



Special General Board Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

American Jewish University

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

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

Public Comment: The public is welcome to speak. Meeting is being audio taped. Though not mandatory, we request that you fill out a Speaker Card to address the Council on any item on the Agenda with or without contact information before the Board takes an action. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the Agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer. The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Committee considers that item. When the Committee considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call** (Quorum 15)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of September 27, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
5. **Approval of July 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, within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, and limited to 15 minutes unless waived by the presiding officer.

Reports of Officers

7. **President's Report – Robin Greenberg** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a. **Update from the President**
 - b. **Motion:** To accept the appointment of John Amato for the K-6 Private Schools seat.
 - c. **Motion:** To accept the appointment of Jon Wimbish for the 7-12 Private Schools seat.
 - d. **Motion:** To accept the appointment of Valerie O'Brien for an Alternate LCA seat.
 - e. **Motion:** To accept the appointment of Heather Roy for an Alternate LCA seat.
 - f. **Motion:** To accept the appointment of Michael Schlenker as a non-board-member EP Committee member. [He has already been serving as EP Communications Subcommittee Chair, as per Chuck.]
 - g. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** That the City of Los Angeles Ethics Commission have at least one NC representative to sit on it as a member; letter to be sent to appropriate persons at DONE and City.

h. **Celebrations of BABCNC's 15-year Anniversary** (Announcements, Discussion & Action)

i. **Motion**: To approve the Outreach Committee's recommendation **to have our October Board Meeting at the Mulholland Tennis Club Thursday 10/26**, with short meeting from 6:30-7:00pm & Anniversary Celebration with Guests 7:00-9:00pm (*see funding expenditure Item #15.b.*) (**Attachment B**)

ii. **CD-5 Honors BABCNC @ City Hall on Tuesday October 3rd 10:00am** (9:15-9:45 nosh at CM Koretz's office, Suite 440.) Whomever on the Board that can make it is welcome to attend.

iii. **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Honors BABCNC on November 7th 6:00pm** @ location TBD (will include lapel pins for Board members).

i. **Upcoming & Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues**

j. **Representatives of Elected Officials & Government Agencies** (Updates & Discussion)

- Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
- Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
- Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputies for CD-4 CM David Ryu
- Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu
- Janet Turner, Representative for 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu
- Semee Park, DONE Project Director
- Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station
- Stephanie Cohen, Office of Sheila Kuehl

8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner

9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler

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

- a) Update/Report from Treasurer
- b) **Motion**: Approval of the July 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports (**Attachment C**)
- c) **Motion**: Approval of the August 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports (**Attachment D**)

Reports of Committees

11. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair

- a. Update/Report by Chair

12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair

- a. Update/Report by Chair – on the August 16th meeting.
- b. Next EP Meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2017 7:00 pm Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse 2760 Claray

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

- a. Update/Report by Chair

b. Projects heard at the August 8, 2017 PLU Committee meeting:

- i. **1660 SUNSET PLAZA ZA-2017-152-ZV-ZAD-ZAA ENV-2017-153-CE** *Hearing Not set 4/22/17*
Total lot 4,870 sf, to allow RFA 3,262 sf in lieu of max perm 2,062 sf w/remodel of exist 3 story SFD, remodel exist 3 story SFD curr meets perm ht within R-1 Zone. Adj to allow a 3.27' side yard setback in lieu of 7' on side/yard. 2 ex park spaces in lieu of req 3 p/spaces. Eng: Steven Pribyl; Rep: Will Nieves

- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board APPROVE the above project.

- ii. **1001 BEL AIR RD. ZA-2017-2250-ZAD-F ENV-2017-2251-EAF BAA 7/10 NPH ZA WLA Date?**
Lot: 45,755 Demo SFD, New 12,876 sf 2 story SFD w/basement, below grade parking, pool. Under separate permit, haul route. Fronting a Substandard Hillside Limited Street that is improved w/roadway less than 20ft. Const of a 6' high wall within the required front yard setback in lieu of the 42" fence, which is otherwise permitted. There are Easements on property. Owner: 1001 Skyview LLC; Manager: Albert Taban Agent: Crest Real Estate;
-- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 6 yes, 1 no Michael, 2 abstentions Maureen & Leslie, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board DENY the above application due to concerns including the amount of grading and need for an environmental study of the cumulative impact of all the construction going on, on one way in and one way out roads, and the basement which involves digging a lot of dirt with trucks in and out.
- iii. **761 (745) N BEL AIR RD. 11/30/16 BAA a/o 5/15/17 No Hearing; Moved 6/17; still no hearing ENV-2016-4533-CE Zone Variance.** New 9,360 sf accessory parking garage, Adelipour Basement garage. Garage w/landscaped roof, top courtyard having 2 perm roofed cabanas, a 200 sf 3/ bath and 2 permit retaining walls above ht permitted by code. App/Owner: David & Soheli Adelipour Rep: Nathan Friedman, FMG Architect: Hamid Gabbay, Gabbay & Assoc.
-- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention Maureen, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board DENY the above request, based on two over-in-height retaining walls, excessive garage size in relation to the lot size, and having no information from them as to the views, and impacts on neighbors or on the property above them.
- iv. **8495 COLE CREST DR ☉ ZA-2017-9-ZAD ENV-2017-10-CE (8488-8490 W Grand View Dr.)**
Grading, rem of onsite Tree(s) ZAD to waive all street improvements on Grand View. Approx 2,815 sf 3 Story SFD w/attached 2 car garage, roof deck & pool. Owner/App: Kah Bing Sheng & Anne J. Lo. Arch/Eng./CEQA Cons/Designer, Ron Levy, Studio by Design Agent/Rep: Nathan Freeman
-- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board DENY the above request based on need for a comprehensive CEQA review due to the nature of the withdrawn street which is also a single-lane street which accesses the subject property. The Bureau of Engineering has stated that the road would need to be widened from the subject property to the hillside boundary; therefore, cannot approve request to not widen street.

c. Projects heard at the September 12, 2017 PLU Committee meeting:

- v. **Update: 457 N CUESTA WAY, ZA-2017-1992-ZAD, ENV-2017-1993-EAF = Cx'd/sold/no action**
- vi. **9592 SHIRLEY LN DIR-2017-372-DRB-SPP-MSP CWC ✓Hrng Date 4/06/17 No Determ a/o 8/01/17 ENV-2017-373-EAF RE15-1H** (above Coldwater, West above Gloaming) Exp 2,210 cy and const New SFD w/max 4,358 sf of RFA, 2 stories over 1 basement, tot FAR 6,828 sf. 2 retaining walls. Facing a sub-std hillside st 32' row & 24' paved. DRB width in Mulholland Scenic Pkwy Sp Outer Corridor. Owner/App: Charles & Chrystelle Cohen. Stephen McKelvey (ARC PA, USA)
- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board APPROVE as presented with Conditions of: 1) verification of road width on Shirley, 2) verification they have a fire hydrant within code (250 or 300 feet); and 3) verification on the retaining wall.
- vii. **8201 W BELGRAVE (sic) [BELLGAVE] PL ☉ ✓ ZA-2017-380-ZAD ENV-2017-381-CE (Cul-De-Sac, lots 3,4,&5) Lot:23,497, RE9-1 (Laurel Cyn & Hwd. Blvd) New SFD 7,460 sf, does not have a 20' paved roadway, fr drwy apron to hillside area boundary.** Owner: Tyrone McKillen, Moonraker Cap LLC. Rep: Tony/Crest R/E - The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, that this be CONTINUED to the NC (Board) meeting with the condition that we get the new updated plans.

viii. **9137 CORDELL DR. ENV-2013-3949-MND-REC1** ✓ **BBSC Hearing 2/14/2017 6/15/17 DSP CD4**
BF#170075/140005, Bureau/Inspection/Grading. Req of MND reconsideration to increase Export from 4,480 to 5,500 cy of Export. Under CEQA the MND, action by BBSC. Const new 2 stry SFD (11,680 sf) w/bSMnt (7,442 sf) gar (3,360 sf) ret walls & pool; Owner: Renzo Barazzuol (Cordell Holdings) Rep T. Dumary III & Tony Russo - The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 8 yes, 1 no Michael Kemp, 0 abstentions, with 3 absences, that the BABCNC **NOT SUPPORT** this project based on the fact that we do not wish to add more export.

ix. **Sidewalk Repair Program Environmental Impact Report Initial Study** (Discussion & Action)

Motion: To retroactively approve letter that was approved by the BABCNC PLU Committee, by a vote of 9/0/0, and sent by Robin Greenberg to Shilpa Gupta, Environmental Supervisor, Bureau of Engineering / Department of Public Works on 09/15/2017, comment deadline for the scoping process. (*Said letter was distributed at WRAC.*) (**Attachment “E”**)

Background: Dr. Whitford gave the PLU Committee a presentation as to the program that resulted from the “Willits settlement” in which the City must spend upwards of \$30 million per year over the next 30 years to bring sidewalks into compliance with accessibility (ADA) requirements. The City's Bureau of Engineering has begun the environmental review process for this Sidewalk Repair Program, and was accepting initial public comments on the scope of the EIR, which will shape the scope and content of the draft EIR by September 15. Dr. Whitford reported that that the City has claimed an exemption from the normal CEQA process requiring an EIR be completed prior to commencement of a project. Instead, they will be conducting the EIR process while the Program is underway. Removal of healthy, mature street trees throughout Los Angeles is a part of this process, and, to date, about 200 such trees have been removed. **Review Process:** <http://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-review-process>. Per Ms. Gupta, Notice to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report has been given; the EIR is projected to go to the City Council at the end of next year. There is no Council File number (for a CIS at this time). During the Draft EIR phase, public meetings will be held as were done in August.

14. Outreach Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair

a. Update/Report by Chair on meeting held Wednesday September 13, 2017 @ 10:00 am @ the Bel Air Association’s Office at 100 Bel Air Road.

b. The Outreach Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Motion To approve funding expenditure of \$1,573.21 for the room and food, as listed below, for the October 26th 15-year Anniversary Celebration (with abbreviated board meeting).

	Food	Beverage	Liquor	Equipment	Labor	Room	Other	Total
Subtotal	950.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	1,225.00
Service Charge	190.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.00
Taxes	105.45	13.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.88	0.00	133.21
Total	1,245.45	163.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	163.88	0.00	<u>1,573.21</u>

Food Breakdown: Crudite \$10.00/person 50 = \$500.00; Fruit \$7.00/person 50 = \$350.00; Coffee, Tea, Water \$2.50/person 50 = \$125.00; Cookies \$2.00/Person 50 = \$100.00. (See Attachment F = Invoice)

c. Community Alert System -- Michael Schlenker, EP Communications Chair

BABCNC Outreach Committee, on 09/13/2017 approved the following by 5/0/0:

Motion: To have the procedure implemented for the EP Committee and the Board as a test; to have responses given to us in one to two months to see how we’re doing; e.g., if we’re getting spam, etc., and to have some guidelines, best practices, e.g., types of alerts that are acceptable. (**Attachment G**)

d. Discussion & Possible Motion on proposal to rid our streets of blight – Matt Post

e. Next Outreach Mtg.: Date & Time TBD

- 15. Hillside Federation Requested Updated CIS for Signs Ordinance** As of May 2017, the LA City PLUM Committee continued this. See BABCNC CISs submitted 06/30/2015 & 08/23/2016 in council file: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1705>

Motion: The BABCNC supports the new sign ordinance version B+ as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015 and urges the PLUM Committee and City Council to adopt that version of the ordinance that:

- a) Disapproves any AMNESTY for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
- b) Disapproves “grandfathering” of any sign districts that weren’t approved or applied for in April 2009, when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.
- c) Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas zoned for high-intensity commercial use.
- d) Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5 removals to 1 new static sign for conventional and 10 takedowns to 1 for digital. Proximity of takedowns to new signs to be negotiated.
- e) Sets administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.
- f) Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

16. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner

- a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Representative

b. WRAC asks that the BABCNC approve the following Motions:

i. Temporary Offsite Advertising Signs on Construction Sites:

Motion: With regard to Council file CPC-2017-455-CA, WRAC & BABCNC believe no temporary offsite advertising signs should be allowed on construction fencing and that other regulations should be imposed including limiting paint color; openings provided every 50 linear ft. for police to peer in and deter crime; limiting signage to fences that face/front C zones; signs be allowed only on active construction sites (not on vacant sites that are being leased for car storage or construction staging for another site); maximum amount of signage limited to 6 sf of signage for every 50 ft.; and stringent graffiti cleanup. WRAC believes there is no public benefit to allow such signs all over the city when billboards are limited.

ii. Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines:

Motion: The City shall take proactive, definitive measures to comply with State laws that establish time limits for entitlement approvals, including the Permit Streamlining Act, and shall advise Neighborhood and Community Councils of these time limits as they draw near. These measures shall include but not limited to:

1. Creation of a new tracking/tagging system with deadline alerts.
2. Align the date of the CEQA determination (whenever possible, with the entitlement determination).
3. Asking applicants to voluntarily extend any determinative timelines at time of application submittal.

iii. Increased transparency into the relationship between LA DWP and the IBEW

Motion: *Whereas* the DWP Board of Water and Power Commissions approved the new labor agreement between the Department of Water and Power and IBEW Local 18 at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017;

Whereas the Notice of this Special Meeting was not given until Monday, June 19, 2017;

Whereas the documentation concerning the new labor agreement was not placed on line until the day of the meeting; *Whereas* the City Council approved the new labor agreement on June 28, 2017;

Whereas DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor did not conduct any outreach to the Neighborhood

Councils or the Ratepayers;

Whereas the lack of transparency erodes the trust of confidence of Ratepayers and Angelenos in the Department, the City Council, and the Mayor;

Therefore, the BABNC joins with the Neighborhood Council DWP Advocacy Committee in condemning the lack of transparency by DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor;

Therefore, the BABNC calls for a full presentation and discussion on the new labor agreement to the Neighborhood Councils and Ratepayers.

17. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – André Stojka

- a. Update by BABNC LANCC Representative

Reports of BABNC Representatives / Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

18. Updates from BABNC Representatives on your Associations, Districts & Other Seats

19. Liaison Updates

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary Plotkin & Travis Longcore
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love
- d. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg
- e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

20. Budget Advocate & Budget Representative Reports – Jacqueline Le Kennedy & André Stojka

21. DWP Updates & Discussion

- a. Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee – André Stojka & Don Loze
- b. DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report – Greenberg & Weisberg
[Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Robin Greenberg, Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]
- 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.

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

23. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Mulholland Tennis Club, Thurs. October 26, 2017 6:30-7:00pm & 7:00-9:00pm

Holiday Schedule 3rd Wednesdays: November 15th & December 20th 7:00pm @ AJU

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

3rd Weds. 8:30 am @ Lenny's Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. www.westsidecouncils.com

LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <http://www.lancc.org/>

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 Thurs. 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1st Fl. Doctors' Conf. Rm. Irene Sandler

BONC: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <http://empowerla.org/commission/> See website

Plan Check NCLA <http://plancheckncla.com> **2nd Sat. 10am-1:00 pm** – Nickie Miner & Cathy Wayne

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

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