary Plotkin & Travis Longcore
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love
- d. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg **Meets: Weds., May 31 Ron Deaton Aud. 100 W. 1st 6-8:30**
- e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

28. Budget Advocate Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Budget Advocate for NCs in Region 11

- a. Update by Jacqueline Le Kennedy

29. DWP Update – André Stojka & Don Loze

- a. Update & Discussion on meetings of Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee
- b. DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report – Robin Greenberg & Leslie Weisberg
[Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]
Update on the Stone Canyon Tour by Jason Stinnett
- c. DWP Meetings: 1st Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)
MOU Oversight Committee meets even months; Advocacy Committee meets odd months.

30. Neighboring Neighborhood Councils & Alliance Meetings

CD5 Coalition – Nickie Miner

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

WRAC: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg (motions above)
3rd Weds. 8:30 am @ Lenny's Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. www.westsidecouncils.com

LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <http://www.lancc.org/> (motions above)
1st Saturday 10:00 am @ LADWP Headquarters Bldg., Caf Level, 111 N. Hope – André Stojka

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

BONC: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <http://empowerla.org/commission/> See website
Next local regular meeting: June 19, 2017 at 1:00 pm - City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center,
Room 1050, 200 North Spring St, Los Angeles, CA, 90012

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

NCSA: Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: NCSA@empowerla.org Jacqueline Kennedy

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

32. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 28, 2017 7:00 pm @ AJU (4th Wednesday)

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